

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

SUNDAY ~ OCTOBER 18, 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* - #64 "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth" (*music provided*)

Regent Square

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

* *Reading of the Law of God* (*see bulletin*)

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

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Genesis 48 (52nd reading)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Psalter* - Psalm 81 (*music provided*)

Brother James' Air

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture & Sermon - 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

Mr. Gear

"FINALLY, BROTHERS..."

¹ Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ² and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴ And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Psalter Hymnal* - #92 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Ein' Feste Burg
(*music provided*)

* *Benediction*

God, the Lord, a King Remaineth

The LORD reigns, He is robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. Ps. 93:1

Capo 1: ♮ (A)

(A) 7 (D) (A) (F#m) (E7) (A)

1. God, the Lord, a King re-main-eth, robed in his own glo-ri-ous light;
 2. In her ev-er-last-ing sta-tion earth is poised, to swerve no more:
 3. Lord, the wa-ter-floods have lift-ed, o-cean floods have lift their roar;
 4. With all tones of wa-ters blend-ing, glo-ri-ous is the break-ing deep;
 5. Lord, the words thy lips are tell-ing are the per-fect ver-i-ty:

(A) (F#m) (C#m) (F#m) (C#m) (F#m) (E) (B7) (E)

God hath robed him and he reign-eth; he hath gird-ed him with might.
 thou hast laid thy throne's foun-da-tion from all time where thought can soar.
 • now they pause where they have drift-ed, now they burst up-on the shore.
 glo-ri-ous, beau-teous with-out end-ing, God who reigns on heav'ns high steep.
 of thine high e-ter-nal dwell-ing ho-li-ness shall in-mate be.

(E) (A7) (D) ♮ (Bm) (C#m) (Bm) (F#m) (E) (A) 7

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! God is King in depth and height.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, thou art for - ev - er - more.
 • Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! For the o - cean's sound-ing store.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Songs of o - cean nev - er sleep.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Pure is all that lives with thee.

From Psalm 93
 John Keble, 1839

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Smart, 1867

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Laing, Jr.* and family on the death of Debbie's mother, *Wilma Ruth Wheat Thacker*, who passed away on Tuesday, October 13, 2020, in Savannah, GA.

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.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

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 anything 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 manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

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.

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

Psalm 81

1. ¹To God our Strength, to Ja - cob's God, A song and shout now raise!
 2. ⁴This is the law of Ja - cob's God, For Is - rael His com - mand.
 3. ⁶I from his shoul - der took the load, His hands from bur - dens freed.
 4. ⁸Hear, O my peo - ple! Is - ra - el: 'Gainst you I'll tes - ti - fy.
 5. I brought you up from E - gypt's land; Your op - ened mouth I'll fill.
 6. ¹³O that My peo - ple would Me hear And Is - rael choose My way!
 7. ¹⁵Then all who hate the LORD would cringe, In fear and dread a - bide,

²With Psalm and tim - brel, harp, and lute, A - wake to joy - ous praise!
⁵This wit - ness He for Jo - seph set When smit - ing E - gypt's land.
⁷You called Me when in trou - ble sore; I saved you in your need,
 If on - ly you would hear Me now! ⁹On no strange god re - ly;
¹¹My peo - ple would not hear My voice; My Is - rael spurned me still.
¹⁴How soon I would their foes sub - due! My out - stretched hand I'd lay
¹⁶But Is - rael with the fin - est wheat He'd al - ways keep sup - plied.

³At each new moon the trum - pets blow For sol - emn fes - tal days.
 When there I heard a for - eign tongue I could not un - der - stand.
 Tried you at streams of Me - ri - bah; In thun - der I gave heed.
 Have none near you; don't wor - ship them. ¹⁰The LORD your God am I.
¹²I left them to their stub - born heart To walk by their own will.
 Up - on their ad - ver - sa - ries all, To fill them with dis - may.
 And I with ho - ney from the rock Would keep you sa - tis - fied.

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing, For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

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 "Turning Point" (Mark 8:27-33).

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).

12:30 P.M. – A luncheon for college students will be served weekly in the Carriage House immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service, until Thanksgiving.

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.

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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving **Mr. and Mrs. John M. Holland (Terry)** as new members, along with their son, **Benjamin M. Holland**. We are delighted to have them become members of our congregation.

BIRTH

The red rose in the silver trumpet vase today is given in honor of the birth of **Edith Mary Barham** born Tuesday, October 13, 2020, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Joshua W. Barham (Mary)**.

LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio ipcs.ga/sawebcast

Facebook ipcs.ga/facebooklive

YouTube ipcs.ga/YouTube

Periscope ipcs.ga/periscope

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, 10:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (both on-site and ZOOM)

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

iPrimes Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)

ON-SITE THIS WEEK

Session/Diaconate Meeting – The Session will meet on Monday, October 19, in the Telfair Hall at 5:30 p.m.; The Diaconate will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The joint meeting will be held in Telfair Hall at 7:00 p.m.

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 – 10:00 a.m. in the Telfair Hall. *Let's Pray (Together)*, taught by Mrs. Barbara Rustine. Via ZOOM if not able to join in person.

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. Evan Gear will be preaching.

Wednesday Evening Women's Bible Study – 6:40 to 8:00 p.m. *Let's Pray (Together)* in the Telfair Hall.

New Covenant Meeting – Thursday nights at IPC in the Telfair Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

College Monday Night Bible Study – at 8:00 p.m. in the Carriage House. We will study Hebrews 6:1-3, "The Basis For Maturity."

Youth Choir Rehearsals – We will meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m.

Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings – Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Meals will not be served at the present time.)

FALL FAMILY NIGHT CANCELED FOR THIS YEAR

It was very hard to make plans for our Fall Family Night because of the current Covid restrictions. Therefore, the Session has decided to cancel the event for this year. We are disappointed we won't be able to come together as a church family this year. We look forward to 2021!

NOTE DATE CHANGE

Our Lessons and Carols Service will now be held on December 20.