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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** - Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele / Soul, adorn thyself  
with gladness, BWV 654

J. S. Bach

*Text:*

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #421

### The Sounding of the Hour

#### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Grant, we beseech You, merciful Lord, to Your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve You with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Call to Worship - Psalm 124:1-2

Old 124<sup>th</sup>

*Text:*

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #614

#### +\* The Hymnal - #310 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Darwall

#### 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 gives thanks to God on high;  
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly 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 Psalter Hymnal - Psalm 143 (see insert)

### \* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### The Collection

**The Anthem - "O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations"** Lowell Mason

*Text:*

See insert

### \* The Doxology and Dismissal (Hymnal #358) Sine Nomine

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

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

#### The Prayer of Illumination

**The Scripture Reading - Mark 14:12-25** (pew Bible pp. 850-851)

#### The Sermon

Rev. Nate Shurden

"CHRIST, OUR PASSEVER LAMB"

#### The Prayer of Intercession

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

### \* The Hymnal - #252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Hamburg (see hymn insert)

#### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

You may partake of the elements as you receive them.

### \* The Hymnal - #469 "How Sweet and Awful\* Is the Place" St. Columba (see hymn insert)

### \* The Benediction

**The Postlude - Jesus Christus, unser Heiland / Jesus Christ, our Savior,**  
BWV 666 J. S. Bach

*Text:*

See insert

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\* Congregation Standing  
+ Latecomers may be seated

\*\* Children's Church: Andrea Harris and Kim Hayes  
Assisting: Mr. Johnson  
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

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#### GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR: Elder & Mrs. D. Boatright

NORTH SIDE: M. Hazeltine

SOUTH SIDE: G. Brunson

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

Elder: D. Gobel

#### GREETERS-USHERS/ DEACONS:

FRONT DOOR: J. Sutton

BAPTISMAL FONT: J. Jefferson

# 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*

+ \* *Psalter* - Psalm 100 (*Psalter*, page 84)

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

**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 II  
(based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe our first parents, though created in knowledge, righteousness,  
and holiness, sinned against God, by eating the forbidden fruit;  
and that their fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery;

I believe God determined, out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity,  
to deliver His elect out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into  
an estate of salvation by a Redeemer;

I believe the only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who,  
being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be,  
God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Collection*

**Provision for Life and Growth**

*Scripture Reading* - James 5 (6<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible p. 1013)

*Prayer of Intercession*

\* *Hymnal* - #253 "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

Fountain

\* *Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture & Sermon* - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
"SAYING GRACE"

Rev. Nate Shurden

**Thanksgiving and Blessing**

\* *Hymnal* - #125 "Let All Things Now Living"

Ash Grove

\* *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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Axson Bldg.)  
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, Mr. Andrew Becham  
4:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades), Choir room  
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. **Care Group #8 (W. Milling) (Deacons: S. Brodmann and P. Johnson)** 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 (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 REV. ALEX SUTHERLAND

## 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.

## 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. Nate Shurden. Nate is the Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN, which he planted in 2011. Before moving to Franklin, Nate was the Minister of Discipleship & Young Adults at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS, and the Assistant Editor of reformation21, the online magazine of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. Nate was born and raised in Laurel, MS, and educated at Bannockburn College (Franklin, TN) and Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS). In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Nate serves as an adjunct professor at New College Franklin and is a regular contributor to Ligonier Ministries, Christward Collective, and He Reads Truth. In 2001, Nate married his college sweetheart, Christy. They have five children (college to toddler): Rosalyn, Katie, Knox, Luke, and Lila.

## DEAD THEOLOGIANS' SOCIETY

The Dead Theologians' Society will meet this Thursday, October 29, for lunch at noon in the Administration Building, upstairs in classroom #72 (above the pastor's office). We will be discussing *Five English Reformers* by J. C. Ryle, (pp. 85-156; chs. 4-6).

## FALL FAMILY NIGHT INVITATION

All are invited to the IPC Fall Family Night at Point Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd., on Saturday, October 31 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be games, inflatables, a petting zoo, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, and more! Come in costume. (No occult themes.) Contact Lucy Biemiller with any questions.

