

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School classes for all age groups
10:10 a.m.	Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2)
11:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Ron Berry
4:00 p.m.	No Youth Choir (6 th -12 th Grades) rehearsal today
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:45 p.m.	No Evening Meal served tonight
7:00 p.m.	No Chapel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	No Middle School Emmaus Road
7:00 p.m.	No High School Small Groups

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON OR BIBLE STUDY

ON JANUARY 1, 2020

~ IT WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 8.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET

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 11:00 a.m. and ends sometime after noon.

SUNDAY EVENING MEAL

The Sunday evening meal will not be served tonight. Meals will resume on Sunday, January 5, 2020.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Tuesday, December 31. All men are invited to join us for our weekly Prayer Breakfast. A hot breakfast will be served. Make a new commitment in 2020 to be here each Tuesday.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Wednesday, January 1, in observance of New Year's Day. It will reopen on Thursday, January 2, at 8:30 a.m.

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Please pick up your 2020 offering envelopes from the table set up in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not find offering envelopes with your name on them and would like envelopes, please contact Maria Martinez at 421-8104 or email her at mariam@ipcsav.org.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated during the morning worship service next Sunday. Because of the exceptional blessing we have in this sacrament and the danger to eating and drinking unworthily, it is necessary that we come to it with knowledge, faith, repentance, love and the hungering and thirsting souls after Christ and His benefits. The congregation is encouraged to use all appointed means, public and private, to come to the Lord's Table, depending upon God for the gracious preparation of the heart, according to His promise (Psalm 10:17).

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2019 need to be in the office or postmarked by Tuesday, December 31.

MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP

The March for Life trip to Washington, DC, will take place January 23-25, 2020. While in our nation's capital, we will address our congressional representatives, as well as, take part in the march. Please prayerfully consider joining with us by going, praying, and/or giving. The cost is \$60/person. You must be 18 years old or be accompanied by your parent. All questions should be addressed to Cindy Sutlive at sutlivefour@comcast.net. A sign-up sheet for the trip is available in the Fellowship Hall. Payments should be mailed to: 127 Oakwood Court, Springfield, GA 31329.

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Worship at IPC

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- 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 now available as a Live Webcast for those who are unable to join their local congregation. You can join the service at ipcsav.org/webcast.
- The Audio Ministry provides CDs of previous sermons by calling the church office. All sermons preached by our ministers can be accessed from the church website at www.ipcsav.org, or at www.SermonAudio.com/ipcsav
- 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 the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*.
- Nurseries for children to the age of three are provided on the second floor of the Axson Memorial Building. Children ages 4 through Kindergarten are dismissed for a separate service following the collection.

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Mon, Dec. 30	1:00 p.m.	Sewing Class, Fellowship Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Smocking Class, Fellowship Hall
Tues, Dec. 31	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:30 a.m.	Church staff meeting
	10:00 a.m.	No Women's Bible Study today
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
	7:30 p.m.	No Garmer Bible Study (resumes in January)
Wed, Jan. 1		Church Office closed in observance of New Year's Day; reopens at 8:30 a.m. on January 2
Thurs, Jan. 2	7:00 p.m.	Careers, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4 th Floor

Coming Events

Jan. 5	The Lord's Supper, AM service; Youth Choir resumes at 4:00 p.m. Youth Parents' meeting, 3 rd Fl. Whitaker Bldg.
Jan. 7	Tuesday Morning Bible study in the Telfair Hall resumes, 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Evening Bible study at the home of Ann Portell, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 8	Wednesday Luncheon and Bible study resumes, 11:45 a.m.
Jan. 9	Thursday Morning Circle at the home of Mrs. Pam Dykema, 10:30 a.m. Thursday Evening Circle at the home of Mrs. Barbara Rustine, 7:00 p.m.
Jan. 10	Youth Choir Party
Jan. 11	College Coffee at the home of the Gears resumes, 9:30 a.m.

