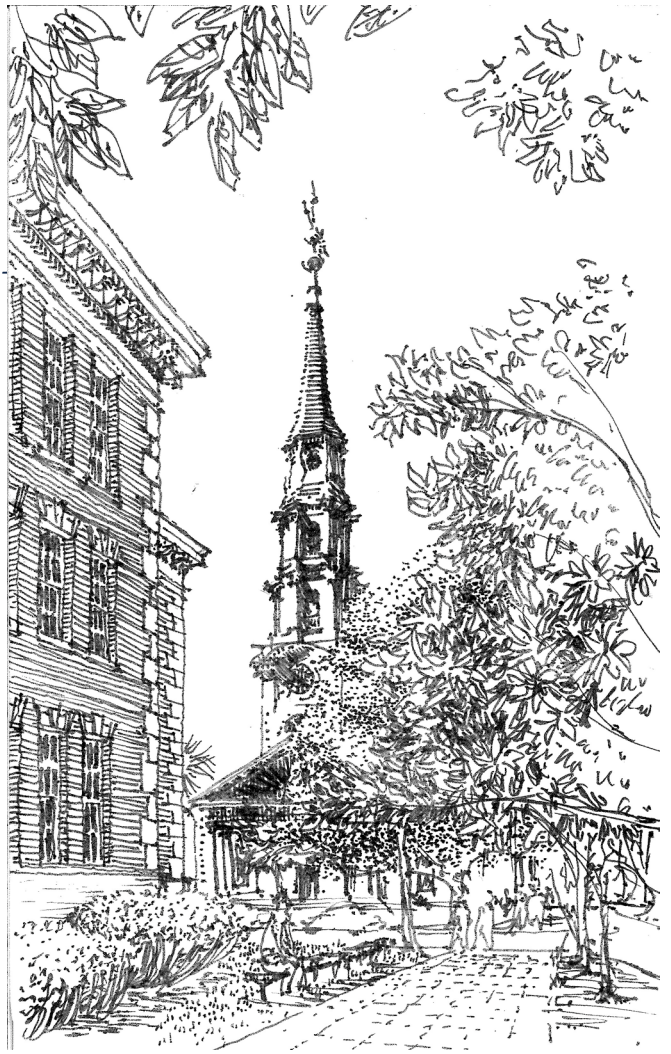
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Pentecost Sunday
May 24, AD 2026

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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 - Chorale Prelude on "Down Ampney" Herbert Sumsion

Text:
Come down, O love divine,
Seek thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.
— Bianco da Siena (c. 1350–1434), tr. R. F. Littledale (1867)

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O Eternal God, who, according to Your faithful promise, sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Savior, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

The Call to Worship - Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs (v. 3) Nun Danket All

Text:
Jesus is worthy to receive
Honor and power divine;
And blessings more than we can give
Be, Lord, forever thine.
— Isaac Watts (1707)

+* Hymnal - #101 "Come, Thou Almighty King " Trinity

*** 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 49:1–7 (58th reading–pew Bible pp. 609–610)
Psalm 16 (pew Bible pp. 453–454)

The Recognition of Graduates

* **The Hymnal/Psalter -** #486 "God, Be Merciful to Me" Redhead
(Psalm 51)

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - "O Come, Creator Spirit Blest"
F. J. Haydn, arr. K. Lee Scott

Text:
O come, Creator Spirit blest,
Within our hearts now take thy rest;
Come with thy love and heavenly grace;
And show the brightness of thy face.

To thee, the Comforter, we cry,
To thee, the gift of God most high;
O fount of life, O fire of love,
Our souls' anointing from above.

The sevenfold gifts of grace are thine,
O finger of the hand divine;
True promise sent to us below
Who shall the ways of goodness show.

Show us the Father, Holy One,
Lead us to know th'eternal Son;
O blessed Spirit, evermore,
Thee will we trust and thee adore.
— 9th c. hymn, tr. Edward Caswall

* **The Doxology and Dismissal** (*Hymnal,* #733) Lasst Uns Erfreuen
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: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson
"Messiah's Triumph"
XXX. Psalms For All of Life

* **The Hymnal -** #338 "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"
Morecambe

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Near The Cross
Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
— *Trinity Hymnal* #264

The Postlude - *from* Choral varié sur le thème du "Veni Creator"
Maurice Duruflé

Text:
Creator Spirit, heavenly dove,
Descend upon us from above;
With graces manifold restore
Your creatures as they were before.
— attr. Rabanus Maurus (776–856); tr. composite