## FALL FAMILY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults (college and up) are needed to help with parking, food serving, game supervision, and more for our Fall Family Night on October 31 at Point Pleasant. Scan the code to sign up:



## 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                       |
| Romano Orlando .....          | Ministry Intern (College)               |

## Church Office

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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](http://ipcsav.org/webcast).
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at [www.ipcsav.org](http://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.
- 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, Oct 27  | 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 <sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum)                                |
|               | 8:30 a.m.  | Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs                                                                                                     |
|               | 9:30 a.m.  | Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall                                                                                                                   |
|               | 11:00 a.m. | Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building                                                                                                     |
|               | 7:00 p.m.  | College Bible Study, The Parlor at 18 W. Hull Street                                                                                                |
|               | 7:00 p.m.  | ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor                                                                                           |
|               | 7:00 p.m.  | iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information ( <a href="mailto:mburt@ipcsav.org">mburt@ipcsav.org</a> ) |
| Wed, Oct 28   | 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.  | Women's Evening Bible Study, The Parlor, 18 W. Hull Street                                                                                          |
|               | 6:30 p.m.  | High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall                                                                                                                 |
| Thurs, Oct 29 | 7:15 p.m.  | High School Fellowship, Hull Street Bldg., 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor                                                                                    |
|               | 12:00 p.m. | Dead Theologians' Society, Admin. Building                                                                                                          |
| Thurs, Oct 29 | 7:00 p.m.  | Careers, Telfair Hall                                                                                                                               |
|               | 7:00 p.m.  | Careers, Telfair Hall                                                                                                                               |
| Sat, Oct. 31  | 5:00 p.m.  | Fall Family Night at Point Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd.                                                                                             |

## Coming Events

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|--------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 2 | Session/Diaconate meetings                                                                |
| Nov. 6 | Care Group #3 (D.Gobel) Dinner at the home of The Gobels, 5:00 p.m.                       |
| Nov. 8 | Care Group #8 (W. Milling) Lunch in Fellowship Hall following the Morning worship service |

## The Record of Our Faithfulness

October 18, 2026

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# Psalm 143



1. <sup>1</sup>Hear now my prayer, O LORD; my cry for mer - cy heed. In  
2. <sup>3</sup>The foe has hound - ed me and crushed me to the ground, in  
3. <sup>5</sup>I call to mind, O LORD, the days and years long gone; I  
4. <sup>7</sup>My spir - it fails, O LORD; come quick - ly to my side. Hide

righ - teous - ness and truth draw near to meet my need. <sup>2</sup>And do not  
dark - ness made me dwell like those in death long bound. <sup>4</sup>And so my  
pon - der all your works and what your hands have done. <sup>6</sup>To you in  
not from me your face, lest to the pit I slide. <sup>8</sup>Let morn - ing

judge me in your sight, for in your pres - ence none is right.  
spir - it is a - fraid; my heart with - in me is dis - mayed.  
prayer I stretch my hands; for you I thirst, like ar - id lands.  
bring your love a - new, for I have put my trust in you.

5. To you I lift my soul; show me the way to go.  
I hide myself in you; <sup>9</sup>LORD, save me from my foe.  
<sup>10</sup>Teach me, my God, to do your will;  
may your good Spirit lead me still.
6. <sup>11</sup>O LORD, for your name's sake, revive my waning life;  
in righteousness redeem my soul from painful strife.  
<sup>12</sup>Destroy my foes, in love for me,  
because I serve you faithfully.

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## O Praise the Lord, All Ye Nations

Lowell Mason

*Adult Choir*

### *Anthem Text:*

O praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise Him, all ye people. For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the Lord endureth forever. Praise ye the Lord!  
— Psalm 117 (KJV)

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### *Postlude Text:*

Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
Who turns God's anger away from us  
Through his bitter sufferings,  
Has delivered us from the pains of hell.

— Martin Luther (1524), after a 14th-century hymn formerly attributed to Jan Huss

## 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.: How hath Christ appointed bread and wine to be given and received in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?

A.: Christ hath appointed the ministers of His word, in the administration of this sacrament of the Lord's Supper, to set apart the bread and wine from common use, by the word of institution, thanksgiving, and prayer; to take and break the bread, and to give both the bread and the wine to the communicants: who are, by the same appointment, to take and eat the bread, and to drink the wine, in thankful remembrance that the body of Christ was broken and given, and His blood shed for them\*.

(\*1 Cor. 11:23, 24; Matt 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20)  
(Larger Catechism Question #169).

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### WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

#252

Isaac Watts  
1707, 1709

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

TUNE: HAMBURG L.M.  
Gregorian chant  
Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1824

### HOW SWEET AND AWFUL IS THE PLACE

Isaac Watts, 1707

Alt. 1961, 1990, mod.

How sweet and awful\* is the place  
With Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays  
The choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs  
Join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue,  
"Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice,  
And enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice,  
And rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast  
That sweetly drew us in,  
Else we had still refused to taste,  
And perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God,  
Constrain the earth to come;  
Send your victorious Word abroad,  
And bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full,  
That all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul,  
Sing your redeeming grace.

TUNE: ST. COLUMBA C.M.  
Old Irish hymn melody; alt. 1990

\*awful here is meant in its old English sense of "full of awe" or awe-inspiring.