

**OUR CHURCH TODAY**

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all age groups
- 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2)
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843
- 12:30 p.m. Care Group #7 (S. Jackson) luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:45 p.m. Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, Rev. Timothy Shaw
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- 5:30 p.m. Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. **Care Group #9 (R. Mullinix)** (Deacons: A. Gibson and P. Schenk) Set up/Clean up for supper
- 6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall  
\$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 Children (2 years old to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), \$4.00 High School and College; \$16.00 maximum per family
- 7:00 p.m. Craft and Story Time, Axson Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Rm. 28
- 7:00 p.m. No Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Choir Rm.
- 7:00 p.m. Middle School Emmaus Road, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.
- 7:00 p.m. High School Small Groups, various locations

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY**

TELFAIR HALL ~ LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.  
BIBLE STUDY 12:20 P.M.  
MESSAGE BY REV. TIMOTHY FOSTER

**WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT**

Our Church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. Visitors are asked to complete a Friendship Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Both visitors and members are encouraged to use the back of the card to request information, make comments, or write prayer needs. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day. The bulletin is your guide to the service. A more thorough explanation of our "Order of Service" is available at the front doors. Our service begins at 11:00 a.m. and ends sometime after noon.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God by the students, parents, faculty, staff, and board of Veritas Academy, who thank the LORD for His great kindness and provision through the session, staff, and families of Independent Presbyterian Church. The faithful prayers, generous support, and gracious hospitality of I.P.C. for the past twenty years is deeply appreciated.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**

The Protestant Reformers brought a much needed restoration of the Lord's Day as the weekly "holy day" of the Christian church. They argued that the observance of a yearly liturgical calendar was contrary to both the Bible and the practice of the early church. Christianity is not a nature religion, and its celebrations should not be tied to nature's cycles (e.g., Advent/winter/penance; Easter/spring/rejoicing, etc.) and its inevitable themes of fertility and fortune. We note that the weekly Sabbath cycle of seven days is not related to nature, and must always remain at the heart of our church calendar. Nevertheless, the Continental Reformed churches continued to observe what they called the five evangelical feast days: Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, Ascension, and Pentecost. Today is Pentecost Sunday, fifty days after Easter, the occasion of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the promise of Joel 2:28-32, "I will pour forth My Spirit upon all mankind."

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

During this morning's worship service we will be receiving new members from the Spring Inquirers' class. We are delighted to have them become members of our congregation. Please extend to them your hand of greeting and fellowship.

**GUEST SPEAKER TONIGHT**

We are privileged to have as our guest speaker tonight The Rev. Dr. Neil C. Stewart, Senior Pastor of Christ Covenant Church in Greenville, NC. He received his Master of Divinity degree in 2002 from Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, MS. He is a former pediatric physician and a native of Northern Ireland. He was the former pastor at Kirk O' the Isles Presbyterian Church. Neil is married to Catherine and is the father of six: Hannah, Benjamin, Eleah, Josiah, Samuel, and Eliza Kate.

**The Pastoral & Educational Staff**

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**Church Office**

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**Worship at I.P.C.**

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary.
- Those arriving late are asked to take their place either during the first hymn or the Psalm.
- Our Sunday services are now available as a Live Webcast for those who are unable to join their local congregation. You can join the service at [ipcsav.org/webcast](http://ipcsav.org/webcast).
- The Audio Ministry provides CDs of previous sermons by calling the church office. All sermons preached by our ministers can be accessed from the church website at [www.ipcsav.org](http://www.ipcsav.org), or at [www.SermonAudio.com/ipcsav](http://www.SermonAudio.com/ipcsav)
- If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.
- Sound amplification devices are available by asking a deacon at the front doors.
- I.P.C. uses the *Trinity Hymnal* and the *Trinity Psalter*.
- Nurseries for children to the age of three are provided on the second floor of the Axson Memorial Building. Children ages 4 and 5 are dismissed for a separate service following the collection.

