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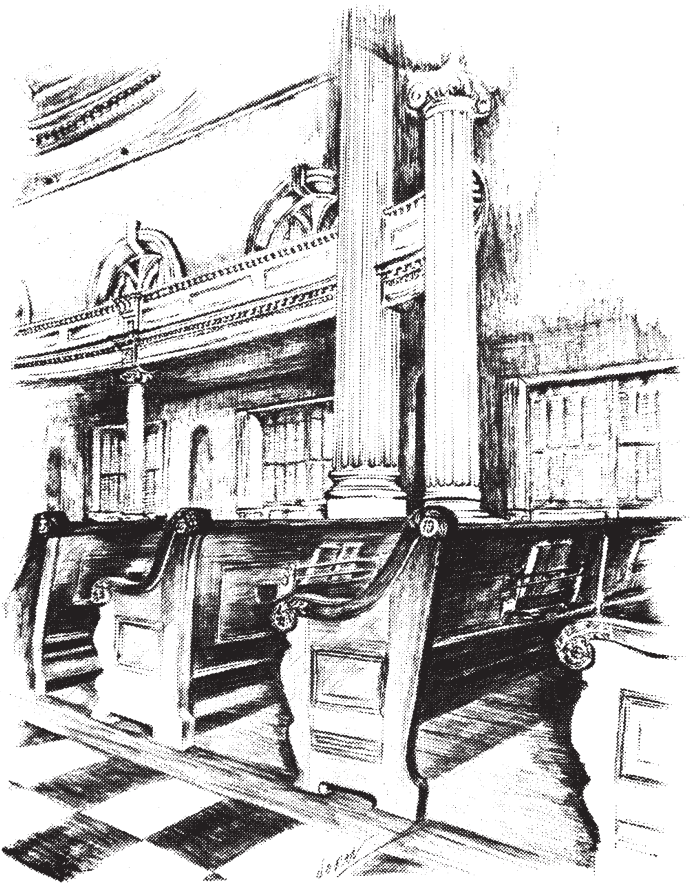

Trinity Sunday

May 31, AD 2026

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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 - *from* L'Orgue Mystique no. 26: La Sainte Trinité
Charles Tournemire

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! You are worthy to receive glory, and honor, and power: for You have created all things, and for Your pleasure they are and were created. Blessed be Your Divine Majesty, who has given us Your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and to worship one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We beseech You that You would keep us steadfast in this faith, and in holiness of life; and give us grace to walk worthy of You; who lives and reigns ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Call to Worship - Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs
(vv. 4–5) Nun Danket All

Text:
Let all that dwell above the sky,
And air, and earth, and seas,
Conspire to lift thy glories high,
And speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one
To bless that sacred Name
Of Him that sits upon the throne,
And to adore the Lamb.
— Isaac Watts (1707)

+* Hymnal - #100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" Nicaea

*** 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 - Isaiah 49:8–26 (59th reading–pew Bible pp. 610–611)
Colossians 1:15–20 (pew Bible p. 983)

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

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - Laudate Pueri (Psalm 113) W. A. Mozart
Text:
See insert

* **The Doxology and Dismissal** (*Hymnal,* #733) Lasst Uns Erfreuen
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: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Shaw
PART 3
"THE HEAD, THE BEGINNING, THE PREEMINENT ONE"
VII. Colossians

* **The Hymnal -** #103 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"
Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Near The Cross
Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.
— *Trinity Hymnal* #264

The Postlude - *from* O Lux Beata Trinitas / O Trinity, most blessed Light, SSWV 154 Samuel Scheidt
Text:
O Trinity, most blessed Light,
O Unity of sovereign might,
As now the fiery sun departs,
Shed thou thy beams within our hearts.
— attr. Ambrose of Milan (390–397), tr. John Mason Neale (1852), alt.

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* Congregation Standing
\+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children's Church: Tricia Barrett and Natalie Brown
Assisting: Mr. Sutherland
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS–ELDERS:
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. W. Milling
NORTH SIDE W. Brodmann
SOUTH SIDE R. Mullininx

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:
Elder: R. Thompson

GREETERS–USHERS/ DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: B. Tucker
BAPTISMAL FONT: D. Brown

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP
POINT PLEASANT ~ 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
* ***Announcements***

Praise
Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise
+* ***Psalter Hymnal*** - #379 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" Madrid

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 I
(based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever;

I believe that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us, how to glorify and enjoy God.

