

# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK

SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY ~ JANUARY 17, 2021

"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

Almighty God, who has made all mankind in Your image; cause those whom You have redeemed from their fallen estate to worship You for Your wonderful works and to fear You in Your judgments, and make us so to live out our days upholding justice, righteousness and truth; to the honor and glory of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Prelude** - "Erbarm dich mein, o Heere Gott/O God, be merciful to me" J. S. Bach

*Text:*

O God, be merciful to me,  
According to Thy great pity;  
Wash off, make clean my iniquity:  
I acknowledge my sin, and it grieveth me.  
Against Thee, against Thee only  
Have I sinned, which is before mine eye:  
Though Thou be judged in man's sight,  
Yet are Thy words found true and right

Erhart Hegenwalt, 1524; after Ps. 51; trans. Miles Coverdale, 1539

## + The Welcome and Announcements

### The Call to Worship

+\* **The Hymnal** - #57 "Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul" Ripley

### \* **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 - Matthew 19 (23<sup>rd</sup> reading)  
Genesis 1:26, 27; 2:24, 25**

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

**The Reception of New Members (11:00 a.m. service)**

\* **The Psalter - Psalm 139:1-12** Maryton

\* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

\* **The Doxology** Germany  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, the God whom earth and heaven adore, Be glory, as it was of old, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

**The Sermon** Mr. Johnson

"DEFINING OUR PRINCIPLES"

\* **The Hymnal - #642 "Be Thou My Vision"** Slane

\* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) St. Anne  
Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come: O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #30, last stanza)

**The Postlude - "Praeludium in C Major"** Georg Böhm

## Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2*

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends,  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Psalm 146  
 The Psalter, 1912  
 Mod.

RIPLEY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Gregorian chant  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

## 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>.



# Psalm 139:1-12

1. <sup>1</sup>LORD, Thou hast searched me; <sup>2</sup>Thou hast known  
 2. <sup>3</sup>Thou know - est all the ways I plan,  
 3. <sup>5</sup>Be - hind, be - fore me, Thou dost stand  
 4. <sup>7</sup>Where shall I from Thy Spi - rit flee,  
 5. <sup>9</sup>If I the wings of mor - ning take,  
 6. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Dark - ness co - vers me,"

My ris - ing and my sit - ting down;  
 My path and ly - ing down, dost scan;  
 And lay on me Thy migh - ty hand;  
 Or from Thy pre - sence hid - den be?  
 And ut - most sea my dwel - ling make,  
<sup>12</sup>The dark - ness hi - deth not from Thee.

And from a - far Thou know - est well  
<sup>4</sup>For in my tongue no word can be,  
<sup>6</sup>Such know - ledge is for me too strange  
<sup>8</sup>In heav'n Thou art, if there I fly,  
<sup>10</sup>Ev'n there Thy hand shall guide my way  
 To Thee both night and day are bright;

The ve - ry thoughts that in me dwell.  
 But, lo, O LORD, 'tis known to Thee.  
 And high be - yond my ut - most range.  
 In death's a - bode, if there I lie.  
 And Thy right hand shall be my stay.  
 The dark - ness shin - eth as the light.

# Be Thou My Vision

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Whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. Phil. 3:7

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er  
 3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach

else to me, save that thou art— thou my best thought by  
 with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,  
 • dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,  
 her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,  
 heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what -

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 • thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.  
 Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1905  
 Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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SLANE 10.10.10.10.  
 Traditional Irish melody  
 Arr. by David Evans, 1927

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR MINISTRY TODAY

### A.M. Sunday School

Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster is accessible at [SermonAudio.com/ipcsav](http://SermonAudio.com/ipcsav). The title of the class is *Encounters With Jesus*. This week we will study "The Wrath of the Lamb" (Mark 11:12-19).

Children (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**5:30 P.M. – Evening Worship** (On-site and live-stream). **No Evening meal will be served.**

**6:30 P.M. – Chapel Choir Rehearsal** (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Choir Room.

**7:00 P.M. – We will not have Middle School/High School Activities at the present time.**

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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving **Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Scharer (Hannah)** as new members. We are delighted to have them become members of our congregation.

### UNISON AMEN

It is not only appropriate but encouraging for the congregation to join with the minister in voicing its agreement or concurrence with his prayer by saying aloud, "Amen," meaning yes or truly. The minister functions as the voice of the congregation in prayer, the congregation, by audibly voicing its "amen," makes his prayer their own.

### LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio [ipcs.ga/sawebcast](http://ipcs.ga/sawebcast)

Facebook [ipcs.ga/facebooklive](http://ipcs.ga/facebooklive)

YouTube [ipcs.ga/YouTube](http://ipcs.ga/YouTube)

Periscope [ipcs.ga/periscope](http://ipcs.ga/periscope)

### 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 Group (both on-site and ZOOM)

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)

### ON-SITE THIS WEEK

**Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Group** – 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and also via ZOOM meeting. The breakfast meal will be halted for the present time.

**Wednesday Noon Service** – Every Wednesday in the sanctuary with the Bible Study starting at 12:15 p.m. (on-site and live-stream). Mr. Shaw will be preaching. Meals will be halted for the present time.

**College Bible Study** – Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

**Wednesday Evening – No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal.**

**Youth Choir Rehearsals** – We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. (No meal provided.)

**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.)

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

### SANCTITY OF LIFE PAMPHLETS

Previous Sanctity of Life messages are available on the book rack at the front of the church and at the IPC bookshop such as, "Abortion and the Christian Church" and "Abortion, Human Nature and Law."

### NO MEALS

Due to the spike in coronavirus infections in our area, we are eliminating meal service at church until further notice. This impacts Sunday evening, Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Wednesday Noon Service, youth group, and youth choir rehearsal.

### BIRTH

The red rose in the silver trumpet vase today is given in honor of the birth of **Sarah Emily Sharpless** on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Sharpless (Elissa)**.

The silver trumpet vase that holds the rose was given by the Ernest E. Mitchell family to the glory of God and in memory of Glenn E. "Pop" Mitchell, to be used on the Sunday following the birth of a child of IPC members.