

Historic
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of Savannah



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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 - Prelude in A major, BWV 536/i

J. S. Bach

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O Almighty and most merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech You, from all things that may hurt us; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that You would have done; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship - Praise the Lord, ye Heavens Adore Him, v. 3

Rustington

Text:

Worship, honor, glory, blessing,
Lord, we offer unto thee;
Young and old, thy praise expressing,
In glad homage bend the knee.
All the saints in heaven adore thee;
We would bow before thy throne:
As thine angels serve before thee,
So on earth thy will be done.
— Edward Osler (1836)

+* **The Hymnal** - #302 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

Madrid

* 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*, #34)

Leoni

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Galatians 2 (2nd reading-pew Bible pp. 972-973)
Colossians 4:7-18 (pew Bible p. 985)

- * **The Psalter** - Psalm 124 (*Psalter*, page 111) Old 124th
- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - "Cause Me to Hear Thy Lovingkindness"

Raymond Haan

Text:

Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning. For mine eyes are unto thee; in thee do I take refuge, and in thee I put my trust.

— Psalms 143:8 and 141:8 (paraphrase)

- * **The Doxology and Dismissal** (*Hymnal* #358) Sine Nomine
Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing
From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon

Mr. Shaw

"THE CURE FOR MALE LONELINESS"
XXIV. Colossians

- * **The Hymnal** - #359 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" Dennis
- * **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Dundee
The Lord shall keep thee from all ill;
He shall preserve thy soul.
The Lord as thou shalt go and come
Forever keeps thee whole.
— *Trinity Psalter*, Psalm 121:7-8

The Postlude - Offertoire sur les Grands Jeux in G major

J. F. Dandrieu

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children's Church: Jennifer Sutherland and Julie Catherine Whitten
Assisting: Mr. Gear
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS-ELDERS:
FRONT DOOR: Elder & Mrs. R. Mullinix
NORTH SIDE: D. Boatright
SOUTH SIDE: M. Hazeltine

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:
Elder: D. Gobel
GREETERS-USHERS/ DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: J. Sutton
BAPTISMAL FONT: J. Jefferson

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ 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* - Psalm 124 (*Psalm of the Month*)
- * *Announcements*

Old 124th

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

- +* *Hymnal* - #64 "God, the Lord, a King Remaineth"

Regent Square

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 - James 4 (pew Bible pp. 1012-1013)

Prayer of Intercession

- * *Psalter* - Psalm 47 (*Psalter*, page 39)

Petersham

- * *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture and Sermon - Acts 3:1-10; 4:1-22

Rev. Martin

"ASTONISHING COURAGE IN COMMON MEN"

Thanksgiving and Blessing

- * *Hymnal* - #400 "O Bless Our God with One Accord"

Old Hundredth

(Psalm 134)

- * *Benediction*

OUR CHURCH TODAY

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages (Nurseries available for children through the age of 3 on the 2nd Floor, Axson Bldg.)
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
11:30 a.m. College lunch provided at 18 W. Hull Street after the service
3:45 p.m. Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
4:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th grades), Choir room
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m. **Care Group #7 (C. Martin/S. Jackson) (Deacons: B. Johnson and B. Immel)** Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall
\$8.00 Adult, \$5.00 Children (Middle School and younger),
\$30.00 maximum per family
6:45 p.m. Telfair Hall is available for additional eating space
7:00 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (1st-5th grades), Choir Room
7:00 p.m. Middle School Emmaus Road, 18 W. Hull Street, The Parlor
7:00 p.m. High School small groups, various locations

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON OR BIBLE STUDY

ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

COMMUNION SEASON SERVICES ~ OCTOBER 23-25

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 the *Elders, Deacons, and Trustees*. We are thankful for their Godly leadership for our congregation.

PASTOR AWAY

Pastor Terry Johnson will be preaching this morning at the French Protestant (Huguenot) Church in Charleston, SC for the annual service commemorating the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes (1686), the royal decree of Louis XIV which outlawed Protestantism in France.

