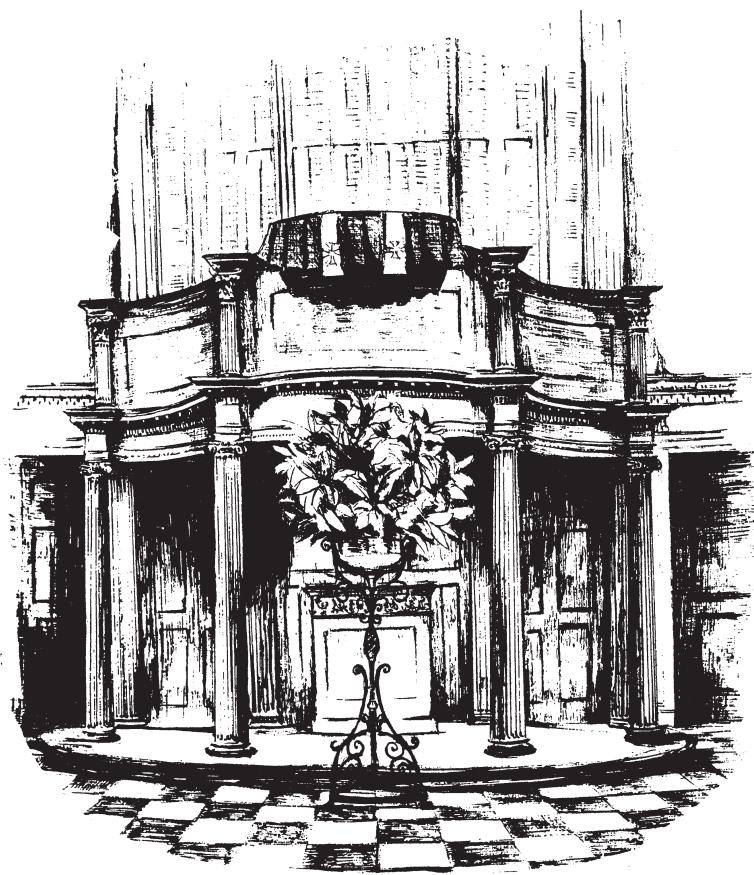


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# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

## 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 - In dulci jubilo / Good Christian Men, Rejoice,

BWV 608

J. S. Bach

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #207

### The Sounding of the Hour

#### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at Your first coming sent Your messenger to prepare Your way before You; grant that the ministers and stewards of Your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready Your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Your sight, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

#### The Call to Worship - Awake, Awake the Sacred Song

Noel

Text:

Adoring angels tuned their songs to hail the joyful day;  
With rapture, then, let mortal tongues their grateful worship pay.  
What glory, Lord, to thee is due! With wonder we adore;  
But could we sing as angels do, our highest praise were poor.

— Anne Steele (1760)

#### +\* The Hymnal - #203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

#### \* 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 Christmas Gloria Patri

(*Hymnal*, #218)

Regent Square

All creation, join in praising  
God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
Evermore your voices raising  
To th'eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
Worship Christ, the newborn King.  
Amen.

### The Pastoral Prayer

**The Scripture Reading - Psalm 31** (pew Bible, p. 461–462)

**The Reception of New Members**

**The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism**

**The Psalter - Psalm 72:13-19** (*Psalter*, page 61)

Puer Nobis

\* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Collection**

**The Anthem - “O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”** arr. Michael Costello

*Text:*

O Lord, how shall I meet you, how welcome you aright?  
Your people long to greet you, my hope, my heart's delight!  
Oh, kindle, Lord most holy, your lamp within my breast  
To do in spirit lowly all that may please you best.

Your Zion strews before you green boughs and fairest palms;  
And I, too, will adore you with joyous songs and psalms.  
My heart shall bloom forever for you with praises new  
And from your name shall never withhold the honor due.

I lay in fetters, groaning; you came to set me free.  
I stood, my shame bemoaning; you came to honor me.  
A glorious crown you give me, a treasure safe on high  
That will not fail or leave me as earthly riches fly.

Love caused your incarnation; love brought you down to me.  
Your thirst for my salvation procured my liberty.  
Oh, love beyond all telling, that led you to embrace  
In love, all loves excelling, our lost and fallen race.

Rejoice, then, you sad-hearted, who sit in deepest gloom,  
Who mourn your joys departed and tremble at your doom.  
Despair not; He is near you, there, standing at the door,  
Who best can help and cheer you and bids you weep no more.

He comes to judge the nations, a terror to His foes,  
A light of consolations and blessed hope to those  
Who love the Lord's appearing. O glorious Sun, now come,  
Send forth your beams so cheering and guide us safely home.

— Paul Gerhardt (1606–1676), tr. from *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941), alt.

\* **The Christmas Doxology and Dismissal**

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing*

O Lord, the Virgin-Born, to Thee,  
Eternal praise and glory be.  
Alleluia! (2x)  
Whom with the Father we adore,  
And Holy Ghost forevermore.  
Alleluia! (5x)  
Amen.