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* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children's Church: Elizabeth Busch and Kuyler Stone
Assisting: Mr. Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS–ELDERS:
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. R. Kelly
NORTH SIDE W. Milling
SOUTH SIDE W. Brodmann

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:
Elder: R. Thompson

GREETERS–USHERS/ DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: B. Tucker
BAPTISMAL FONT: D. Brown

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 - "One Thing I Asked of the Lord" Heinrich Schütz
"The Gift of Love" American traditional, arr. Hal Hopson
"Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Michael Rosewall

* ***Announcements***

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* ***Psalter Hymnal -*** #239 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" Lauda Anima

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 V
(based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe that in Christ we are given in this life benefits accompanying salvation
such as assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost,
increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end;
that at death, we are made perfect in holiness, and immediately pass into glory;
and our bodies, being still united to Christ, rest in their graves, till the resurrection;
and that at the resurrection, we shall be raised up in glory,
we shall openly be acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment,
and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Ruth 2 (2nd reading–pew Bible pp. 222–223)

Prayer of Intercession

* ***Psalter -*** Psalm 13 (*~see handout*) Passion Chorale

* ***Prayer of Illumination***

Scripture and Sermon - 1 Samuel 16–17 (pew Bible pp. 238–241) Mr. Johnson
"David: Servant of God"

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* ***Psalter Hymnal -*** #476 "It Is Well with My Soul" Ville Du Havre

* ***Benediction***

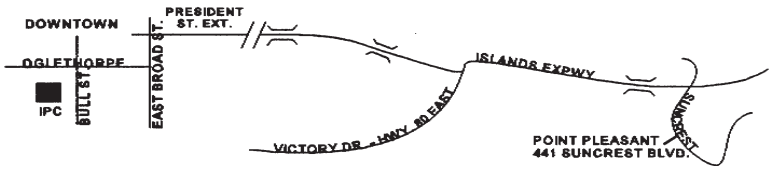
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Assisting: Mr. Shaw

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
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
4:00 p.m.	Point Pleasant open for appropriate Lord's Day leisure activities
4:00 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal at Point Pleasant
5:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Prelude begins
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service at Point Pleasant
6:30 p.m.	**All Deacons-**Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m.	Annual Barbecue
8:30 p.m.	Point Pleasant facilities will close



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

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our beloved daughter, ***Andrea Toler Williamson***, on what would have been her 60th birthday, by Pat and John Toler.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends congratulations to ***Mr. and Mrs. Micah Thomas MacLean*** who were united in marriage by Mr. Jason Wallace and Mr. Terry Johnson on Saturday, May 23, 2026 in the sanctuary of IPC. Mrs. MacLean is the former Miss Elizabeth Wallace.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Protestant Reformers brought a much needed restoration of the Lord's Day as the weekly "holy day" of the Christian church. They argued that the observance of a yearly liturgical calendar was contrary to both the Bible and the practice of the early church. Christianity is not a nature religion, and its celebrations should not be tied to nature's cycles (e.g., Advent/winter/penance; Easter/spring/rejoicing, etc.) with their inevitable themes of fertility and fortune. We note that the weekly Sabbath cycle of seven days is not related to nature, and must always remain at the heart of our church calendar. Nevertheless, the Continental Reformed churches continued to observe what they called the five evangelical feast days: Christmas, Easter, Good Friday, Ascension, and Pentecost. Today is Pentecost Sunday, also called Whit Sunday, fifty days after Easter, the occasion of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in fulfillment of the promise of Joel 2:28-32, "I will pour forth My Spirit upon all mankind."

CHURCH-WIDE BARBECUE

This evening we will begin our summer evening services at Point Pleasant (441 Suncrest Blvd.) with a prelude by our Youth Choir at 5:15 p.m. and worship at 5:30 p.m. Following the service we will enjoy our annual church-wide barbecue and homemade ice cream. The facility will open at 4:00 p.m. for appropriate Lord's Day leisure activities for the family and will close at 8:30 p.m.

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.

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

Mon, May 25		Church office closed in observance of Memorial Day
	1:00 p.m.	Departure for High School retreat to Cherry Grove, SC
Tues, May 26	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 8th Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Womens' Prayer time, Axson Building, Wilson-Axson Room
	11:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	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, May 27	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
Thurs, May 28	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

June 1–July 24	IPC Day Camp Begins, Point Pleasant
June 3	Youth Summer Dessert Fellowships begin
June 7	Sunday School promotions; New Sunday School quarter begins; The Lord's Supper, PM service
June 8	Baby Shower for Emily Brodmann at the home of Caroline Brodmann, 7:00 p.m.

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