The Record of Our Faithfulness

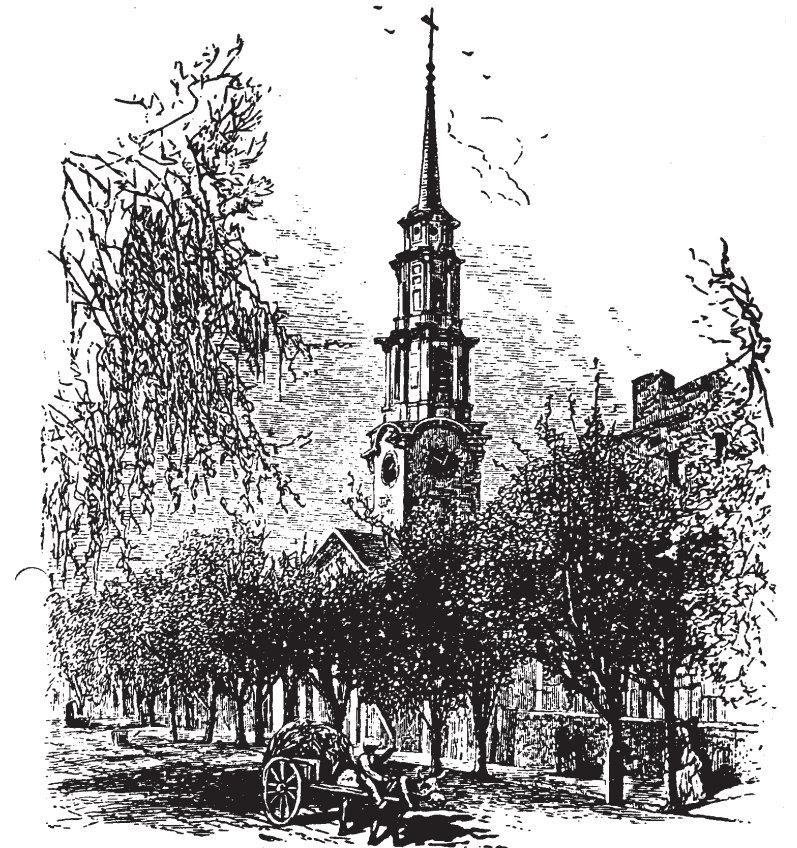
Wednesday Noon Service 12/18/19 – 37

December 22, 2019

SS – 322 AM – 542 PM – 272

Christmas Eve Service – 721

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THE LORD’S DAY MORNING WORSHIP ELEVEN O’CLOCK

“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 given us Your only-begotten Son, the brightness of Your glory, and the express image of Your person, to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; till Christ is perfectly formed in us, and we are made partakers of a Divine nature, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude - “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Held/Burkhardt

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship - “Song of Simeon” *Nunc Dimittis* (Luke 2:29–32)
Gretchaninof
Arr. O. C. Christiansen

The Sanctuary Choir

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,
According to Thy word; for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people
A light to be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory,
Glory of Thy people Israel,
The glory of Thy people Israel.

+* **The Hymnal** - “Great God, We Sing that Mighty Hand” Wareham
(*see insert*)

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

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Galatians 2 (2nd reading—pew Bible pp. 972–973)
2 Corinthians 6:14–18 (pew Bible p. 967)

* **The Psalter** - Psalm 90:1–9 (*Psalter*, p. 78) St. Catherine

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - “See Amid the Winter’s Snow” Arr. Dan Forrest
Tune: Humility

The Sanctuary and Youth Choirs

Accompanist: Miss Grace Garnett

Alleluia. Alleluia.

See, amid the winter’s snow, born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears, promised from eternal years.
Hail, thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime, sits amid the cherubim.
Hail thou ever-blessed morn, hail, redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing throughout Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sacred infant, all divine, what a tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss, down to such a world as this.
Hail thou ever-blessed morn, hail redemption’s happy dawn,
Sing throughout Jerusalem: “Christ is born in Bethlehem.”
Alleluia.

* **The Doxology & Dismissal** (*Hymnal*, #731) Old 100th
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; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost. Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson
“SPIRITUAL SURVIVAL IN THE NEW YEAR”

* **The Hymnal** - #540 “A Few More Years Shall Roll” Leominster

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Puer Nobis
He’ll judge the poor, the wronged set free, and crush the men who them
oppress. All kings shall down before Him fall, all nations His commands
obey. (*Trinity Psalter*, Psalm 72:4, 11)

The Postlude - “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” Burkhardt

* Congregation Standing

** Children’s Church: Andy and Kathryn Brodmann

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS–ELDERS:		SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:	
FRONT DOOR	Elder & Mrs. M. Hazeltine	ELDER:	D. Gobel
NORTH SIDE	W. Brodmann, Jr.	GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:	
SOUTH SIDE	S. Jackson	FRONT DOOR	B. Stevens
		BAPTISMAL FONT	W.VanPuffelen

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 98 Desert

(*Psalms of the Month*)

+ **Announcements**

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* **Hymnal** - #30 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” St. Anne

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 Heidelberg Catechism* (1563) – Lord’s Day 7

Q. 21 What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ’s merit. (*Psalter Hymnal*, p. 875).

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Genesis 17 (15th reading—pew Bible pp. 11–12)

Prayer of Intercession

* **Psalter** - Psalm 90:10–17 (*Psalter*, p. 78) St. Catherine

* **Prayer of Illumination**

Scripture & Sermon - Matthew 5:1–6 (pew Bible p. 809) Mr. Shaw

“BLESSED HUNGER AND THIRST”

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* **Hymnal** - #230 “Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor”

Quelle Est Cette Odeur

* **Benediction**

* Congregation Standing