

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP
NINE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK
FEBRUARY 21, 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

O Lord, who for our sake fasted forty days and forty nights, and vanquished all the temptations of the devil by which our first parents were overcome: Grant that we may not receive the grace of God in vain, but use such abstinence, that our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, no desire of pleasure, glory, or worldly advantage may tempt us from our duty; but that we may ever obey Your godly motions, in righteousness and true happiness, to Your honor and glory, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

The Prelude - Variations on “Straf mich nicht in deinem Zorn/Not in anger, mighty God” J. C. Kittel

+ **The Welcome and Announcements**

The Mission Minute

Dr. David Gobel

The Call to Worship

+* **The Hymnal** - #347 “The Church’s One Foundation” Aurelia

* **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, #283) Ebenezer
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity. Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Matthew 22:15–46 (28th reading)
John 21:24, 25

²⁴ This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

* **The Psalter - Psalm 42:1–5** St. Agnes

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

* **The Doxology** (*Hymnal*, #731) Old 100th
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

“THE GREATNESS OF CHRIST”
CXXXIII. Expositions of the Gospel of John

* **The Hymnal - #170 “Fairest Lord Jesus”** Crusader’s Hymn

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) St. Columba
We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #469, last stanza)

The Postlude - “Praeludium a 5 Vocum” Matthias Weckmann

Text: (J. G. Albinus, 1694, after Psalm 6; trans. Catherine Winworth)
Not in anger, mighty God,
Not in anger smite us.
We must perish if Thy rod
Justly should requite us.
We are naught;
Sin hath brought,
Lord, Thy wrath upon us.
Yet have mercy on us!

The Church's One Foundation

Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. Eph. 2:20

1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3. Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,
 4. The church shall nev - er per - ish! Her dear Lord to de - fend,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word:
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end;

from heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"
 though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 a - gainst or foe or trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

5. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
 and tumult of her war,
 she waits the consummation
 of peace forevermore;
 till with the vision glorious
 her longing eyes are blest,
 and the great church victorious
 shall be the church at rest.

6. Yet she on earth hath union
 with God the Three in One,
 and mystic sweet communion
 with those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy!
 Lord, give us grace that we,
 like them, the meek and lowly,
 on high may dwell with thee.

LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio ipcs.ga/sawebcast
 YouTube ipcs.ga/YouTube

Facebook ipcs.ga/facebooklive
 Periscope ipcs.ga/periscope

Psalm 42:1-5

1. ¹As in its thirst a fainting hart To wa - ter
 2. ²My soul for God, the liv - ing God, Is thirst-ing;
 3. ³My tears have un - to me been food Both in the
 4. ⁴Poured out with - in me is my soul When this I
 5. How to the house of God I went With voice of
 6. ⁵O why, my soul, art thou bowed down? Why so dis -

brooks doth flee, So pants my long - ing
 shall I near Be - fore the face of
 — night and day, While un - to me con -
 think up - on: How of - ten with the
 joy and praise, Yea, with the mul - ti -
 cour - aged be? Hope now in God! I'll

soul, O God, That I may come to Thee.
 God ap - proach And in His sight ap - pear?
 — tin - ual - ly, "Where is your God?" they say.
 ea - ger throug I rev'-rent - ly had gone,
 tude that kept The sol - emn ho - ly days.
 praise Him still! My help, my God is He!

Fairest Lord Jesus

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You are the most excellent of men and your lips have been anointed with grace, since God has blessed you forever. Ps. 45:2

Capo 1: ♮ (D)

(Em) (A) (D) ♮ (Bm) (B⁷) (Em) (A) (D)

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of the na - tions!

(G) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A⁷) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (B⁷) (Em)

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,
 robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

(B⁷) (Em) (A⁷) (D) ♮ (Bm) (D⁷) (G) (D) (A⁷) (D) ♮

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677
Tr. 1850, 1873

CRUSADER'S HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8.
Silesian folk song
Schlesische Volkslieder, Leipzig, 1842

MISSIONS CONFERENCE MEALS

Our annual Missions Conference will be held on February 25–28, 2021. Please use the QR code below to register, to the best of your knowledge, your attendance for the Missions Conference meals. Note the options for Thursday and Friday meals. The option to eat supper prior to or to secure a meal to go after the service is being made available for Thursday and Friday. For Sunday, an option to take a meal rather than eat-in is made available. If you are not attending all the meals, register accordingly.



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 "The God of the Living" (Mark 12:18-27).

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. - No Handbell Choir rehearsal.

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

6:30 P.M. - Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2nd-5th 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.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held today at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. There will not be childcare for the Annual meeting and the nursery doors will open at their usual time on Sunday evening. Telfair Hall will be available if any families need to utilize it during the Annual meeting

GOSPEL OF JOHN

This morning we draw to a close our study of John's Gospel. We began this series of sermons on February 12, 2017. Four years and 133 sermons later, we bring it to completion today. This translates roughly to 33 sermons per year out of 104 sermons preached Sunday morning and Sunday evening annually.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to **Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Brewer (Laurel)** and family on the death of Laurel's brother, **James William "Bill" Blackwell**, who passed away on Monday, February 15, 2021, in Greenville, SC.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving Austin G. Webb as a new member. We are delighted to have him become a member of our congregation.

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)

Wednesday, 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study (both on-site and ZOOM)

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. Gear will be preaching. Meals will be resuming on March 3.

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 resume on March 3.)

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

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>.

