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# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### TEN O'CLOCK

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

**The Prelude** - Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham"

C. H. H. Parry

*Text:*

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #422

### The Sounding of the Hour

#### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and everlasting God, give to us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which You promise, make us to love that which You command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Call to Worship** - A Psalm of Praise to our Redeemer, v. 3

Wellington Square

*Text:*

Behold what wondrous love on us the Father hath bestowed!  
That we should be advanced thus, and called the sons of God.  
Because thy lovingkindness is better than length of days,  
More precious too than life itself; my lips shall speak thy praise.

— Richard Baxter, after 1 John and Psalm 63

#### +\* The Hymnal - #164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Azmon

#### 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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic\*\* and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

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

#### \* The Gloria Patri

(*Hymnal*, #34)

Leoni

The whole triumphant host  
Give thanks to God on high;  
"Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"  
They ever cry.  
Hail Abraham's God and mine!  
I join the heavenly lays;  
All might and majesty are Thine,  
And endless praise. Amen.

**\* The Reading of the Law**

Minister: God spoke all these words saying, I am the Lord thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- All:
1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
  2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
  3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
  4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
  5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
  6. Thou shalt not kill.\*
  7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
  8. Thou shalt not steal.
  9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
  10. Thou shalt not covet. [Exodus 20:1-17]

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

[Matthew 22:37-40]

\*The 6<sup>th</sup> Commandment forbids not all forms of killing, but specifically unjust killing, that is, murder.

**The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon**

**\* The Hymnal/Psalter - #371 “O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely”**

(Psalm 84)

Llangloffan

**\* The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Collection**

**The Anthem - “If Ye Love Me”**

Thomas Tallis

*The Adult Choir  
(see text on insert)*

**\* The Doxology and Dismissal**

St. Michael

*Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing*

To Thee be glory, Lord,  
Whom heaven and earth adore,  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
One God forevermore.  
Amen.

**The Prayer of Illumination**

**The Scripture Reading - Romans 3:21–26** (pew Bible p. 941)

**The Sermon**

Rev. Bart Lester

“REASSURANCE AND REMEMBRANCE”

**The Prayer of Intercession**

**The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table**

**\* The Hymnal - #422 “’Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know”**

*(see hymn insert)*

Rockingham Old

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

You may partake of the elements as you receive them.

**\* The Hymnal - #264 “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”** Near The Cross

*(see hymn insert)*

**\* The Benediction**

**The Postlude - from Sei Ge grüßet, Jesu Gütig / Hail to you, kind Jesus,**

BWV 768 J. S. Bach

*Text: See insert*

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\* Congregation Standing  
+ Latecomers may be seated

\*\* Children’s Church: Edith Brunson and Winn Morgan  
Assisting: Terry Johnson  
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

**GREETERS-ELDERS:**

FRONT DOOR: Elder and Mrs. D. Gobel

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: C. Martin

**GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:**

FRONT DOOR: A. Parrish

BAPTISMAL FONT: J. Biemiller

## MEDITATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

We offer the following for your meditation in preparing your heart for the morning message and the receiving of the sacrament of The Lord's Supper today.

**Q.:** What is the Lord's Supper?

**A.:** Answer: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament of the New Testament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine according to the appointment of Jesus Christ, his death is showed forth; and they that worthily communicate feed upon his body and blood, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace; have their union and communion with him confirmed; testify and renew their thankfulness and engagement to God, and their mutual love and fellowship each with other, as members of the same mystical body.

(*Shorter Catechism* Question #168).

### 'Twas on That Night When Doomed to Know

#422

John Morison, 1781

'Twas on that night when doomed to know  
The eager rage of ev'ry foe,  
That night in which He was betrayed,  
The Saviour of the world took bread;

And, after thanks and glory giv'n  
To Him that rules in earth and heav'n,  
That symbol of his flesh He broke,  
And thus to all His foll'wers spoke:

"My broken body thus I give  
For you, for all. Take, eat, and live.  
And oft the sacred rite renew  
That brings My saving love to view."

Then in His hands the cup He raised,  
And God anew He thanked and praised,  
While kindness in His bosom glowed,  
And from His lips salvation flowed.

"My blood I thus pour forth," He cries,  
"To cleanse the soul in sin that lies;  
In this the covenant is sealed,  
And heav'n's eternal grace revealed."

"With love to man this cup is fraught;  
Let all partake the sacred draught;  
Through latest ages let it pour,  
In mem'ry of My dying hour."

TUNE: ROCKINGHAM OLD L.M.  
Arr. by Edward Miller, 1790

### JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

#264

Fanny J. Crosby, 1869

Jesus, keep me near the cross;  
There a precious fountain,  
Free to all—a healing stream—  
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

*Refrain:*

In the cross, in the cross,  
Be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find  
Rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul,  
Love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star  
Shed its beams around me. [*Refrain*]

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,  
Bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day  
With its shadow o'er me. [*Refrain*]

Near the cross I'll watch and wait,  
Hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand  
Just beyond the river. [*Refrain*]

TUNE: NEAR THE CROSS 7.6.7.6 ref.  
William H. Doane, 1869

# “IF YE LOVE ME”

C.H.H. Parry

*The Adult 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: even the Spirit of truth.

— John 14:15–17a (KJV)



*Postlude text:*

Hail to you, kind Jesus,  
Gentle beyond all measure:  
O, how you are dashed in pieces,  
Your whole body torn to bits!  
Let me inherit your love  
And die happy in it.

