

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 13, 2020

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must
worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

Preparation (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

+ *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* *Hymnal* - #515 "How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!" Wie Schön

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

* *Reading of the Law of God*

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- I. **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**
- II. **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,**
or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III. **Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;**
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V. **Honor thy father and thy mother:**
that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- VI. **Thou shalt not kill.***
- VII. **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**
- VIII. **Thou shalt not steal.**
- IX. **Thou shalt not bear false witness**
against thy neighbor.
- X. **Thou shalt not covet**
thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy *neighbor's*. (Exodus 20:1-17)

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets. (Matthew 22:37-40)

* The 6th Commandment forbids not all forms of killing, but specifically unjust killing, that is, *murder*.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith - The Westminster Creed, Part IV (based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe we are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit;

I believe God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, and repentance unto life to escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin;

I believe we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified by His free grace, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Exodus 3 (3rd reading)

Prayer of Intercession

* ***Psalter*** - Psalm 123

Christmas

* ***Prayer of Illumination***

Scripture & Sermon - Matthew 5:48

Mr. Shaw

"BE YE PERFECT"

⁴⁸ You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* ***Hymnal*** - #229 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

Tempus Adest Floridum

* ***Benediction***

How Lovely Shines the Morning Star!

I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star. Rev. 22:16

1. How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see and
 2. Now rich - ly to my wait - ing heart, O thou, my God, deign
 3. Thou, might - y Fa - ther, in thy Son, didst love me ere thou

hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing. Thou Da - vid's son of
 to im - part the grace of love un - dy - ing. In thy blest bod - y
 hadst be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion. Thy Son hath made a

Ja - cob's race, my bride-groom and my King of grace, for thee my heart is
 let me be, e'en as the branch is in the tree, thy life my life sup -
 friend of me, and when in spir - it him I see, I joy in trib - u -

pin - ing. Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, thou vic - to - rious
 ply - ing. Sigh - ing, cry - ing, for the sa - vor of thy fa - vor;
 la - tion. What bliss is this! He that liv - eth to me giv - eth

Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
 rest - ing nev - er till I rest in thee for - ev - er.
 life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.

Psalm 123

1. ¹To Thee I lift my eyes, O Thou Who art in
2. So our eyes, wait - ing, now at - tend Up - on the
3. For we are sa - ted with con - tempt; Our soul is

heav'n en - throned. ²As ser - vants watch their mas - ter's hand,
LORD our God, Un - til He gra - cious be to us.
sur - feit - ed ⁴With all the scof - fing in - so - lence

Or as a maid's eyes wait Her mis - tress' hand to see,
³Be gra - cious to us, LORD. Be gra - cious un - to us.
Of those who live at ease, And with the proud's con - tempt.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

She gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger. Luke 2:7

1. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;
 2. An - gels sang a - bout his birth, wise men sought and found him;
 3. Gen - tle Mar - y laid her child low - ly in a man - ger;

there he lay, the Un - de - filed, to the world a strang - er.
 heav - en's star shone bright - ly forth, glo - ry all a - round him.
 he is still the Un - de - filed, but no more a strang - er.

Such a babe in such a place, can he be the Sav - ior?
 Shep - herds saw the won - drous sight, heard the an - gels sing - ing;
 Son of God of hum - ble birth, beau - ti - ful the sto - ry;

Ask the saved of all the race who have found his fa - vor.
 all the plains were lit that night, all the hills were ring - ing.
 praise his name in all the earth, hail the King of glo - ry!

Joseph Simpson Cook, 1919

TEMPUS ADEST FLORIDUM 7.6.7.6.D.
Piae Cantiones, 1582
 Arr. by Ernest MacMillan, 1930

LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio ipcs.ga/sawebcast

Facebook ipcs.ga/facebooklive

YouTube ipcs.ga/YouTube

Periscope ipcs.ga/periscope

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 "All For Jesus" (Mark 10:17-22).

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). A fellowship meal will be served following the evening service for 250.

6:30 P.M. – Care Group #9 (M. Biemiller) (Deacons: R. Rambo/M. Dusek) and **Care Group #10 (R. Mullinix)** (Deacons: A. Gibson/P. Schenk/M. Mullinix) Set up/Clean up for supper.

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. Reserve nursery care when you register for services.

MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

During this morning's worship service we will recognize *William "Liam" Jerrold Black III* for reciting word perfect The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed—Level 1 of our memorization program. He will receive an award of achievement. Please take a moment to congratulate him.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving new members. We are delighted to have them become members 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 Breakfast (both on-site and ZOOM)
Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.	iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)

ON-SITE THIS WEEK

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

Wednesday Noon Service – Every Wednesday at 11:45 a.m. in the Telfair Hall with the Bible Study starting at 12:20 p.m. (on-site and live-stream). Mr. Timothy Foster will be preaching.

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

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

College Bible Study – Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House. We will study Hebrews 6:1-3, "The Basis For Maturity."

Youth Choir, December 16– extended time from 5:45 to 7:30 p.m.

No Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings this week.

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CHRISTMAS 2020

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas, our plans for this year include placing poinsettias and greenery in the sanctuary. If you would like to recognize a special person, you may do so by ordering a poinsettia, or you may make a donation toward the greenery. The cost is \$15.00. For those who choose to order poinsettias, please be good stewards and remove them after either service on Christmas Eve. **All orders for poinsettia/greenery need to be submitted by today.** You may place your order by scanning the QR code below.

I would like a poinsettia. I would like to donate toward greenery.
To the glory of God and in honor/memory (please circle one) of:

Honor/Memory of _____

Honor/Memory of _____

Honor/Memory of _____

Given by: _____

