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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 - Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme / Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying, BWV 659 J. S. Bach

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #317

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

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 Call to Worship - Awake, Awake the Sacred Song Noel

Text:

Awake, awake the sacred song to our incarnate Lord;
Let every heart and every tongue adore th'eternal Word.
That awful Word, that sovereign power, by whom the worlds were made
(O happy morn! illustrious hour!) was once in flesh arrayed!
— Anne Steele (1760)

+* **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*, #162) Divinum Mysterium

Christ, to thee, with God the Father,
And, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn, and chant, and high thanksgiving,
And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion,
And eternal victory.
Evermore and evermore! Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Isaiah 33 (39th reading—pew Bible pp. 593-594)
Matthew 20:20-28 (pew Bible, p. 825)

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

The Psalter - Psalm 121 (*Psalter*, page 109)

Dundee

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “Hark, the Glad Sound!”

arr. Timothy Shaw
Tune: Dunlap’s Creek

Text:

Hark, the glad sound! The Savior comes,
The Savior promised long;
Let every heart prepare a throne
And every voice a song.

He comes the prisoners to release,
In Satan’s bondage held.
The gates of brass before Him burst,
The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind,
The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of His grace
To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of peace,
Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heaven’s eternal arches ring
With your beloved name.

— Philip Doddridge (1702–1751)

* **The Doxology and Dismissal**

Puer Nobis

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

All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee,
Whose advent sets Thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost forevermore.
Amen.

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

“CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP”

* **The Hymnal** - #213 “What Child Is This”

Greensleeves

* **The Benediction and Response**

(sung by all)

St. Louis

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

— *Trinity Hymnal*, #201 (last stanza)

The Postlude - Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern / How Lovely
Shines the Morning Star, BuxWV 223 Dietrich Buxtehude

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #515

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children’s Church: Barbara Rustine and Dede Roberts
Assisting: Alex Sutherland
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS–ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. Stephen Jackson, Jr.
NORTH SIDE M. Biemiller
SOUTH SIDE K. Crowe

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

Elder: W. Milling
GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: J. Dugal
BAPTISMAL FONT: A. Parrish

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 - Christmas Communion hymns

+ *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+ * *Hymnal* - #227 "On Christmas Night All Christians Sing" Sussex Carol

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 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

* *Psalter* - Psalm 63:6–11 (*Psalter*, page 51)

St. Columba

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture and Sermon - Genesis 1:1 (pew Bible p.)

Mr. Shaw

"CONDITIONS FOR MEANING, PT. 3:
WHAT WAS CREATED"

III. Genesis

Prayer of Intercession

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Hymnal - #230 "Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor"

Quelle Est Cette Odeur Agreeable

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

You may partake of the elements as you receive them

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #216 "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"

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* *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 nd Floor, Axson Bldg.)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (6 th -12 th Grade), Choir Room
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Care Group #4 (J. Breckenridge) (Deacons: B. Hudson and J. Carpenter) 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 st -5 th 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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Tom and Jan Maganini's 50th wedding anniversary** by their children Vincent, Nicholas (Laura), Lia (David), Linae (Chris) and their families. *"He gives the barren woman [and her husband] a home, making [them] the joyous parents of children. Praise the Lord!"* (Psalm 113:9)

INSTALLATION SERVICE

This morning we will be installing into leadership positions in the church the following men: **Elders**—Francis "Frankie" V. Daniell, John W. Garnett, and R. Robinson "Rob" Kelly IV; **Deacons**—Warren P. Hill, and Benjamin "Ben" R. Field; **Trustee**—Marion T. "Jody" Lanier III. We will be ordaining and installing these deacons—Ryan W. Bergman, Per H. Johnson, and Benjamin "Ben" Tucker.

THURSDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Thursday Morning Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Pam Dykema, on December 11, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will follow the Bible Study. Please text or call Pam if you plan on attending (see Realm for contact information or call the church office).

BABY SHOWER

Join us Saturday, December 13, at 10:00 a.m. for a baby shower in honor of Maddie Mullinix being held in the Telfair Hall. Please R.S.V.P. to Dede Roberts if you plan to come. (Call the church office if you need address or phone number.) Maddie is registered at babylist.com.

CHRISTMAS 2025

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 the evening service on Christmas Eve. **All orders for poinsettia/greenery need to be submitted by December 14.** You may place your order by scanning the QR code or filling out the form below.



-----Tear here-----

☐ 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: _____

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

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.
- 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 through Kindergarten may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Mon, Dec. 8	5:30 p.m.	Session/Diaconate Meetings (Oyster Roast at Point Pleasant)
Tues, Dec. 9	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.	No Women's Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Directors' 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, 18 W. Hull Street
	7:00 p.m.	ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1 st Floor
Wed, Dec. 10	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	No Women's Evening Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull St. Building, 2 nd Floor
Thur, Dec. 11	10:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Circle at the home of Pam Dykema
	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
Fri, Dec. 12	9:30 a.m.	Greening of the sanctuary
Sat, Dec. 13	10:00 a.m.	Baby Shower for Madeline Mullininx, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

Dec. 18	College Christmas Party, 6:00 p.m.
Dec. 19	Youth Christmas Party
Dec. 19	New Covenant Christmas Party

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