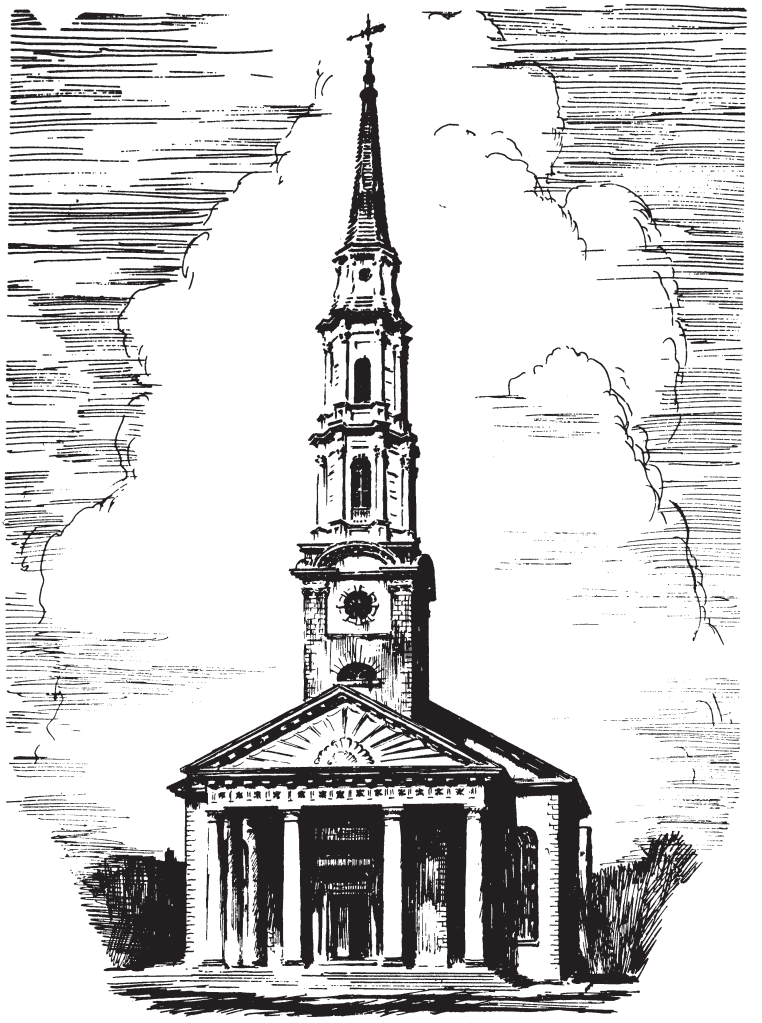
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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP
SANCTUARY ~ TEN O'CLOCK

"Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service, with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12:28

The Prelude - Andante Pastorale — Josef Rheinberger
Mrs. Erin Smith, oboe

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation
Almighty and merciful God, of whose gift alone it comes that Your faithful people do unto You true and laudable service; grant, we beseech You, that we may so faithfully serve You in this life, that we do not fail finally to attain Your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Call to Worship

+* The Hymnal - #40 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength" (Psalm 46) — Bethlehem

*** 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** — Darwall
To God the Father, Son,
And Spirit ever bless'd,
Eternal Three in One,
All worship be address'd,
As heretofore it was, is now,
And still shall be forevermore. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Isaiah 61 (71st reading–pew Bible pp. 620-621)
Psalm 13 (pew Bible p. 453)

The Reception of New Members

* **The Psalter -** Psalm 121 (*Psalter*, page 109) Dundee

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - "Jesus Paid It All" / "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
Mrs. Erin Smith, oboe arr. Brant Adams

* **The Doxology and Dismissal** (*Hymnal,* #733) Lasst Uns Erfreuen
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: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson

"When God Is Distant"
XL. Psalms For All of Life

* **The Hymnal -** #689 "Be Still, My Soul" Finlandia

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

Our sun and shield Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
No good will He deny them, that uprightly do live.
O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is every one,
Who confidence reposes, on Thee, O Lord, alone.
— *Trinity Psalter*, Psalm 84:11-12

The Postlude - Es ist das Heil uns kommen her / Salvation unto us has come, BWV 638 J. S. Bach

Text:
Salvation unto us has come
By God's free grace and favor;
Good works cannot avert our doom,
They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,
Who did for all the world atone;
He is our one Redeemer.
— Paul Speratus (1523)

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* Congregation Standing
\+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children's Church: Judy Daniell and Rita Spitler
Assisting: Mr. Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS–ELDERS:
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. K. Crowe
NORTH SIDE S. Jackson
SOUTH SIDE C. Martin

