

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages;
 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir today (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
 3:45 p.m. Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, Mr. Evan Gear
 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th 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 #8 (B. Biemiller)** (Deacon: R. Rambo, R. Kelly and A. Johnson) 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.

**NO WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON OR BIBLE STUDY
ON NOVEMBER 22 ~ IT WILL RESUME ON NOVEMBER 29, 2017.
REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET**

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 & WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Todd Rodenberg**, who were united in marriage by Rev. Terry Johnson and Rev. Harriss Rickson Saturday, November 18, 2017. Mrs. Rodenberg is the former Miss Megan Dian Roberts.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting immediately following the morning worship service today for the purpose of electing church officers and a trustee. No other business will be conducted.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be observed this evening. The Thanksgiving theme is being included in our regular evening service. Let's remember together the blessings of God that we have received as families, as a church, and as a nation.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 23-24, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. It will reopen on Monday, November 27, at 8:30 a.m.

MINISTERIAL UPDATE

Mr. Johnson will be away from the office November 20-27. Mr. Rodgers will be away from the office November 22-25.

PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

If you plan on attending the **PRIMES' Christmas Buffet Luncheon** on Friday, December 1, 11:30 a.m., at the Savannah Golf Club, please complete the form below and drop it into the offering plate, or contact the church office. PRIMES' reservations are due by November 26. Make your checks payable to I.P.C., noting "PRIMES' Luncheon" on the memo line. Cost is \$12.00 per person.

tear off

Yes, I wish to attend the PRIMES' Luncheon on December 1, 2017.
 Enclosed is my check for \$_____. (\$12 per person)

I will pay at a later date, but please make a reservation for me.

Name: _____

The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson Senior Minister 421-8100
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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.
- 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, or at 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 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, Nov. 21	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall, Axson Bldg.
	10:00 a.m.	No Tuesday Morning Bible Study today
	10:00 a.m.	No Tuesday Morning Connections Bible Study today
	11:30 a.m.	No Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
	7:30 p.m.	No Garner Bible Study until January 2018.
Wed, Nov. 22	10:45 a.m.	No Women's Intercessor Group today
	11:45 a.m.	No Lunch & Bible Study today
	6:30 p.m.	No High School Dinner & Fellowship tonight
	6:30 p.m.	No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal tonight
Thurs, Nov. 23		Church office closed in observance of Thanksgiving day.
	7:00 p.m.	No Careers Bible Study tonight
Fri, Nov. 24		Church office closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday; reopens on Monday, November 27, at 8:30 a.m.

Coming Events

Dec. 1	PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Savannah Golf Club, 1661 E. President Street, 11:30 a.m.	
Dec. 3	Officer/Trustee Installation, AM Service	
Dec. 4	Session/Diaconate Meeting, Oyster Roast at Point Pleasant, 5:30 p.m.	
Dec. 8	Veritas Christmas Concert, 7:00 p.m., sanctuary	
Dec. 9	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	
Dec. 10	Lessons & Carols Service and Annual Christmas Buffet, 5:30 p.m.	
Dec. 15	Youth Christmas Party, at the home of Roy and Ginger Thompson, 6:00 p.m.	

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 11/08/17 – 47
 Bluffton Service - 11/12/17 – AM – 20; PM – 12

November 12, 2017

SS – 292 AM – 470 PM – 290

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"By this time harvest was come, and in stead of famine, now God gave them plentie, and ye face of things was changed, to ye rejoysing of ye harts of many, for which they blessed God. And ye effect of their particular planting was well seene, for all had, one way and other, pretty well to bring ye year aboute, and some of ye abler sorte and more industrious had to spare, and sell to others, so as any generall wante or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."

—William Bradford

November 19, AD 2017

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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, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Wood/Harris

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love. (*Trinity Hymnal* #716, stanza 1)

**** The Hymnal** - #98 "Now Thank We All Our God" Nan Danket

* 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*, #98) Nun Danket

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Psalm 145 (pew Bible pp. 524-525)
John 5:1-10 (pew Bible p. 890)

The Reception of New Members

* **The Hymnal/Psalter** - #608 "To God My Earnest Voice I Raise" (Psalm 142) Rockingham Old

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - "Give Thanks to the Lord" (Psalm 105:1-3) G. F. Handel

Sanctuary Choir

Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name.
Give thanks to the Lord and call on his holy name.
Sing praises to the Lord, sing to him,
Sing praise to the Lord, let your heart rejoice!
Give thanks to the Lord.....

* **The Doxology & Dismissal** (*Hymnal*, #732) Tallis' Canon

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.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson

"PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL PARALYSIS"
XXVII. Expositions of the Gospel of John

* **The Hymnal** - #125 "Let All Things Now Living" Ash Grove

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Ville Du Havre

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend, "Even so"—it is well with my soul. It is well (*It is well*) with my soul (*with my soul*); it is well, it is well with my soul. (*Trinity Hymnal* # 691, stanza 1)

The Postlude - "Let All Things Now Living" Wood

* Congregation Standing

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. M. Biemiller
NORTH SIDE D. Boatright

SOUTH SIDE D. Gobel

WOC GREETER: J. Johansen

** Children's Church: Rick and Susan Mullinix

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

ELDER: D. Boatright
GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:

FRONT DOOR A. Brown, Jr.

INNER DOOR J. Robinson

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

"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 - *Hymns of Thanksgiving* (see handout)
Announcements

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

* **Hymnal** - #660 "O God beyond All Praising" Thaxted

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

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

Confession of National Sin

Assurance of Pardon

"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:8,9)

"If my people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14)

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 - "Now Thank We All Our God" J. S. Bach/Thompson

Handbell Choir

Handbell Choir J. S. Bach/Thompson

Provision for Life and Growth

Intercessory Prayer

* **Psalter** - Psalm 43:1-5 (*Psalter*, page 35) St. Agnes

* **Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture & Sermon - Psalm 100 (pew Bible pp. 500-501) Mr. Shaw

"THE WHAT AND WHY OF THANKSGIVING"

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* **Hymnal** - #714 "We Plow the Fields" Wir Pflügen

* **Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Materna

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness! America, America! God mend thine every flaw, confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Postlude

* Congregation Standing