

Historic
Independent Presbyterian Church
of Savannah

For you *formed*
my *inward* parts;
you *knitted* me
together in my
mother's womb.

I *praise* you,
for I am
fearfully and
wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:13–14 (ESV)

Sanctity of Life Sunday
January 25, 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 - Canonic Study in C Major, op. 56, no. 1 Robert Schumann

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O Almighty God, who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings has ordained strength, and made infants to glorify You; Mortify and kill all vices in us, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship - Psalm 100:4

Old Hundredth

Text:

O enter then God's gates with praise,
Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

— Psalm 100:4 (version from the *Scottish Psalter*, 1650)

+* The Hymnal - #53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Lobe Den Herren

* 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)

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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 37:1–20 (43rd reading—pew Bible pp. 596-597)
Psalm 19:1–6 (pew Bible p. 456)

- * **The Psalter** - Psalm 139:1–12 (*Psalter*, page 118) Maryton
- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “O Taste and See” Ralph Vaughan Williams

Text:

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in Him. O fear the Lord, ye saints of the Lord: for there is no want to them that fear Him.

— Psalm 34:8–9

- * **The Doxology and Dismissal** Germany

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

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom earth and heaven adore,
Be glory, as it was of old,
Is now, and shall be evermore.
Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson

“THE WORKS OF GOD – 1”
Creation
XIX. Psalms for All of Life

- * **The Hymnal** - #166 “Wondrous King, All Glorious” Wunderbarer König

- * **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) St. Anne
Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.
— *Trinity Hymnal* #30 (stanza 7)

The Postlude - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Johann Gottfried Walther

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #53

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children’s Church: Ginger Thompson and Madison Reid
Assisting: Mr. Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. R. Kelly
NORTH SIDE W. Milling
SOUTH SIDE W. Brodmann, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

Elder: M. Biemiller
GREETERS-USHERS/ DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: A. Soutar
BAPTISMAL FONT: T. MacMillan

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 - #598 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda
(Hymn of the Month)

* *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* *Hymnal* - #100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!” Nicaea

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 III
(based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

I believe Christ as our Redeemer underwent the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, offering up Himself as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; He was buried, yet He rose again from the dead on the third day, ascended up into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father, and is coming to judge the world at the last day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Revelation 16 (18th reading—pew Bible p. 1037)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Psalter* - Psalm 139:13–22 (*Psalter*, page 118) Maryton

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Sermon - Exodus 20:13 (pew Bible, p. 61)

Mr. Johnson

“THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT – 8”

XXXVIII. The Ten Commandments

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #598 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

* *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 2 nd Floor, Axson Bldg.)
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Andrew Becham
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (6 th -12 th Grade), Choir Room
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Care Group #9 (R. Mullininx) (Deacons: M. Mullininx, and M. Rustine) 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 (1 st -5 th grades), Choir Room
7:00 p.m.	Middle School Emmaus Road, 18 W. Hull Street, The Parlor

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. 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 honor of **Matthew Burt, Director of Pastoral Care**, for providing care and guidance to our "flock" of believers.

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

BIRTHS

The red roses in the silver trumpet vase today and last Sunday are given in honor of the birth of **Ruth Crosby Melville**, born Tuesday, January 13, 2026, the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Alec J. Melville (Landry)**; and in honor of the birth of **Samuel "Sam" Reagan Williams**, born Sunday, January 18, 2026, the son of **Mr. and Mrs. Reagan B. Williams (Catherine)**.

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 mariam@ipcsav.org. If you would like a receipt for your giving record, please fill out the information on the envelope.

WOC WINTER FELLOWSHIP

The Women of the Church will meet next Saturday, January 31, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. for the WOC Winter Fellowship. Join us to enjoy coffee and conversation with other IPC ladies, opened by a brief devotion by Lucy Biemiller, *Building the Church through Building Godly Women*. All ages who are able to sit through a worship service are welcome. Scan the QR code to R.S.V.P.



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

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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 through Kindergarten may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Tues, Jan. 27	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
	6:30 p.m.	ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1 st Floor
	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, Jan. 28	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	Womens' 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, Jan. 29	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
Sat, Jan. 31	9:30 a.m.	WOC Winter Fellowship, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

Jan. 31	WOC Winter Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 1	The Lord's Supper, PM service
Feb. 8	Heritage Sunday
Feb. 9	Session/Diaconate meetings
Feb. 12	Thursday WOC Circle meeting at Dottie Mitchell's home, 10:30 a.m.
Feb. 13–15	Youth Retreat at Camp Westminster, Conyers, GA

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 1/21/26 – 63

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