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:
Elder: J. Garnett

GREETERS–USHERS/ DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: J. Tomlinson
BAPTISMAL FONT: C. Nolen

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

POINT PLEASANT ~ 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
\+ ***Announcements***

Praise
Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise
+* ***Hymnal -*** "Almighty Father, Strong to Save" Melita
(*see handout*)

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 IV
(based on the *Shorter Catechism*)

I believe we are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit;

I believe God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, and repentance unto life to escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin;

I believe we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified by His free grace, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

Prayer of Thanksgiving
Collection

Provision for Life and Growth
Scripture Reading - Esther 9:20–10:3 (10th reading)
Prayer of Intercession
* ***Psalter Hymnal -*** #172 "Speak, O Lord" Speak O Lord
* ***Prayer of Illumination***
Scripture & Sermon - Colossians 3:11–17 Mr. Shaw

"EXPECTATIONS FOR CHURCH"
XVIII. Colossians

Thanksgiving and Blessing
* ***Psalter Hymnal -*** #16A "Preserve Me, O My God" Leominster
(Psalm 16)
* ***Benediction***

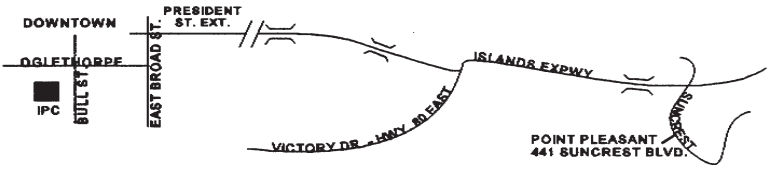
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Assisting: Mr. Sutherland

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Evan Gear
4:00 p.m.	Point Pleasant open for appropriate Lord's Day leisure activities
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service at Point Pleasant
6:30 p.m.	**Care Group #1 (R. Kelly/R. Thompson) (Deacon: W. Hill)** Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Supper tonight, Point Pleasant $8.00 Adult, $5.00 Children (Middle School and younger), $30.00 maximum per family
8:30 p.m.	Point Pleasant facilities will close



WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

Telfair Hall ~ Lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Bible Study 12:15 p.m.

Message by Rev. Evan Gear

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 honor of ***Lucy Biemiller***. Thank you for coordinating our children's and women of the church ministries.

BIRTH

The red rose in the silver trumpet vase last Sunday was given in honor of the birth of ***Monroe Alexandra Kicklighter***, born Saturday, August 22, 2026, daughter of ***Mr. and Mrs. S. Joshua Kicklighter*** (***Heather***).

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to ***Mr. and Mrs. Brian Edwards*** and family on the death of Jennifer's father, ***Col. John M. Mitchell, US Army, Ret.,*** who passed away on Monday, August 24, 2026.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving ***Wallace Turner Milling, Jr.***, ***Stephen Townes Milling***, and ***Elijah Blake Oliver*** into communing membership. Please extend to them your hand of greeting and fellowship.

GUEST MUSICIAN

This morning, we welcome as our oboe soloist ***Mrs. Erin Smith***. Mrs. Smith has been the music teacher at Veritas Academy since 2025.

ADULT CHOIR RESUMES THIS WEEK

Adult Choir resumes this week for the fall season. We begin with a kickoff workshop on Saturday, September 5, 9:30am–1:30pm (lunch provided). Our first Sunday is September 6. Wednesday rehearsals (6:30-8:00 p.m.) begin on Wednesday, September 9 (but with a week off almost immediately on September 16). All adults are welcome to join: some experience reading music is helpful but not necessary. Write or call Jacob Fuhrman with any questions, or simply show up for a rehearsal.

LOW COUNTRY BOIL

We will conclude our summer evening services at Point Pleasant next Sunday evening, September 6, with our Annual Low Country Boil following the worship service. Dinner is free to those who come to the service. Homemade ice cream will be served for dessert. If you would like to provide a churn of ice cream for dessert, please contact Tricia Barrett to let her know.

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.
· 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, Sept 1	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 8th Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Prayer time, Axson Building, Wilson-Axson Room
	11:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1st Floor
	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information (mburt@ipcsav.org)
Wed, Sept 2	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull Street Bldg., 2nd Floor
Thurs, Sept 3	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
Sat, Sept 5	9:30 a.m.	Choir Kickoff Workshop

Coming Events

Sept 6	Low Country Boil at Point Pleasant; last evening service at Point Pleasant
Sept 7	Church office closed in observance of Labor Day
Sept. 12	WOC Fall Fellowship, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Telfair Hall
Sept. 13	PM services return downtown, Lord's Supper, PM Service
Sept. 15-16	WOC Fall Bible Studies begin

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