

Historic
Independent Presbyterian Church
of Savannah



Easter Sunday
April 5, AD 2026

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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ NINE O'CLOCK AND ELEVEN 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 - “The Holy City”

Stephen Adams, arr. Myles Foster

The Sounding of the Hour

+ **The Welcome and Announcements**

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Blessed Lord, whose only Son our Savior Jesus Christ has once suffered for our sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to You our God: We beseech You, that as we are baptized into His death, so by continually mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him; and at last through the grave, and gate of death, pass to our joyful resurrection: For His merits, who died, and was buried, and rose again, Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship - “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” Bradford

Text:

I know that my Redeemer lives,
And ever prays for me:
A token of His love He gives,
A pledge of liberty.

Yes, Lord, I put my trust in thee,
On thee my soul I stay;
I know that thou wilt come to me,
And I shall see thy day.

— Charles Wesley (1742)

+* **The Hymnal** - #277 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” Easter Hymn

* **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, #273)

Llanfair

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Matthew 28:1–15 (pew Bible p. 835)

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (pew Bible p. 961)

* **The Psalter - Psalm 16** (*Psalter* p. 10)

Leominster

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

Everett Titcomb

Text:

Christ the Lord is risen today.
Sons of men and angels say,
Raise your joys and triumphs high.
Sing ye heavens, and earth reply,
Alleluia.

Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?
Alleluia.

Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won.
Death in vain forbids Him rise,
Christ has opened paradise.
Alleluia.

Soar we now where Christ has led,
Following our exalted Head;
Made like Him, like Him we rise,
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies:
Alleluia.

— Charles Wesley (1739)

* **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 Sermon

Mr. Johnson

"ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURE"

* **The Hymnal - #271 "Sing, Choirs of New Jerusalem"**

Lyngham

Those who wish to sing the "Hallelujah" Chorus with the choir may exit during this hymn and join the choir in the balcony. Music will be provided.

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

Händel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords.
Hallelujah!

The Postlude - Symphonie no. 1, op. 14: vi. Final

Louis Vierne

* Congregation Standing

+ Latecomers may be seated

Assisting: Mr. Shaw/Mr. Sutherland

Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

** Children's Church 9:00 a.m.: Kirstine Flanagan and Allison Kelly

** Children's Church 11:00 a.m.: Lucy Biemiller and Claire Webb

GREETERS-ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. R. Thompson

NORTH SIDE D. Gobel

GREETERS-USHERS/ DEACONS:

FRONT DOOR: A. Parrish

BAPTISMAL FONT: B. Essenburg

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 24 (*Psalm of the Month*)

Greyfriars

* *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* *Hymnal* - #284 "This Joyful Eastertide"

Vruchten

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 - Malachi 1 (pew Bible p. 801)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Psalter* - Psalm 47 (*Psalter*, p. 39)

Petersham

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture and Sermon - Genesis 2:24-25 (pew Bible p. 2)

Mr. Shaw

"NAKED AND UN-ASHAMED"

XVI. Genesis

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #276 "Up From the Grave He Arose"

Christ Arose

* *Benediction*

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
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12:30 p.m.	College lunch provided at The Carriage House after the service
3:45 p.m.	No Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study
4:15 p.m.	No Youth Choir Rehearsal today
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:45 p.m.	No Evening Fellowship Supper tonight
7:00 p.m.	No Children's Choir rehearsal tonight
7:00 p.m.	No Middle School Emmaus Road
7:00 p.m.	No High School Small Groups

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of *Elsie Barnard Chisholm* and *Mr. And Mrs. Frank Anderson Chisholm (Katherine)* by their family.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mr. Glen Umberger* and family on the death of his father, *Mr. Charles Umberger*, who passed away on Thursday, April 2, 2026, in Lancaster, PA.

EASTER SUNDAY EVENING

Our Sunday evening service will be held at the regular time of 5:30 p.m. The Sunday evening meal will not be served tonight. The Youth Choir, Children's Choir, Middle School Emmaus Road, and Youth Small Groups will not meet this evening.

EASTER LILIES

Easter lilies may be picked up following the 11:00 a.m. service or after the evening service. Please take the aisle lilies first.

THURSDAY MORNING CIRCLE

The Thursday Morning circle will meet at the home of Lucy Brannen on Thursday, April 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Lucy if you plan on attending.

INVITATION TO SUMMER EVENING SERVICES AT POINT PLEASANT

We are so glad you are worshipping with us this morning! If you are visiting with us, we would like to extend a special invitation to you. The next highlight on our church calendar is our annual Church BBQ on the Sunday evening of Memorial Day weekend. We will gather at our church property on Talahi Island, Point Pleasant, where we meet on Sunday evenings throughout the summer. You are warmly invited to join us on May 24 at 5:15 p.m. for a worship service and dinner afterwards. It is a wonderful opportunity for children and grandchildren to enjoy the beauty of the location, the food, and the fellowship. If you are interested in getting more involved with our congregation, these summer Sunday evenings are a great way to get to know us. For more information, contact the church office at 912-236-3346 or email info@ipsav.org.

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 & 5 may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Tues, Apr. 7	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.
	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information (mburt@ipcsav.org)
Wed, Apr. 8	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.	No Adult Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	Womens' Evening Bible Study, The Parlor, Hull Street Bldg.
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Thurs, Apr. 9	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull Street Bldg., 3 rd Floor
	10:30 a.m.	Thursday Morning Circle at the home of Lucy Brannen
	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall

Coming Events

Apr. 12	Communion, AM Service
Apr. 17–19	Youth Choir trip, Greenville, SC
Apr. 20	Session/Diaconate meetings
Apr. 24	Youth and Primes Dinner
Apr. 30	Dead Theologians Society, noon

The Record of Our Faithfulness

No Wednesday Noon Service 4/1/26

March 29, 2026

S.S. – 360 AM – 640 PM – 405