THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK MARCH 07, 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

We beseech You, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Your humble servants, and as You have enlightened us with the knowledge of Your truth, so enable us to walk as children of the light, and to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; that bringing forth the fruits of the Spirit, in all goodness, righteousness, and truth, we may be ever under Your Divine protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prelude - variations on "Christe, der du bist Tag und Licht/O Christ, thou art the light and day" Georg Böhm

Text (trans. Myles Coverdale):
O Christ, thou art the light and day;
Thou discoverest the darkness of night.
The light of lights thou art alway,
Preaching ever the blessed light.

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

+* The Hymnal - #115 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* 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.

* The Gloria Patri

Martyrdom

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the God whom we adore, be glory, as it was, and is, and shall be evermore. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

^{** &}quot;catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

The Scripture Reading - Matthew 24:1–35 (30th reading) Psalm 39

¹ I said, "I will guard my ways, that I may not sin with my tongue; I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, so long as the wicked are in my presence." ² I was mute and silent; I held my peace to no avail, and my distress grew worse. ³ My heart became hot within me. As I mused, the fire burned; then I spoke with my tongue: ⁴ "O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! ⁵ Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! ⁶ Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!

⁷ "And now, O Lord, for what do I wait? My hope is in you. ⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions. Do not make me the scorn of the fool! ⁹ I am mute; I do not open my mouth, for it is you who have done it. ¹⁰ Remove your stroke from me; I am spent by the hostility of your hand. ¹¹ When you discipline a man with rebukes for sin, you consume like a moth what is dear to him; surely all mankind is a mere breath!

"Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry; hold not your peace at my tears! For I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers. ¹³ Look away from me, that I may smile again, before I depart and am no more!"

The Reception of New Members (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services)

- * The Hymnal/Psalter #40 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"
 (Psalm 46)

 Bethlehem
- * The Prayer of Thanksgiving
- * The Doxology (Hymnal, #732) Tallis' Canon 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. Foster

"THE RISK OF HOPE"

* The Hymnal - #499 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

Toplady

* The Benediction and Response (sung by all) Amazing Grace When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun. (Trinity Hymnal, #460 last stanza)

The Postlude - "Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux and Plein Jeu"

Francois Couperin

* Congregation Standing

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you. Ps. 145:10



Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
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COLLECTION PLATES

Collection plates are located in the front and rear of the church near the entrance doors.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, **March 14**, at 2:00 a.m. Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening, March 13, before going to bed.

Psalm 46



Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

That rock was Christ. 1 Cor. 10:4



Augustus M. Toplady, 1776 Alt. by Thomas Cotterill, 1815

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IPC DAY CAMP EMPLOYMENT

Applications for employment at IPC Day Camp are available in the church office. Deadline for applying is March 26.

COMING EVENTS

March 14	Daylight Savings Time begins at 2:00 a.m.
March 22	Session/Diaconate Meeting
March 28	Service of Lessons and Psalms
April 1	Maundy Thursday/Lord's Supper Service
April 3	Breakfast and Egg Hunt at Point Pleasant, 9:00 a.m.
April 4	Easter Sunday

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 "Whose Son Is Jesus?" (Mark 12:35–40).

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).

6:30 P.M. - Care Group #1 (A. Brodmann) (Deacons: W. Black/W. Van Puffelen) and Care Group #2 (W. Milling) (Deacons: W. Hill/P. McLean) Set up/Clean up for supper

6:45 P.M. - Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS & WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of *Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Heritage*, *Jr.* who were united in marriage by Rev. Evan Gear on Saturday, March 6, 2021, in the sanctuary of Independent Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Heritage is the former Miss Paula Reyna Pelaez Small.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

We are receiving into membership this morning at the 9:00 a.m. service *Joshua Matthew Espinosa*, *Jr.* and *Caleb James Espinosa*, and at the 11:00 a.m. service *Roy Connell Thompson IV* and *Kari Michele Thompson*. We are delighted to have them become communing members of our congregation. Please extend to them your hand of greeting and fellowship.

ON-LINE THIS WEEK

Adult Meetings: This week the following meetings are planned to take place on-line:

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, 12:20 p.m. Men's Prayer Group (both on-site and ZOOM)
Women's Bible Study (both on-site and ZOOM)
iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)
Wednesday Noon Bible Study (both on-site and
ZOOM)

ON-SITE THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study – Meets at 10:00 a.m. in the Telfair Hall. *1 Peter: A Living Hope In Christ.* Via ZOOM if not able to join in person.

Wednesday Noon Luncheon/Bible study – Every Wednesday starting at 11:45 a.m. in the Telfair Hall with Bible study starting at 12:20 p.m (both on-site and live-stream). Mr. Jake Busch will be preaching.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study - 6:40 to 8:00 p.m. 1 Peter: A Living Hope in Christ in the Telfair Hall.

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

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

Youth Choir Rehearsals – We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. (Meals will be provided).

Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings - Wednesdays from 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday Morning Circle – The combined Tuesday and Thursday Morning circles will meet at Point Pleasant at 10:30 a.m. on March 11. If you wish to participate in the luncheon, please bring your own sack lunch and drink.

Thursday Evening Circle -We will meet at Your Pie Pizza, 960 Morgan's Corner Road, Suite A, in Pooler at 6:30 p.m.

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

LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

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