— Christian Keymann (1607–1662)



## *Sermon Notes*

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

## 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*

+ *Announcements*

**Praise**

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

+ \* *Hymnal* - #122 "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

Ode To Joy

**Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanks**

\* *Reading of the Beatitudes*

All: Blessed are the poor in spirit:  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Blessed are those who mourn:  
For they shall be comforted.  
Blessed are the meek:  
For they shall inherit the earth.  
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness:  
For they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful:  
For they shall obtain mercy.  
Blessed are the pure in heart:  
For they shall see God.  
Blessed are the peace-makers:  
For they shall be called the children of God.  
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake:  
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-10)

*Prayer of Confession*

*Assurance of Pardon*

*Affirmation of Faith* - The Westminster Creed, Part I

(based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever;

I believe that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old  
and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us, how to  
glorify and enjoy God.

I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable,  
in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;

I believe there is but one true and living God;  
that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father,  
the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one  
God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory;

I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained  
whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing,  
by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very  
good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures  
and all their actions.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Collection*

**Provision for Life and Growth**

*Scripture Reading* - Revelation 3 (5<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible pp. 1029–1030)

*Prayer of Intercession*

\* *Psalter* - Psalm 130 (*Psalter*, page 113)

Martyrdom

\* *Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture & Sermon* - Isaiah 25:1–12 (pew Bible p. 586) Rev. Bart Lester

"ANTICIPATING THE MESSIANIC FEAST"

**Thanksgiving and Blessing**

\* *Hymnal* - #146 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

Bread of Life

\* *Benediction*



## OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages; Combined class for college through Adults in Telfair Hall
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	College lunch provided at 18 W. Hull Street after the service
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	<b>Care Group #6 (M. Biemiller) (Deacons: A. Tanner and D. Wade)</b> Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Supper (no charge for the meal tonight)
6:45 p.m.	Telfair Hall is available for additional eating space
7:00 p.m.	Children's Choir rehearsal (1 <sup>st</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> grades), Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Middle and High School Prayer in Whitaker Building, 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor

## WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

TELFAIR HALL ~ LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY 12:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY MR. ANDREW BECHAM

## 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 10:00 a.m. and ends sometime after eleven o'clock.

## HYMN INSERT

You will find in this morning's bulletin an insert containing a communion meditation and the last two hymns to be sung in our service of Holy Communion. This is provided for the convenience of those on the outer aisles and others who come to the tables to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

## COMMUNION SEASON

Our "Communion Season" continues this morning with the Rev. Bart Lester. Bart was born in Huntsville, AL, but spent his childhood and teenage years in Birmingham. He attended Auburn University where he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering in 1992. After graduating from Auburn, Bart began attending Reformed Theological Seminary at the Jackson campus and then finished his M. Div. at the Charlotte campus in 1996. He was an intern at IPC from 1993-1994. Bart is married to Allison. They have five children. Bart joined the Eastwood Presbyterian church staff in Montgomery, AL in 1996. He became their Senior Minister in 2015.

## BABY SHOWER

Join us Monday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. for a baby shower in honor of Grace Tucker at the home of Pam Wiggins. Please R.S.V.P. to Dede Roberts if you plan to come. (Call the church office if you need address or phone number.) Grace is registered at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com).

## SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The Session will meet tomorrow evening, September 22, in the Axson Building, Choir Room at 5:30 p.m. The Diaconate will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The joint meeting will be held in the Telfair Hall at 7:00 p.m.

## DEAD THEOLOGIAN'S SOCIETY

The Dead Theologians' Society will meet on Thursday, September 25, for lunch at noon in the Administration Building, upstairs in classroom #72 (above the pastor's office). We will be discussing *The Life of Martin Lloyd-Jones* by Iain H. Murray, pages xi-111; preface-Chapter 8.

## The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson .....	Senior Minister
Timothy D. Shaw .....	Associate Minister
Evan J. Gear .....	Associate Minister
Alexander B. Sutherland .....	Assistant Minister
Andrew P. Becham .....	Pastoral Intern
Joshua M. Espinosa .....	Director of Administration
Lucy B. Biemiller .....	Children's S.S. and Program Coordinator
	Women of the Church Coordinator
Jane H. Boatright .....	Nursery Coordinator
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Kenneth C. Crowe .....	Director of Camps
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## Worship at IPC

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service or placing them on "airplane mode."
- 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 available as a Live Webcast for those who are unable to attend. The service may be joined at [ipsav.org/webcast](http://ipsav.org/webcast).
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at [www.ipsav.org](http://www.ipsav.org).
- 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.
- IPC uses the *Trinity Hymnal*, *Trinity Psalter* and *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*.
- Nurseries for children through the age of three are provided on the second floor of the Axson Memorial Building, during the morning and evening services. In the morning service, children ages 4 through Kindergarten may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.

## For Prayer & Participation This Week

Mon, Sept. 22	5:30 p.m.	Session Meeting, Music Room
	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting, Fellowship Hall (meet jointly at 7:00 p.m. in Telfair Hall)
Tues, Sept. 23	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.	Women Gather to Pray at Three Tree Coffee, 215 W. Collins Street, Pooler
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information ( <a href="mailto:mburt@ipsav.org">mburt@ipsav.org</a> )
	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study, The Parlor, 18 W. Hull Street
Wed, Sept. 24	7:00 p.m.	ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor
	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Officer Training, Admin. Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl., Assembly Room
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study, The Parlor, 18 W. Hull Street
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Sept. 25	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull St. Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
	12:00 p.m.	Dead Theologians' Society, Admin. Bldg., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl.
	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

## Coming Events

Sept. 7-Nov. 16	Fall Inquirers' Class, Telfair Hall, 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 28	RUF Sunday with lunch provided in Telfair Hall
Sept. 29	Baby Shower for Grace Tucker at the home of Pam Wiggins
Oct. 12	The Lord's Supper, PM Service
Oct. 21	Savannah River Presbytery Meeting, Christ Church, Evans, GA

## The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 9/17/25 – 62

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