I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;

I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory;

I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Collection

Provision for Life and Growth
Scripture Reading - Ruth 3 (3rd reading–pew Bible pp. 223–224)
Prayer of Intercession
* ***Psalter Hymnal*** - #5 "Hear My Words, O Lord"(Psalm 5) Aberystwyth
* ***Prayer of Illumination***
Scripture and Sermon - Colossians 1:15–20 (pew Bible p. 983) Mr. Shaw

PART 4
"THE FULLNESS OF GOD, RECONCILING BY THE BLOOD"
VIII. Colossians

Thanksgiving and Blessing
* ***Psalter Hymnal*** - #277 "Before the Throne of God Above"
Before The Throne
* ***Benediction***

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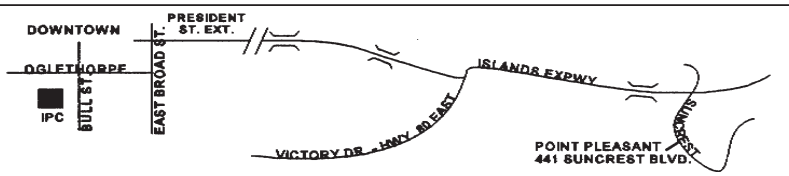
Assisting: Mr. Sutherland

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Tucker Alexander
4:00 p.m.	Point Pleasant open for appropriate Lord's Day leisure activities
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service at Point Pleasant
6:30 p.m.	**Care Group #12 (G. Brunson) (Deacons: B. Field** and **A. Soutar)** Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Supper tonight, Point Pleasant $8.00 Adult, $5.00 Children (Middle School and younger), $30.00 maximum per family
8:30 p.m.	Point Pleasant facilities will close



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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in honor of ***Mrs. Lisa Perry***. Her servant's heart continues to bless our congregation by providing us with wonderful meals.

TRINITY SUNDAY

From its earliest days the church understood that God had revealed Himself as both unity and diversity. God is one. Nothing could be clearer from Scripture. Yet God is also three—the names, works, attributes, and honors of God are shared by Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Thus in the one God there is a trinity of persons. The three persons of the Godhead are "the same in substance, equal in power and glory" (the *Westminster Shorter Catechism,* Q. 6). The doctrine of the Trinity is the centerpiece of Christian theology, and a defining doctrine of orthodoxy. "It is only when we contemplate this Trinity that we know who and what God is," said the Dutch theologian Herman Bavinck. Trinity Sunday has been celebrated in the Christian church since the tenth century. We honor today the accomplishment of the early church in formulating this doctrine in its major councils at Nicea (A.D. 325), Constantinople (381), Ephesus (431), and Chalcedon (451). "The verbal expression of the Trinity is the most difficult job man has had to do." said J. I. Packer.

Our closing hymn expresses these triune realities with high praise:

> Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit, Three we name Thee;
> While in essence only One, undivided God we claim Thee,
> And adoring bend the knee, while we sing this mystery.

SUMMER CHOIR

Are you interested in music but not able to attend to weekly rehearsals? Have you been wondering about joining choir but hesitant to make a long-term commitment? You are warmly invited to join our summer choir (grade 6 through adult, with whole families certainly welcome). For the four Sundays of June (7, 14, 21, and 28), we meet in the choir room at 8:30am and sing a relatively simple anthem for the AM service. There are no mid-week rehearsals and no further commitment required (though of course we hope that some will decide to continue into the fall!). Please write or call Jacob Fuhrman with any questions.

PASTOR AWAY

Mr. Gear is away this morning serving on the commission of the Savannah River Presbytery to install Mr. Travis Peacock as the senior pastor of New Covenant Presbyterian Church, Richmond Hill, GA.

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

Church Office

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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.
- Experience sermons in your native language with our real-time translation feature! Powered by Microsoft Translator, it brings worship services to life in any language. Simply scan the QR code in the pew rack, grab the app from your app store, launch it, and choose your language. A deacon or usher can assist.
- 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 & 5 may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Mon, Jun 1		Day Camp, Week #1 (June 1–5)
Tues, Jun 2	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.	Women Gather to Pray at Miss Sophie's Marketplace, 175 Bourne Ave., (inside Mighty 8th Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer time, Axson Building, Wilson-Axson Room
	11:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information (mburt@ipcsav.org)
	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study, the Parlor at 18 W. Hull Street
Wed, Jun 3	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Youth Dessert Fellowship at the home of the Jacksons
Thurs, Jun 4	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

June 7	Sunday School promotions; New Sunday School quarter begins; The Lord's Supper, PM service
June 8	Baby Shower for Emily Brodmann at the home of Caroline Brodmann, 7:00 p.m.
June 22-26	PCA General Assembly, Louisville, KY
July 4	Fun in the Sun Family Day at Point Pleasant, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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