

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:30 a.m.

Combined Sunday School Classes (High School – Adult)

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service, sanctuary

3:45 p.m.

Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, Mr. Ronald Berry

4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th Grade)

5:30 p.m.

Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Wallace Milling at 843-290-2623.

5:30 p.m.

Evening Worship Service, sanctuary

6:30 p.m.

Care Group #1 (G. Brunson) (Deacons: C. Rookstool and C. Gibson) 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 8th Grade),
\$4.00 High School and College; \$16.00 maximum per family

7:00 p.m.

Craft and Story Time, Axson Bldg., 2nd Floor, Rm. 28

7:00 p.m.

Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2nd-5th Grade), Choir Rm.

7:00 p.m.

Middle School Emmaus Road, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 4th Fl.

7:00 p.m.

High School Small Groups, 210 Whitaker St. Bldg., 3rd Fl.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

Telfair Hall ~ Lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Bible Study 12:20 p.m.

Message by Mr. Paul Rodgers

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT

Our Church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. Visitors receive a gold-foil badge and 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.

THE REFORMATION’S REFORMS CONFERENCE

Today we continue our Reformation’s Reforms Conference, which commemorates the 500th anniversary of the posting of Luther’s 95 Theses, the act which ignited the Protestant Reformation. It has been our privilege to have The Rev. Dr. Carl Trueman, The Rev. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey, Dr. David Gobel, and The Rev. Dr. David Hall as our guest speakers.

TODAY’S SERVICE

Today’s services feature the music of the Reformation. The Reformation was not only a revolution in prayer, the administration of the sacraments, and preaching, but also a revolution in church song, a revival of congregational singing. The morning’s opening hymn is Luther’s version of Psalm 46, “A Mighty Fortress,” the battle hymn of the Reformation. It is followed by Psalm 131 to Dunfermline, words from the *Scottish Psalter* of 1650, music from the *Scottish Psalter* of 1615. The concluding Psalm, the 118th (verses 1-9, 17-25), from the *Strasbourg Psalter*, 1545, and *Genevan Psalter*, 1551. The evening service begins with what was known as the Huguenot “battle psalm” and the “Marseillaise” of French Protestants, Psalm 68, words based on the *Scottish Psalter*, 1650. The middle selection is a Christmas hymn, words and music attributed to Luther (1535). We conclude our conference with Psalm 93, sung to St. Michael, a tune dating to the *Genevan Psalter* of 1543.

DEAD THEOLOGIANS’ SOCIETY

The Dead Theologians’ Society’s evening group will meet on **Thursday, March 30 (not Wednesday)**, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Rev. Terry Johnson, 110 Lee Blvd. The other groups will meet on Thursday, March 30, at 6:45 a.m. for breakfast at Henry’s Restaurant, 28 Drayton Street or for lunch at noon in the Admin. Bldg. Read *Mere Christianity* by C. S. Lewis (pp. 115-227). Books are available in the I.P.C. Bookshop.

MINISTERIAL UPDATE

Mr. Foster will be out of the office March 27–30. Mr. Rodgers will be at a Youth Leaders Conference, March 30-April 1.

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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 as a Live Webcast for those who are unable to join their local congregation. You can join the service at ipsav.org/webcast.

• The Audio Ministry provides CDs of previous sermons in the Narthex. All sermons preached by our ministers can be accessed from the church website at www.ipsav.org, or at www.SermonAudio.com/ipsav

• If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.

• Sound amplification devices are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

• I.P.C. uses the *Trinity Hymnal* and the *Trinity Psalter*.

• Nurseries for children to the age of three 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

Tues, Mar. 28

6:30 a.m.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall

9:30 a.m.

Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 3rd Floor

10:00 a.m.

Tuesday Morning Connections Bible Study, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 4th Fl.

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, Mar. 29

10:45 a.m.

Women’s Intercessor Group

11:45 p.m.

Noon Luncheon/Bible Study

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

6:30 p.m.

Senior High Dinner, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor

7:00 p.m.

Senior High Fellowship, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg.,

Thurs, Mar. 30

6:45 a.m.

Dead Theologians’ Society, meet at Henry’s Restaurant, 28 Drayton Street

12:00 p.m.

