

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 03, 2020

"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 God, whose infinite mercies in our blessed Savior encourage us to call upon You; We beseech You graciously to hear us; and grant that we may both perceive and know what is Your good, and acceptable, and perfect will revealed to us, and also have grace and power to faithfully fulfill the same, that we may present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prelude - "Das alte Jahr vergangen ist/The old year is ended"

J. S. Bach

Text:

The old year now hath passed away;
We thank Thee, O our God, today
That Thou hast kept us through the year
When danger and distress were near.

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

+* The Hymnal - #167 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" Laudes Domini

* 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 - Matthew 18 (22nd reading)

* The Psalter - Psalm 1

Arlington

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

* **The Doxology**

Germany

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom earth and heaven adore, Be glory, as it was of old, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

The Sermon

* **The Hymnal - #508 "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"**

Aberystwyth

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

St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #30, last stanza)

The Postlude - "In dir ist Freude/In Thee is Gladness

J. S. Bach

Text:

In Thee is gladness amid all sadness,
Jesus, sunshine of my heart!
By Thee are given the gifts of heaven,
Thou the true Redeemer art!
Our souls Thou wakest, our bonds Thou breakest,
Who trusts Thee surely hath built securely,
And stands forever: Hallelujah!
Our hearts are pining to see Thy shining,
Dying or living, to Thee are cleaving,
Naught can us sever: Hallelujah!

When Morning Gilds the Skies

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs:
 3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find:
 4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:

May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,

to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 with this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

5. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Let air and sea and sky,
 from depth to height, reply:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

6. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Be this th'eternal song,
 through all the ages on:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

Psalm 1

1. ¹O great - ly bless - ed is the man
 2. ²Nor sit - teth in the scor - ner's chair,
 3. ³He shall be like a tree that grows
 4. And all he does shall pros - per well.
 5. ⁵In judg - ment there - fore shall not stand
 6. ⁶Be - cause the way of god - ly men

Who walk - eth not as - tray
 But pla - ceth his de - light
 Set by the wa - ter side,
⁴The wick - ed are not so,
 Such as un - god - ly are,
 Is to Je - ho - vah known,

In coun - sel of un - god - ly men,
 Up - on God's law, and me - di - tates
 Which in its sea - son yields its fruit,
 But are like chaff which by the wind
 Nor in th'as - sem - bly of the just
 Where - as the way of wick - ed men

Nor stands in sin - ners' way,
 On His law day and night.
 And green its leaves a - bide;
 Is dri - ven to and fro.
 Shall wick - ed men ap - pear.
 Shall quite be o - ver - thrown.

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? Rom. 8:35

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm A⁷ Dm A

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find;
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Dm A⁷ Dm A Dm C F C⁷ Dm A⁷ Dm

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

F B^b F B^b C⁷ F C⁷ F Dm A Dm C F E⁷ Am

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

B^b F Dm Gm A Dm A⁷ Dm 7

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR MINISTRY TODAY

A.M. Sunday School

Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster is accessible at SermonAudio.com/ipcsav. The title of the class is *Encounters With Jesus*. This week we will study "The Path to Greatness" (Mark 10:35-45).

Children (Pre-K - 5th Grade) - Sunday School materials provided to parents.

Middle School & High School are encouraged to participate in the Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster.

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. - Morning Worship (On-site and live-stream).

4:00 P.M. - No Handbell Choir rehearsal

5:30 P.M. - Evening Worship (On-site and live-stream). **No Evening meal will be served tonight.**

Nursery - (infants through 3-year-olds) will be available at the 9:00 a.m. service and 5:30 p.m. service.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Amy R. Martin* by her family.

LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio ipcs.ga/sawebcast

Facebook ipcs.ga/facebooklive

YouTube ipcs.ga/YouTube

Periscope ipcs.ga/periscope

ON-LINE THIS WEEK

Adult Meetings: This week the following meetings are planned to take place on-line:

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast (both on-site and ZOOM)

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)

ON-SITE THIS WEEK

Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast - 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and also via ZOOM meeting.

Wednesday Noon Service - will not meet until January 13

College Bible Study - Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

Wednesday Evening - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsals - We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings - Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Meals will not be served at the present time.)

New Covenant Bible Study - Thursday at 7:00 p.m., in the Telfair Chapel.

W.O.C. Conference with Megan Hill - Friday, January 8, and Saturday, January 9.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We continue to maintain safe practices during the pandemic. Every reasonable step is taken to safeguard the well-being of all who attend our services:

- seating in every other pew
- pews wiped down between services
- alternate pews used between services
- hymnals and Bibles removed from the sanctuary
- expanded bulletins used for the entire order of worship
- Additional precautions are taken in connection with the nursery, the Sunday night fellowship suppers, the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, and other gatherings.

As always, those with pre-existing conditions or other vulnerabilities have access to our services "live" on-line, and after-the-fact at SermonAudio and YouTube.

Please be informed of the most recent Chatham County Emergency Order regarding Covid-19 as it relates to religious services (www.chathamcountyga.gov).

ON-LINE FRIENDSHIP CARD

We extend a warm welcome and express our delight that you have chosen to visit the historic Independent Presbyterian Church. In order to have a record of your visit and to become better acquainted with you, we would ask you to use the QR code attached to fill out our on-line friendship card.

With your smartphone, open the camera app and point it at the QR image. If you are viewing via live webcast you may use this link:
<https://ipcs.ga/friendship>.

