

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 06, 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

Blessed Lord, who has caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prelude - "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme/Wake, awake, a voice is calling"

J. S. Bach

Text:

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And all her heart with joy is springing,
She wakes, she rises from her gloom;
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious,
Her Star is risen, her Light is come.
Now come, Thou blessed one,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son,
Hosannah!
The joyful call we answer all,
And follow to the banquet hall.

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

+* The Hymnal - #195 "Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"

Antioch

*** 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, #271)

Lyngham

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit,
all glory to the Spirit be while endless ages run, while endless ages
run, while endless ages run.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Ezekiel 3:1-11; 16-21

¹ And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel."² So I opened my mouth, and he gave

me this scroll to eat. ³ And he said to me, "Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. ⁴ And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵ For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶ not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. ⁷ But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. ⁸ Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹ Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰ Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹ And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear."

¹⁶ And at the end of seven days, the word of the LORD came to me: ¹⁷ "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. ¹⁸ If I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, in order to save his life, that wicked person shall die for his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. ¹⁹ But if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, or from his wicked way, he shall die for his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. ²⁰ Again, if a righteous person turns from his righteousness and commits injustice, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die. Because you have not warned him, he shall die for his sin, and his righteous deeds that he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood I will require at your hand. ²¹ But if you warn the righteous person not to sin, and he does not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning, and you will have delivered your soul."

The Reception of New Member (9:00 a.m. service)

The Ordination and Installation of Officers (11:00 a.m. service)

* **The Psalter - Psalm 125** Winchester Old

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Anthem (9:00 a.m. service only) - "E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come"
Paul Manz

Sanctuary Choir

Peace be to you and grace from Him
Who freed us from our sins,
Who loved us all and shed His blood
That we might saved be.

Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord,
The Lord, Almighty God,
Who was and is and is to come;
Sing Holy, Holy, Lord!

Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein,
Rejoice on earth, ye saints below,
For Christ is coming soon!

E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come,
And night shall be no more;
They need no light nor lamp nor sun,
For Christ will be their all.

* **The Doxology** Puer Nobis
All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live; to
God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise. Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson

"WATCHMEN OF ISRAEL"

* **The Hymnal - #201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"** St. Louis

* **The Benediction and Response (sung by all)** Greensleeves
So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own
Him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for
Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #213, last stanza)

The Postlude - "Nun komm der Heiden Heiland/Savior of the Nations, Come" Samuel Scheidt

Text:

Savior of the nations, come,
Virgin's Son, make here Thy home!
Marvel now, O heaven and earth,
That the Lord chose such a birth.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 ploy; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

Based on Psalm 98
 Isaac Watts, 1719

ANTIOCH C.M.rep.
 George Frederick Handel, 1742
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1836

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CHRISTMAS 2020

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, our plans for this year include placing poinsettias and greenery in the sanctuary. If you would like to recognize a special person, you may do so by ordering a poinsettia, or you may make a donation toward the greenery. The cost is \$15.00. For those who choose to order poinsettias, please be good stewards and remove them after either service on Christmas Eve. **All orders for poinsettia/greenery need to be submitted by Sunday, December 13.** You may place your order by scanning the QR code below.

I would like a poinsettia. I would like to donate toward greenery.
 To the glory of God and in honor/memory (please circle one) of:

Honor/Memory of _____

Honor/Memory of _____

Honor/Memory of _____

Given by: _____



Psalm 125

1. ¹Like Zi - on's moun - tain shall they be
 2. ²As all a - round Je - ru - sa - lem
 3. ³Up - on the land of right - eous ones
 4. ⁴O LORD, to those men who are good
 5. ⁵Yet shall the LORD drive out all those

Who in the LORD con - fide,
 The moun - tains firm - ly stand,
 No e - vil rule shall press,
 Show Your self good and kind,
 In crook - ed ways who dwell,

A mount which ne - ver can be moved
 The LORD for e - ver more sur - rounds
 Lest right - eous men put forth their hands
 And like - wise show Your good - ness to
 A - long with all who prac - tice sin;

But e - ver shall a - bide.
 The peo - ple of His hand,
 To work un - right - eous - ness.
 All them of up - right mind.
 But peace on Is - ra - el!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream-less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

Phillips Brooks, 1868

ST. LOUIS C.M.D.irreg.
 Lewis H. Redner, 1868

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>.



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 "Childlike Faith" (Mark 10:13-16).

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. – Handbell Choir rehearsal

5:30 P.M. – Evening Worship (On-site and live-stream). A fellowship meal will be served following the evening service for 250.

6:30 P.M. – Care Group #7 (S. Jackson) (Deacons: D. Wade/P. Brodmann) and **Care Group #8 (R. Thompson)** (Deacons: D. Goeser/B. Immel) Set up/Clean up for supper.

7:00 P.M. – Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2nd-5th Grade), Choir Room.

7:00 P.M. – Middle School/High School Activities (Youth eat in the Fellowship Hall).

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

LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio ipcs.ga/sawebcast

Facebook ipcs.ga/facebooklive

YouTube ipcs.ga/Youtube

Periscope ipcs.ga/periscope

PILGRIM FATHERS

Four hundred years ago today the Pilgrim Fathers landed at Plymouth, Massachusetts. A month earlier they signed what history calls the "Mayflower Compact" or covenant, binding themselves together in a democratic constitutional order and the rule of law. These brave Pilgrims were English Puritans, Calvinists who believed in church-government by elders, infant baptism, psalm-singing, Sabbath observance, catechizing their children, and a free form of worship. That is, they were independent Presbyterians. We are profoundly indebted to these devout forefathers of ours for both their religious and political legacy.

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

Session/Diaconate Meeting and Oyster Roast at Point Pleasant – Monday, December 7, at 5:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday Noon Service – Every Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. *in the Telfair Hall* with the Bible Study starting at 12:20 p.m. (on-site and live-stream). Mr. Timothy Foster will be preaching.

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

Thursday Morning Circle – The combined Tuesday and Thursday Morning circles will meet at Point Pleasant at 10:30 a.m. on December 10. If you wish to participate in the luncheon, please bring your own sack lunch and drink.

Thursday Evening Circle – Will meet at Panera Bread in Pooler at 6:30 p.m. on December 10.

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

College Bible Study – Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House. We will study Hebrews 6:1-3, "The Basis For Maturity."

Youth Choir Rehearsals – 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.)

GREENING OF THE CHURCH

Everyone is invited to participate in the annual greening of the church on Thursday, December 10, and if necessary continuing on Friday, December 11. We will meet in the sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. to begin decorating the church for Christmas. We will be placing poinsettias, hanging the garland, preparing bows, and decorating the courtyard. Any men that could help with some of the heavy lifting would be appreciated. Please bring your own gloves and clippers to assist in working with the wreaths and niche decorations.