Dead Theologians’ Society, Admin. Bldg., 2nd Fl.

7:00 p.m.

Dead Theologians’ Society Evening Group, at the home of Terry Johnson, 110 Lee Blvd.

7:00 p.m.

Careers, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4th Floor

Sat, April 1

8:30 a.m.

Work Day at Point Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd.

Coming Events

April 2

The Lord’s Supper, AM service

April 9

Spring Inquirers’ Class begins, Admin. Bldg., 2nd Floor Classroom

April 13

Maundy Thursday Service of Lessons and Psalms

April 14

Youth hide eggs at Point Pleasant

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Bible Study - 3/15/17 – 35

Bluffton Service - 3/19/17 – 13


March 19, 2017

SS – 246 AM – 440 PM – 247

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Martin Luther (1483 – 1546)

Reformation’s Reforms Conference

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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
Almighty God, who has made a covenant of unspeakable grace and mercy with us in Christ Jesus, and conveyed to us therein a heavenly inheritance upon sincere obedience to His commands, which is our reasonable service: Grant that we may evermore rejoice in You, and walk worthy of our holy calling; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prelude - “Old Hundredth” Henry Purcell/Johann Pachelbel

+ **The Welcome and Announcements**

The Call to Worship
You righteous, in the Lord rejoice; it well becomes the good man’s voice to sing Jehovah’s praise. With harp and hymn of gladness sing, your gift of sweetest music bring, to Him a new song raise.
(*Trinity Hymnal* #43, stanza 1)

+***The Hymnal - #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”** Ein’ Feste Burg

* **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** (*Hymnal*, #735) Greatorex
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Psalm 119:161–168 (pew Bible p. 516)
Psalm 119:129–136 (pew Bible p. 515)

+ **The Psalter -** Psalm 131 (*Psalter*, Page 113~see handout) Dunfermline

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “Sing Praise to God” Text: Johann J. Schutz (1640-1690)
Tune: Quoting fragments of *Lobt Gott Den Herren, Ihr*, Vulpius, 1570-1615
newly composed by John Ferguson

Sanctuary Choir

Sing praise....
Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation!
O God of love, you understood our need for your salvation.
With healing balm our souls you fill, and all lament with peace you still.
To God all praise and glory!

What your almighty pow’r has made, in mercy you are keeping;
By morning glow or evening shade, your eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of your might, all things are just and good and right.
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness, and came with peace to cheer us.
As with a mother’s tender hand God gently leads the faith-filled band.
To God all praise and glory!
Sing praise...

Thus, all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud your praises,
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body take your part.
To God all praise and glory!

* **The Doxology & Dismissal** (*Hymnal*, #731) Old 100th
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. Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sermon The Rev. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey
“THE AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE”

* **The Hymnal/Psalter - #613 “Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah”**
(Psalm 118) Rendez A Dieu

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Crimond
Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me; and in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. (Psalm 23:6)

The Postlude - “A Mighty Fortress” Johann Walther

* Congregation Standing ** Children’s Church: Charlie and Amy Martin

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS–ELDERS:		SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:	
FRONT DOOR	Elder & Mrs. D. Boatright	ELDER:	C. Martin
NORTH SIDE	M. Biemiller	GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:	
SOUTH SIDE	D. Gross	FRONT DOOR	*J. Helton
WOC GREETER:	C. MacMillan	INNER DOOR	*T. Fruit

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP
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 - #378 “Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face”
(*Hymn of the Month*) Morecambe

+ *Announcements*

Praise
Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise
+* *Psalter -* Psalm 68:1–8 (*Psalter*, Page 55) Weymouth

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 - 2 Chronicles 3 (3rd reading—pew Bible p. 360)
Intercessory Prayer
* *Hymnal - #220 “From Heaven High I Come to You”*
Vom Himmel Hoch

* *Prayer of Illumination*
Scripture & Sermon - Ephesians 1:3–4 (pew Bible p. 976)
The Rev. Dr. W. Robert Godfrey
“GRACE AND PREDESTINATION”

Thanksgiving and Blessing
* *Psalter -* Psalm 93 (*Psalter*, Page 80) St. Michael
* *Benediction*