**For Prayer & Participation This Week**

- Mon, May 21 1:00 p.m. Sewing Class, Fellowship Hall
- 3:00 p.m. Smocking Class, Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Administration Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.
- 6:00 p.m. Diaconate Meeting, Whitaker Bldg. (meet jointly at 6:30 p.m.)
- Tues, May 22 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 a.m. Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
- 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin Bldg.
- 7:30 p.m. Garmer Bible Study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, 133 East 50th Street, 232-1323
- Wed, May 23 10:45 a.m. Women's Intercessor Group, Axson Bldg.
- 11:45 a.m. Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
- 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. College Summer Kickoff Barbecue at the home of Chuck and Kathy Moore, 10 Shipyard Lane
- Thurs, May 24 7:00 p.m. Careers, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor
- Sat, May 26 9:00 a.m. I.P.C. Day Camp Training at Point Pleasant
- 9:00 a.m. College Coffee and Fellowship at the Carriage House (ends at 12:30 p.m.)

**MINISTERIAL UPDATE**

Mr. Foster will be preaching at New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond Hill this morning.

**The Record of Our Faithfulness**

Wednesday Noon Service 5/9/18 – 57  
Bluffton Service - 5/13/18 – AM – 30; PM – 19

**May 13, 2018**

SS – 325 AM – 561 PM – 286

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# THE LORD’S DAY MORNING WORSHIP ELEVEN O’CLOCK

“Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service, with reverence and awe.” Hebrews 12:28

## The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

O Eternal God, who, according to Your faithful promise, sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

## The Prelude - “Come, Holy Ghost, Our Lord and God”

Dietrich Buxtehude

## + The Welcome and Announcements

## The Call to Worship

Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we humbly pray; give us the mind of Christ each passing day; teach us to know the truth that sets us free; grant us in all our thoughts to honor Thee. (*Trinity Hymnal* #593, stanza 1)

## +\* The Hymnal - #101 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Trinity

## \* The Invocation and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## \* The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell\*; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;\*\* the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

\*\* “catholic” means “universal” church, the true church in all times and places.

## \* The Gloria Patri

Regent Square

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One: One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run. Amen.

## The Reception of New Members

\* **The Hymnal/Psalter - #40** “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength”  
(Psalms 46) Bethlehem

## \* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## The Collection

## The Anthem - “If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis  
Text from John 14:15-17a

*Sanctuary Choir*

If ye love Me, keep My commandments,  
And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter,  
That He may abide with you forever,  
E’en the Spirit of truth.

\* **The Doxology & Dismissal** (*Hymnal*, #733) Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
*Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing*

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Sermon

Dr. Johnson

“RIGHT JUDGMENT”

*XLIV. Expositions of the Gospel of John*

\* **The Hymnal - #334** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Trentham

\* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Germany  
O long-expected day, begin, dawn on these realms of woe and sin!  
Break, morn of God, upon our eyes; and let the world’s true Sun arise!  
(*Trinity Hymnal* #390, last stanza)

## The Postlude - “Come, O Creator Spirit Blest”

Johann Walther

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Children’s Church: Stephen & Susan Jackson

+ Latecomers may be seated

**GREETERS–ELDERS:**  
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. D. Gross  
NORTH SIDE C. Martin  
SOUTH SIDE W. Brodmann, Jr.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:**  
ELDER: R. Mullinix  
**GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:**  
FRONT DOOR J. Helton  
BAPTISMAL FONT M. Rustine

# THE LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP THE SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O’CLOCK

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” John 4:24

Preparation (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

*Hymn Sing - #167* “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini  
(*Hymn of the Month*)

## + *Announcements*

## Praise

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

+\* *Hymnal*- #310 “Rejoice, the Lord Is King” Darwall

## Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

\* *Reading of the Law of God* (*see back panel of hymnal*)

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Affirmation of Faith - The Heidelberg Catechism* (1563) – Lord’s Day 1

### What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Collection*

## Provision for Life and Growth

*Scripture Reading - Song of Solomon 8* (8<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible pp. 564-565)

*Intercessory Prayer*

\* *Psalter - Psalm 25:8–15* (*Psalter*, Pages 18-19) Trentham

\* *Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture & Sermon - Hebrews 1:1-3* (pew Bible p. 1001) Dr. Stewart

“THE INCOMPARABLE CHRIST”

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

\* *Hymnal - #170* “Fairest Lord Jesus” Crusader’s Hymn

\* *Benediction*

\* Congregation Standing