GUEST SPEAKER

We are privileged to have as our guest speaker this evening The Rev. Iver Martin. Rev. Martin graduated with a BSc in Electronics and Electrical Engineering from Robert Gordon's University in Aberdeen, Scotland, in 1980. He spent the next 12 years as a microelectronics engineer before returning to study at Edinburgh Theological Seminary in preparation for Free Church ministry. Iver spent 20 years in pastoral ministry in Aberdeen and Stornoway before being appointed as Principal of Edinburgh Theological Seminary where he also lectures in Church History. In addition to his undergraduate qualifications, he holds a Master of Theology degree from Glasgow University. Rev. Martin is married with 6 children and 7 grandchildren.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The Session will meet tomorrow evening, October 19, in the Axson Building, Choir Room 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 the Telfair Hall at 7:00 p.m.

FALL FAMILY NIGHT INVITATION

All are invited to the IPC Fall Family Night at Point Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd., on Friday, October 31 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. There will be games, inflatables, a petting zoo, hot dogs, popcorn, snow cones, and more! Come in costume. (No occult themes.) Contact Lucy Biemiller with any questions.

FALL FAMILY NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Adults (college and up) are needed to help with parking, food serving, game supervision, and more for our Fall Family Night on October 31 at Point Pleasant. Scan the code to sign up:



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
Romano Orlando	Ministry Intern (College)

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.
- 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, Oct 19	5:30 p.m.	Session Meeting, Choir room
	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting, Fellowship Hall (meet jointly at 7:00)
Tues, Oct 20	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 8 th Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study, The Parlor at 18 W. Hull Street
	7:00 p.m.	ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1 st Floor
Wed, Oct 21	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information (mburt@ipcsav.org)
	11:45 a.m.	No Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	5:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study, The Parlor, 18 W. Hull Street
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull Street Bldg., 2 nd Floor
Thurs, Oct 22	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
Fri, Oct. 23	5:30 p.m.	Supper in Fellowship Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Communion Season—Session 1, with Rev. Nate Shurden
Sat, Oct. 24	9:00 a.m.	Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
	10:00 a.m.	Communion Season—Session 2, with Rev. Nate Shurden

Coming Events

Oct. 23-25	Annual Communion Season
Oct. 29	Dead Theologians' Society
Oct. 31	Fall Family Night at Point Pleasant

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 10/14/26 – 46

October 11, 2026

S.S. – 286 AM – 526 PM – 366

INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL COMMUNION SEASON

October 23–25, 2026

Speaker: Rev. Nate Shurden

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

5:30PM - SUPPER

6:30PM - SERVICE:

Isaiah 6:1–13, “A Coal to the Lips”

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00AM - BREAKFAST

10:00AM - SERVICE:

Exodus 12:1–28, “A Meal in the Night”

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:00AM - JOINT SUNDAY SCHOOL

(High School–Adult) in Telfair Hall

10:00AM - WORSHIP & THE LORD’S SUPPER

Mark 14:12–25, “Christ, Our Passover Lamb”

5:30PM - EVENING WORSHIP

1 Corinthians 11:23–26, “Saying Grace”

A SEASON OF COMMUNION

October 23–25 we will be observing our annual “Communion Season.” This season of intense emphasis consists of five services which will lead up to and include the observance of the Lord’s Supper on Sunday morning, October 25. Rev. Nate Shurden will bring a series of messages that will be Christ-centered and cross-centered, with considerable emphasis on self-examination in preparation for the Lord’s supper. We will begin with a meal on Friday, October 23, at 5:30 p.m. and service from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. On Saturday, October 24, we will serve breakfast at 9:00 a.m. followed by a service at 10:00 a.m. The three Sunday services will conclude this year’s Communion Season. Pray that this will be a time of spiritual renewal for our congregation.

ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Rev. Nate Shurden is the Senior Pastor of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church in Franklin, TN, which he planted in 2011. Before moving to Franklin, Nate was the Minister of Discipleship & Young Adults at First Presbyterian Church in Jackson, MS, and the Assistant Editor of reformation21, the online magazine of the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals. Nate was born and raised in Laurel, MS, and educated at Bannockburn College (Franklin, TN) and Reformed Theological Seminary (Jackson, MS). In addition to his pastoral responsibilities, Nate serves as an adjunct professor at New College Franklin and is regular contributor to Ligonier Ministries, Christward Collective, and He Reads Truth. In 2001, Nate married his college sweetheart, Christy. They have five children (college to toddler): Rosalyn, Katie, Knox, Luke, and Lila.