

Historic
Independent Presbyterian Church
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 - Christum wir sollen loben schon / Now praise we Christ,
the Holy One, BWV 611 J. S. Bach

Text:

Now praise we Christ, the Holy One,
The blessed Virgin Mary's Son,
Far as the glorious sun doth shine,
E'en to the world's remote confine.

— 5th c. Latin hymn; German translation by Martin Luther (1524); English translation by Richard Massie (1854)

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people; and so rule and guide us, that we may do our duties faithfully in our several places and relations; constantly abhorring that which is evil, and cleaving to that which is good; being fervent in spirit, serving the Lord, rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, and continuing constant in prayer; so that we may enjoy Your peace all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship - Psalm 100:1–2

Old Hundredth

Text:

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

— Version from the *Scottish Psalter* (1650)

+* **The Hymnal** - #167 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” Laudes Domini

* 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) 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 Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Isaiah 35 (41st reading—pew Bible pp. 595—596)
 Psalm 48 (pew Bible p.472)

- * **The Psalter** - Psalm 27:1–6 (*see insert*) Lenox

- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “Now Shall My Inward Joys Arise” William Billings

Text:

Now shall my inward joys arise, and burst into a song;
 Almighty Love inspires my heart, and pleasures tune my tongue.

God on His thirsty Zion-hill some mercy-drops has thrown,
 And solemn oaths have bound His love to shower salvation down.

Why do we then indulge our fears, suspicions, and complaints?
 Is He a God, and shall His love grow weary of His saints?

Can a kind woman e’er forget the infant of her womb,
 And ‘mongst a thousand tender thoughts her suckling have no room?

Yet, saith the Lord, should nature change, and mothers monsters prove,
 Still Zion dwells upon the heart of everlasting love.

Deep on the palms of both my hands I have engraved her name;
 My hands shall raise her ruined walls, and build her broken frame.

— Isaac Watts (1707), after Isaiah 49:13–16

- * **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 ATTRIBUTES OF GOD – 11”

Greatness

XVIII. Psalms for All of Life

- * **The Hymnal** - #44 “How Great Thou Art” O Store Gud

- * **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 - Es ist das Heil uns kommen her / Salvation unto us has
 come, BuxWV 186 Dietrich Buxtehude

* Congregation Standing
 + Latecomers may be seated

** Children’s Church: Tiffany Breckenridge and Jill Black
 Assisting: Tim Shaw
 Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. S. Jackson, Jr.
 NORTH SIDE C. Martin
 SOUTH SIDE R. Kelly

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* - #34 “The God of Abraham Praise” Leoni

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 - Revelation 14 (16th reading—pew Bible p. 1036)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Hymn / Psalter* - #361 “O Praise Ye the Lord ” Laudate Dominum
(Psalm 149)

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Sermon - Genesis 1:26–27 (pew Bible, p. 1) Mr. Shaw
“WHAT ABOUT THE IMAGE?”
VII. Genesis

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #401 “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” Tallis' Canon

* *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
3:45 p.m. Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
4:15 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th Grade), Choir Room
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m. **Care Group #7 (S. Jackson/C. Martin) (Deacons: B. Field, B. Immel and B. Johnson)** 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

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 my dear husband, **Mr. Neill Stevens**, by Mrs. Kayron Stevens, on what would have been our 57th wedding anniversary. What an honor to have been his wife.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to **Mrs. Cindy Carpenter** and family on the death of her husband, **Mr. Paul E. Carpenter**, who passed away on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, in Jackson's Gap, AL.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The Session will meet tomorrow evening, January 12, 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.

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.

WOC WINTER FELLOWSHIP

The Women of the Church will meet on 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.



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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

Mon, Jan 12	5:30 p.m.	Session Meeting, Music room
	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting, Fellowship Hall (meet jointly at 7:00 p.m. in Telfair Hall)
Tues, Jan. 13	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. 14	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. 15	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

Jan. 18	Sanctity of Life Sunday
Jan. 22–24	March For Life Trip, Washington, D.C.
Jan. 23–24	Savannah River Presbytery, Lyons, GA
Jan. 31	WOC Winter Fellowship, 9:30 a.m.
Feb. 13–15	Youth Retreat at Camp Westminster, Conyers. GA

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