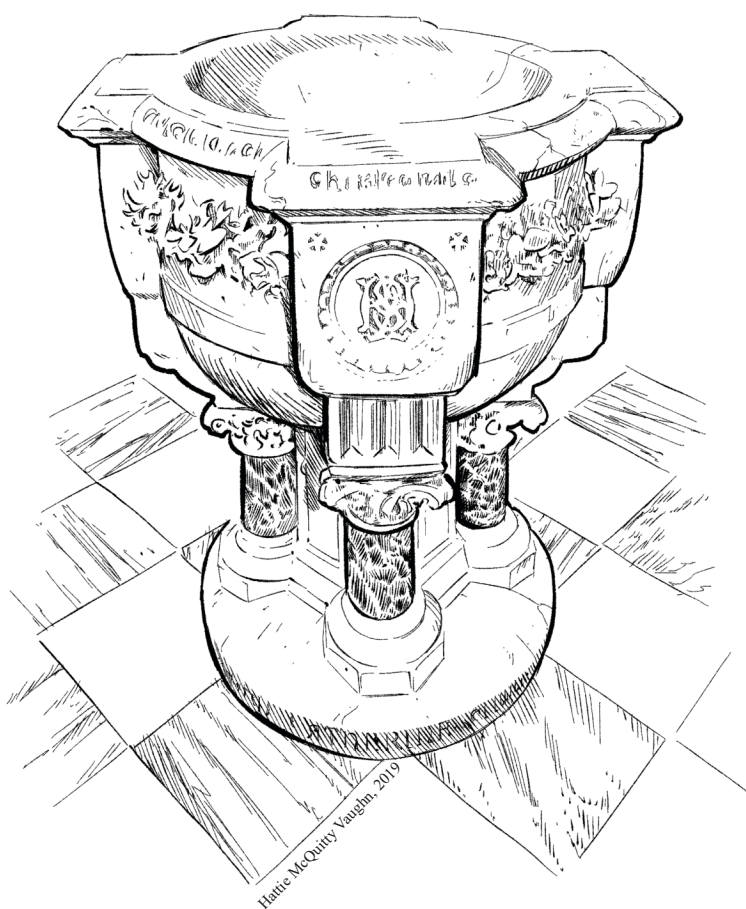


Historic
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of Savannah



September 14, AD 2025

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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 - Prelude on Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text:

see *Trinity Hymnal*, #442

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and merciful God, of whose gift alone it comes that Your faithful people do unto You true and laudable service; grant, we beseech You, that we may so faithfully serve You in this life, that we do not fail finally to attain Your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship - A Psalm of Praise to our Redeemer, v. 1

Wellington Square

Text:

Bless thou the living Lord, my soul; His glorious praise proclaim:
Let all my inward powers extol and bless His holy name.
Forget not all His benefits; but bless the Lord, my soul,
Who all thy trespasses remits, and makes thee sound and whole.
— Richard Baxter, after Psalm 103

+* The Hymnal - #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Ein' Feste Burg

*** 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*, #34)

Leoni

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!"
They ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine!
I join the heavenly lays;
All might and majesty are Thine,
And endless praise. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Isaiah 26 (29th reading—pew Bible pp. 586–587)

Psalm 113 (pew Bible, p. 510)

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

The Psalter - Psalm 67 (*Psalter*, page 54)

Missionary Hymn

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - Magnificat in C minor

George Dyson

Text:

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior. For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath magnified me, and holy is His name, and His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations. He hath shewed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away. He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel, as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, forever.

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.

— Luke 1:46–55

* **The Doxology and Dismissal**

St. Michael

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

To Thee be glory, Lord,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.
Amen.

