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of Savannah



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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

THE LORD'S SUPPER

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 - Prélude sur l'Introït de l'Épiphanie Maurice Duruflé

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God, whose infinite mercies in our blessed Savior encourage us to call upon You; we beseech You graciously to hear us; and grant that we may both perceive and know what is Your good, and acceptable, and perfect will revealed to us, and also have grace and power to faithfully fulfill the same, that we may present ourselves a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship

+* **The Hymnal** - #30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past" St. Anne

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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceeds from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic** and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the life of the world to come. Amen.

** "catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

* **The Gloria Patri** (*Hymnal*, #735) Greatorex

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 Reading of the Law**

Minister: 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.

- All:
1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
 2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
 3. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain.
 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
 5. Honor thy father and thy mother.
 6. Thou shalt not kill.*
 7. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 8. Thou shalt not steal.
 9. Thou shalt not bear false witness.
 10. Thou shalt not covet. [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.

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

* **The Psalter - Psalm 1** (*Psalter*, page 1)

Arlington

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - "The Lord Jehovah Reigns"

Rhosymedre

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Adult Choir

(see text on insert)

* **The Doxology and Dismissal**

(*Hymnal*, #731)

Old 100th

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

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Scripture Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23–32 (pew Bible, pp. 958–959)

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

"WHAT IS THE LORD'S SUPPER?"

The Prayer of Intercession

The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table

* **The Hymnal - #252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"** Hamburg (see hymn insert)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

You may partake of the elements as you receive them.

* **The Hymnal - #469 "How Sweet and Awful Is the Place"** St. Columba (see hymn insert)

* **The Benediction**

The Postlude - In dir ist Freude / In thee is gladness, BWV 615

J. S. Bach

(see text on insert)

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children's Church: Mary Hazeltine and Wendy Sutton
Assisting: Tim Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR: Elder and Mrs. F. Daniell

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: 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" (*Hymn of the Month*)
Rhondda

+ *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+ * *Psalter Hymnal* - "Great God, We Sing That Mighty Hand" Wareham
(*see handout*)

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanks

* *Reading of the Beatitudes*

All: Blessed are the poor in spirit:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn:
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek:
For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness:
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful:
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart:
For they shall see God.
Blessed are the peace-makers:
For they shall be called the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake:
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:1-10)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

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

I believe that in Christ we are given in this life benefits accompanying salvation such as assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end; that at death, we are made perfect in holiness, and immediately pass into glory; and our bodies, being still united to Christ, rest in their graves, till the resurrection; and that at the resurrection, we shall be raised up in glory, we shall openly be acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Revelation 13 (15th reading—pew Bible p. 1035)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Psalter* - Psalm 2 (*Psalter*, p.1 ~ *see handout*)

Hintze

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture & Sermon - Genesis 1:5-25 (pew Bible, p. 1)

Mr. Shaw

"WHY SO STRUCTURED?"

VI. Genesis

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #94 "How Firm a Foundation"

Foundation

* *Benediction*

* Congregation Standing

+ Latecomers may be seated

Assisting: Alex Sutherland

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, Mr. Andrew Becham
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 #6 (M. Biemiller) (Deacons: D. Wade and P. Groover)** 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. Youth Parents' meeting, Telfair Hall
7:00 p.m. Youth Prayer & Praise, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Fl.

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

TELFAIR HALL ~ LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY 12:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY MR. ANDREW BECHAM

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.

HYMN INSERT

You will find in this morning's bulletin an insert containing a communion meditation and the last two hymns to be sung in our service of Holy Communion. This is provided for the convenience of those on the outer aisles and others who come to the tables to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

BIRTH

The red rose in the silver trumpet vase today is given in honor of the birth of *Olivia Gentry Lay*, born Tuesday, December 23, 2025, the daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Jackson M. Lay (Mary Elizabeth)*.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mr. and Mrs. H. Sherwin Prescott, III (Inger)* and family on the death of Inger's mother, *Elsa Madland Roberts*, who passed away on Sunday, December 21, 2025 in Johns Creek, GA.

YOUTH PARENTS' MEETING

There will be a Youth Parents' meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m. in the Telfair Hall. You are welcome to bring your dinner. We will go over the vision and values, and the calendar and events for the upcoming year.

THURSDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Thursday Morning circle meeting place for January 8 is in the Telfair Hall. We will begin at 10:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided following the Bible study. Please text or call Susan Mullinix if you plan on attending (see Realm for contact information or call the church office).

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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.

MARCH FOR LIFE TRIP

The March for Life is an inspiring and peaceful rally of pro-life supporters from across the country. It will be held January 22–24, 2026. Consider joining us as we march for the unborn. If you are unable to attend, please contemplate donating to help underwrite the cost of the trip for someone else to attend. Forms are available in the hallway behind the pulpit to register for the trip or donate.

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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 ipsav.org/webcast.
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at www.ipsav.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. 6	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
	11:00 a.m.	Directors' 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@ipsav.org)
Wed, Jan. 7	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study, The Parlor at 18 W. Hull Street
	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Jan. 8	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull St. Building, 2 nd Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Circle in the Telfair Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

Jan. 12	Session/Diaconate meetings
Jan. 13–14	WOC Bible studies resume
Jan. 22–24	March For Life trip, Washington, D.C.
Jan. 31	WOC Fellowship, 9:30 a.m., Telfair Hall

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Christmas Eve Service 12/24/2025 – 984

December 28, 2025

S. S. – 268 AM – 621 PM – 310