

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

3:00 p.m.

Point Pleasant open for appropriate Lord’s Day leisure activities

3:45 p.m.

Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, Mr. Ron Berry

5:30 p.m.

Bluffton Presbyterian Mission Church, contact Ron Gleason, 714-318-6843

4:00 p.m.

Youth Choir Rehearsal at Point Pleasant

5:15 p.m.

Youth Choir mini-concert at Point Pleasant

5:30 p.m.

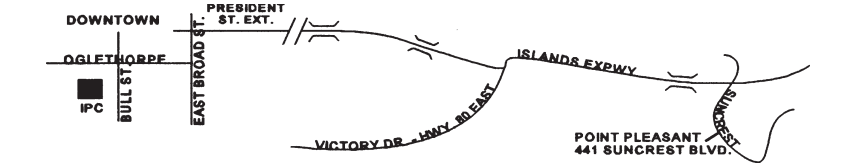
Evening Worship at Point Pleasant

6:30 p.m.

All Deacons Set up/Clean up for Annual Barbecue

6:45 p.m.

Annual Church Barbecue



WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

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

BIBLE STUDY 12:20 P.M.

MESSAGE BY MR. TIMOTHY FOSTER

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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of **Mr. and Mrs. Josiah S. Van Puffelen**, who were united in marriage by Rev. Timothy Foster on Saturday, May 27, 2017. Mrs. Van Puffelen is the former Christian-Emilee Vining.

ASCENSION SUNDAY

Thursday, May 25, marked the fortieth day after Easter and Christ’s resurrection, the day on which our Lord ascended into Heaven where He is now seated at the right hand of the Father, making intercession for us, ruling and reigning as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Ascension Day is one of the five great evangelical festivals of the church year observed by Reformed churches. The others are Good Friday, Easter, Pentecost, and Christmas. (On the meaning of Christ’s ascension, see questions 53 and 54 in the *Westminster Larger Catechism*.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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

CHURCH-WIDE BARBECUE

We will begin our summer evening services this evening at Point Pleasant (441 Suncrest Blvd.) with the Youth Choir singing at 5:15 p.m. and worship at 5:30 p.m. Following the service we will enjoy our annual Church-wide barbecue. The facility will open at 3:00 for appropriate Lord’s Day leisure activities for the family.

MEMORIAL DAY

In observance of Memorial Day, we honor and remember those who have died serving our nation during war. Let us never forget the sacrifices of these gallant individuals who paid the ultimate price to protect and preserve the liberties we hold so dear.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martin (Amy)** and family on the death of Amy’s sister, **Victoria Reeder Hall**, who passed away on Wednesday, May 17, 2017, in Augusta, GA. She lived in Monroe, NC.

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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 ipsav.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.ipsav.org, or at www.SermonAudio.com/ipsav

• If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.

• Sound amplification devices are available in the back of the Sanctuary.

• 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

Mon, May 29

9:00 a.m.

Church Office closed in observance of Memorial Day

I.P.C. Day camp Week #1

Tues, May 30

6:30 a.m.

Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall

8:30 a.m.

Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs

11:30 a.m.

Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin Bldg.

7:30 p.m.

Garmer Bible Study at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, 133 East 50th Street, 232-1323

Wed, May 31

10:45 a.m.

Women’s Intercessor Group, Axson Bldg.

11:45 p.m.

Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall

6:00 p.m.

Youth Summer Dessert Fellowship (M.S. and H.S. students) at Point Pleasant

6:30 p.m.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

7:00 p.m.

College Summer Bible Study, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4th Floor

7:00 p.m.

Dead Theologians’ Society Evening Group, at the home of Terry Johnson, 110 Lee Blvd.

Thurs, June 1

6:45 a.m.

Dead Theologians’ Society, meet at Henry’s Restaurant, 28 Drayton Street

12:00 p.m.

Dead Theologians’ Society, Admin. Bldg., 2nd Fl.

7:00 p.m.

Careers, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4th Floor

Fri, June 2

7:50 a.m.

Youth Breakfast and devotion at Point Pleasant

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 29, 2017, in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen on Tuesday, May 30, at 8:30 a.m.

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service - 5/17/17 – 25

Bluffton Service - 5/21/17 – AM – 17; PM – 20

May 21, 2017

SS – 272

AM – 518

PM – 255

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Ascension Sunday

May 28, 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

O God the King of glory, who has exalted Your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to Your kingdom in heaven; Grant, we beseech
You, that we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with Him
continually dwell, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Leavitt

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me His praise should
sing? Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King. (*Trinity Hymnal*
#77, stanza 1)

+*The Hymnal - #289 “A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing”
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 - Psalm 123 (pew Bible p. 517)
John 2:18–25 (pew Bible p. 887)

The Reception of New Members

+ The Psalter - Psalm 110 (*Psalter*, Page 96) All Saints New

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - “God Is Gone Up with a Shout” Healey Willan
Sanctuary Choir

Alleluia, Alleluia! God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the
sound of a trumpet.
Alleluia! Christ hath ascended up on high, and hath led captivity
captive.
Alleluia!
Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel.
He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved.
Oh, clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with a voice of
triumph!
For the Lord most high is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.
Alleluia!

* 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
“THE QUEST FOR A SIGN”
XII. Expositions of the Gospel of John

* The Hymnal - #290 “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise” Llanfair

* The Benediction and Response (sung by all) Cwm Rhondda
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; Death
of death, and hell’s Destruction, land me safe on Canaan’s side; songs
of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee, I will ever give to
Thee. (*Trinity Hymnal* #598, last stanza)

The Postlude - “Processional” Andre Campra

* Congregation Standing ** Children’s Church: Jason and Posey Helton

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS–ELDERS:		SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:	
FRONT DOOR	Elder & Mrs. C. Martin	ELDER:	D. Gobel
NORTH SIDE	F. Daniell	GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:	
SOUTH SIDE	D. Boatright	FRONT DOOR	R. Rambo
WOCGREETER:	C. MacMillan	INNER DOOR	C. Gibson

THE LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP
POINT PLEASANT ~ 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.)

Youth Choir Concert

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”	Edwards
“Lord, Speak to Me”	Hopson
“Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me”	Scott
“Ubi Caritas”	Mayo
“How Can I Keep From Singing”	Hopson

+ Announcements

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* Hymnal - #295 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” Diademata

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 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 - “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Cox
Youth Choir
Accompanist: Mrs. John Garnett

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - 2 Chronicles 10 (11th reading—pew Bible pp. 364–365)

Intercessory Prayer

* Hymnal/Psalter - #40 “God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength” Bethlehem
(Psalm 46)

* Prayer of Illumination
Scripture & Sermon - Genesis 3:1–6 (pew Bible p. 2) Mr. Johnson

“SUBMITTING TO GOD’S WISDOM”
LXXIV. The Identity and Attributes of God

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* Hymnal - #691 “It Is Well with My Soul” Ville Du Havre
* Benediction

* Congregation Standing + Latecomers may be seated