**The Sermon**

Mr. Johnson

**“THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD – 10”**

*Faithful and True – 2*

*XVII. Psalms for All of Life*

\* Congregation Standing  
+ Latecomers may be seated

\*\* Children's Church: Rose Wade and Lucy Brannen  
Assisting: Tim Shaw  
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

**GREETERS–ELDERS:**

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. A. Brodmann, Sr.  
NORTH SIDE W. Brodmann, Jr.  
SOUTH SIDE D. Boatright

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:**

Elder: W. Milling  
**GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:**  
FRONT DOOR: J. Dugal  
BAPTISMAL FONT: A. Parrish

\* **The Hymnal - #201 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

St. Louis

\* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all)

Mendelssohn

Come, Desire of nations, come,  
Fix in us Thy humble home;  
Rise, the woman's conqu'ring Seed,  
Bruise in us the serpent's head.  
Adam's image now efface,  
Stamp Thy image in its place.  
O' to all Thyself impart,  
Formed in each believing heart.

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King."

—Trinity Hymnal, #203

**The Postlude - Noel sur les jeux d'anches**

Claude Daquin

## LESSONS & CAROLS SERVICE

TONIGHT AT 5:30 P.M.

### CHRISTMAS BUFFET

You are cordially invited  
to our Christmas Buffet in Olmstead  
Fellowship Hall, Telfair Hall & the  
Courtyard immediately following  
the Service of Lessons & Carols.

A Children's table will be provided  
in the middle alcove  
of Olmstead Fellowship Hall

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 — 5:30 P.M.

A MESSAGE BY MR. JOHNSON

AND CANDLELIGHT CAROL SINGING ON THE LAWN

## OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages (Nurseries available for children through the age of 3 on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, Axson Bldg.)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
4:15 p.m.	No Youth Choir Rehearsal (6 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
5:30 p.m.	Lessons and Carols Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Annual Christmas Buffet, Telfair Hall, Olmstead Fellowship Hall, and the Courtyard
7:00 p.m.	No Children's Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m.	No Middle School Emmaus Road
7:00 p.m.	No High School Small Groups

## NO WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON OR BIBLE STUDY

ON DECEMBER 24 AND DECEMBER 31 ~

IT WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET

## 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. A more thorough explanation of our "Order of Service" is available at the front doors. Our service begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends sometime after eleven o'clock.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of my father, *Bill Wohlleb* on what would be his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, by Dede Roberts.

If you would like to donate flowers for 2026, please call Debbie Laing (see the Realm directory for contact information or call the church office).

## BAPTISM

The sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered during this morning's worship service by Mr. Johnson to *Margaret Scott Brodmann*, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Scott T. Brodmann (Caroline)*.

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving new members. We are delighted to have them join our congregation. Please extend to them your hand of greeting and fellowship.

## CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mr. and Mrs. William D. Brodmann (Liz)* and family on the death of Liz's father, *Steven Hershberger*, who passed away on Thursday, December 11, 2025.

## SUNDAY EVENING MEAL

The Sunday evening meal will not be served following the evening service on December 28. Regular evening activities will not be held. Meals will resume on Sunday, January 4, 2026.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Tuesday, December 23 and 30. All men are invited to join us for our weekly Prayer Breakfast on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. Make a new commitment in 2026 to be here each Tuesday.

## YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2025 need to be in the office by December 31, or post-marked by Wednesday, December 31.

## 2026 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Generic blank offering envelopes for the year of 2026 are available to be picked up in the Fellowship Hall. If you want a packet mailed to you, please contact Maria Martinez at 912-421-8104.

## 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](http://ipcsav.org/webcast).
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at [www.ipcsav.org](http://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 through Kindergarten may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

## For Prayer & Participation This Week

Tues, Dec. 23	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.	No Women Gather to Pray at Miss Sophie's Marketplace, 175 Bourne Ave., (inside Mighty 8 <sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	No Women's Bible Study
	11:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	No iPRIMES Bible Study tonight
	7:00 p.m.	No College Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	No ESL Classes
Wed, Dec. 24	11:45 a.m.	Church Office closed in observance of Christmas Eve
	6:30 p.m.	No Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	No Adult Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	No Women's Evening Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	No High School Dinner
	7:15 p.m.	No High School Fellowship
Thur, Dec. 25		Church Office closed in observance of Christmas holiday
	7:00 p.m.	No Careers Bible study
Fri, Dec. 26	8:30 a.m.	Church Office opens

## Coming Events

Dec. 28	No Sunday Evening meal
Dec. 31	No Wednesday Noon Bible Study/Lunch
Jan. 1	Church Office closed in observance of New Years' Day
Jan. 12	Session/Diaconate Meeting
Jan. 13-14	WOC Bible Studies Resume
Jan. 22-24	March for Life trip to Washington, D.C.

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