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

“THE PRAISES OF GOD”

VII. Psalms for All of Life

* **The Hymnal** - #390 “Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray”

Germany

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all)

Slane

High King of glory, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.
— *Trinity Hymnal*, #642 (last stanza)

The Postlude - Vater unser im Himmelreich (The Lord's Prayer) BWV 636

J. S. Bach

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children's Church: Kathryn Brodmann and Erin Essenburg
Assisting: Tim Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR	Elder & Mrs. D. Gross
NORTH SIDE	A. Brodmann, Sr.
SOUTH SIDE	T. Barrett

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

Elder:	C. Martin
GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:	
FRONT DOOR:	A. Parrish
BAPTISMAL FONT:	J. Biemiller

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

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 - Psalm 78:1-8 (*Psalm of the Month*)

Ellacombe

* *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* *Hymnal* - #172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

All Saints Old

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 - Revelation 2:18-27 (4th reading—pew Bible p. 1029)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Psalter* - Psalm 117 (*Psalter*, page 100, First Version)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Sermon - Philippians 3:1-3 (pew Bible p. 981)

Mr. Shaw

"IS DOCTRINE REALLY SO IMPORTANT?"

XIV. Philippians

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #461 "Not What My Hands Have Done"

Leominster

* *Benediction*

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.	Berean Sunday School Class luncheon, Fellowship Hall
11:30 a.m.	RUF International Student luncheon, Telfair Hall
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Andrew Becham
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (6 th -12 th Grade)
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Care Group #5 (R. Thompson) (Deacons: J. Tomlinson and T. Rodenberg) Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall \$6.00 Adult, \$4.00 Children (Middle School and younger), \$20.00 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
7:30 p.m.	Children's Choir Parents meeting, Telfair Hall

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. 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 10:00 a.m. and ends sometime after eleven o'clock.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

"Suffer the little children come to me and do not hinder them for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Nursery Coordinator, *Jane Boatright* and *all the volunteers*.

BAPTISM

The sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered during this morning's worship service by Mr. Johnson to *Plenty Groover VI* and *Miles David Groover III*, the twin sons of *Mr. and Mrs. Plenty Groover V (Emily)*.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mr. and Mrs. Patrick C. Kenard (Lauren)* and family on the death of Patrick's father, *Steven M. Kenard (1956-2025)*, who passed away on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 in Savannah, GA.

BABY SHOWER

Join us Monday, September 29, at 7:00 a.m. for a baby shower in honor of Grace Tucker at the home of Pam Wiggins. Please R.S.V.P. to Dede Roberts if you plan to come. (Call the church office if you need address or phone number.) Grace is registered at babylist.com.

A SEASON OF COMMUNION

September 19-21 we are observing our annual "Communion Season." This season of intense emphasis consists of five services which will lead up to and include the observance of the Lord's Supper on Sunday morning, September 21. Rev. Bart Lester will bring a series of messages that will be Christ-centered and cross-centered, with considerable emphasis on self-examination in preparation for the Lord's Supper. We will begin with a meal on Friday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m. and service from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, September 20, we will serve breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by a service at 10:00 a.m. The three Sunday services will conclude this year's Communion Season. Pray this will be a time of spiritual renewal for our congregation.

COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL

Next Sunday morning the high school, college, and adult Sunday School classes will meet together in the Telfair Hall to hear Rev. Bart Lester, Senior Minister of Eastwood Presbyterian Church, Montgomery, AL.

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.
- 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

Tues, Sept. 16	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.	Women Gather to Pray at Three Tree Coffee, 215 W. Collins Street, Pooler
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	No iPRIMES Bible Study tonight
	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, Sept. 17	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Officer Training, Admin. Building, 2 nd Fl., Assembly Room
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study, The Parlor, 18 W. Hull Street
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull St. Building, 2 nd Floor
Thur, Sept. 18	7:00 p.m.	No Careers tonight
Fri, Sept. 19	5:30 p.m.	Supper in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Communion Season—Session 1, with Rev. Bart Lester
Sat, Sept. 20	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Communion Season—Session 2 with Rev. Bart Lester

Coming Events

Sept. 7-Nov. 16	Fall Inquirers' Class, Telfair Hall, 9:00 a.m.
Sept. 21	Joint Sunday School; The Lord's Supper, AM service
Sept. 22	Session/Diaconate Meetings
Sept. 25	Dead Theologians' Society

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