

Historic
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of Savannah



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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ 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 - O Mensch beweine dein Sünde gross / O man, weep
for your great sins, BWV 622 J. S. Bach

Text:

O man, weep for your great sins
Because of which Christ left his Father's bosom
And came to earth;
From a virgin pure and gentle
He was born here for us.
He willed to become our Mediator,
Gave life to the dead,
And healed the sick,
Until the time came
When he was sacrificed for us,
Bearing the heavy burden of our sins
For a long time on the cross.
— Sebald Heyden (1530)

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O Lord, who has taught us that all our doings without love are worth nothing; send Your Holy Spirit, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, which is humble, meek, kind, long-suffering and patient, the very bond of peace and of all virtues: Grant this for Your only son Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The Call to Worship - O, That I Had a Thousand Voices (v. 1)

Johann König

Text:

O, that I had a thousand voices
To praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
Would then proclaim in grateful songs
To all, wherever I might be,
What great things God hath done for me.

— Johann Mentzer (1704), tr. composite from The Lutheran Hymnal (1941)

+* The Hymnal - #115 “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* 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 - Isaiah 41 (49th reading—pew Bible pp. 601–602)
 Psalms 105:1–6; 106:1–8 (pew Bible pp. 503–505)

The Recognition of Memorization Achievement

- * **The Hymnal/Psalter** - #40 “God is Our Refuge and Our Strength”
 (Psalm 46) Bethlehem
- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” Beecher
Text:
 See *Trinity Hymnal*, #529 (vv. 1, 3, 4)

- * **The Doxology and Dismissal** 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.
 Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson
 “THE WORKS OF GOD –5”
XXIII. Redemption –1
The Lesser Redemption

- * **The Hymnal** - #499 “Rock of Ages” Toplady
- * **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) St. Columba
 We long to see your churches full,
 That all the chosen race
 May, with one voice and heart and soul,
 Sing your redeeming grace.
 — *Trinity Hymnal* #469, last stanza

The Postlude - Ach Herr, mich armen Sünder, BuxWV 178
Dietrich Buxtehude

Text:
 Ah, Lord, do not in thy wrath
 Punish me, a poor sinner,
 But soften your stern wrath,
 Otherwise all is lost for me.
 Ah, Lord, may it be your will
 To forgive my sin and be merciful,
 That I may live forever
 And escape the pain of hell.
 — Cyriakus Schneegass (1597), after Ps. 6

* Congregation Standing ** Children’s Church: Adeline Immel and Katie MacMillan
 + Latecomers may be seated Assisting: Mr. Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

<p>GREETERS-ELDERS: FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. G. Brunson NORTH SIDE M. Biemiller SOUTH SIDE J. Garnett</p>	<p>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Elder: W. Brodmann, Jr.. GREETERS-USHERS/ DEACONS: FRONT DOOR: A. Parrish BAPTISMAL FONT: B. Essenburg</p>
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THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 - Communion hymns

+ *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

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

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 Westminster Creed, Part IV (based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe we are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ,
by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit;

I believe God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ,
and repentance unto life to escape the wrath and curse of God
due to us for sin;

I believe we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified by His free grace,
and gathered into the visible church,
out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

* *Psalter* - Psalm 119:1-16 (*Psalter*, page 102) Duane Street

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture and Sermon - Genesis 2:8-17 (pew Bible p. 2) Mr. Shaw

"WHAT IS REALITY?"

XIII. Genesis

Prayer of Intercession

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymnal - #535 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" Ebenezer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

You may partake of the elements as you receive them

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #644 "May the Mind of Christ, My Savior" St. Leonards

* *Benediction*

OUR CHURCH TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages (Nurseries available for children through the age of 3 on the 2nd Floor, Axson Bldg.)
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
- 11:30 a.m. College lunch provided at The Carriage House after the service
- 3:45 p.m. Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
- 4:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th grades), Choir Room
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, The Lord's Supper, sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. **Care Group #2 (F. Daniell/K. Crowe) (Deacons: W. Black/J. Shields and B. Tucker)** Set up/Clean up for supper
- 6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall
\$8.00 Adult, \$5.00 Children (Middle School and younger),
\$30.00 maximum per family
- 6:45 p.m. Telfair Hall is available for additional eating space
- 7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (1st-5th grades), Choir Room
- 7:00 p.m. Middle School Emmaus Road, 18 W. Hull Street, The Parlor
- 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 12:15 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS & WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of *Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Alexander Morgan* who were united in marriage by Mr. Johnson on March 7, 2026, in the sanctuary of the Independent Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Morgan is the former Miss Connie C Huang.

MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

During this morning's worship service we will recognize *Jeffrey Dean Blevins, Thomas Jackson Carter, James Edward Whitten* and *Perry David Whitten* for completing Level One of the Memorization Program. They recited, word perfect, the Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed. We will also recognize *Margaret York Milling* for completing Level Two of the Memorization Program. She recited, word perfect, all 150 questions of the *Children's Catechism*. Please take a moment to congratulate them.

SPRING INQUIRERS' CLASS

Our Spring Inquirers' Class began this morning in the Telfair Hall. The class will continue through April 26 during the Sunday School hour (9:00 a.m.). The objective of this class is to introduce interested persons to the history, doctrine, practices, and people of our church. All are welcome. Nursery will be provided. Contact Abby Spencer for additional information at 912-421-8100.

EASTER LILIES

As we prepare to celebrate Easter, our plans this year include placing lilies and appropriate greenery in the sanctuary. If you would like to recognize a special person, you may do so by ordering a lily, or making a donation toward the greenery. The cost for lilies is \$20.00. Place this form in the offering plate or order by scanning the QR code. All orders must be submitted by March 29.



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Please place ___ Easter lilies in the sanctuary on April 5, 2026, as designated below. (Please print clearly as you wish all names to appear in the bulletin.)

Circle One:

In honor or memory _____
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In honor or memory _____

Given by: _____

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
Matthew L. Burt	Director of Pastoral Care
Kenneth C. Crowe	Director of Camps
Jacob H. Fuhrman	Director of Music

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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 ipcsav.org/webcast.
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at www.ipcsav.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.
- Experience sermons in your native language with our real-time translation feature! Powered by Microsoft Translator, it brings worship services to life in any language. Simply scan the QR code in the pew rack, grab the app from your app store, launch it, and choose your language. A deacon or usher can assist.
- 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 & 5 may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Tues, Mar. 10	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.	Women Gather to Pray at Miss Sophie's Marketplace, 175 Bourne Ave., (inside Mighty 8 th Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	6:30 p.m.	ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1 st Floor
	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information (mburt@ipcsav.org)
	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study, The Parlor at 18 W. Hull Street
Wed, Mar. 11	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Evening Bible Study, The Parlor, Hull Street Bldg.
	7:15 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Mar. 12	10:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Circle at the home of Susan Mullinix
	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

Mar. 17	Church office closed for St. Patrick's Day
Mar. 23	Session/Diaconate meetings
Mar. 26	Dead Theologians Society, noon

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