

Historic
Independent Presbyterian Church
of Savannah



The First Thanksgiving at Plymouth
oil painting by Jennie Augusta Brownscombe (1914)

By this time harvest was come, and in stead of famine, now God gave them plentie, and ye face of things was changed, to ye rejoycing of ye harts of many, for which they blessed God. And ye effect of their particuler planting was well seene, for all had, one way and other, pretty well to bring ye year aboute, and some of ye abler sorte and more industrious had to spare, and sell to others, so as any generall wante or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day.

— William Bradford

November 23, AD 2025

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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 - Danket dem Herren, denn er ist sehr freundlich / Thank the Lord, for He is very good, BuxWV 181 Dietrich Buxtehude

Text:

Thank the Lord, for He is very good;

For His goodness and truth endure forever.

— Johann Horn (1544), after Psalms 107 and 136

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Call to Worship - Psalm 103:19–20

Stuttgart

Text:

In the heavens high, Jehovah hath for Him prepared a throne.

And throughout His vast dominion all His works His power shall own.

Bless Jehovah, ye His angels, spirits that excel in might;

Ye who hear what He commands you, ye that do it with delight.

— Psalm 103:19–20, version from The Book of Psalms (1871)

+* The Hymnal - #715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

St. George's Windsor

* 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 32 (38th reading—pew Bible pp. 592-593)
Psalm 34 (pew Bible, pp. 463–464)

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

The Recognition of Memorization

The Psalter - Psalm 103:1–13 (*Psalter*, page 86) Blaenwern

*** The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “Thanks Be to Thee” attr. G. F. Händel

Text:

Thanks be to thee, Lord God of hosts; thou broughtest forth with
mighty hand Israel safe through the sea.

Lord, thou hast led us as a shepherd; Lord, with thine hand tenderly
in ages past thy people hast led.
— Channing Lefebvre

*** The Doxology and Dismissal** (Hymnal #283) Ebenezer

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior,
Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty. Amen.

The Sermon Mr. Johnson

“THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD –7”
Righteous and Just – II
XIV. Psalms for All of Life

*** The Hymnal** - #125 “Let All Things Now Living” Ash Grove

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

All praise and thanks to God,
The Father, now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God
Whom earth and heav’n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.
— *Trinity Hymnal*, #98 (last stanza)

The Postlude - Nun danket alle Gott / Now Thank We All Our
God, Op. 135a, no. 18 Max Reger

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #98

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children’s Church: Kendra Miller and Claire Webb
Assisting: Tim Shaw
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

GREETERS–ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. Michael Hazeltine
NORTH SIDE S. Jackson
SOUTH SIDE W. Milling

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

Elder: D. Gross

GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:

FRONT DOOR: B. Johnson
BAPTISMAL FONT: J. Tomlinson

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK THANKSGIVING SERVICE

"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

Prelude - "Brother James' Air"
"Simple Gifts"

arr. Michael Mazzatenta
arr. Kevin McChesney

The Handbell Choir

Announcements

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

* *Hymnal* - #660 "O God beyond All Praising"

Thaxted

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

* *Reading of the Law of God* (see back panel of hymnal)

Confession of National Sin

Assurance of Pardon

"If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
(1 John 1:8,9)

"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves, and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land." (2 Chronicles 7:14; Jeremiah 29:7)

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

Intercessory Prayer

* *Hymnal/Psalter* - #40 "God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

(Psalm 46)

Bethlehem

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture & Sermon - 1 Thessalonians 5:13 (pew Bible p. 988) Mr. Johnson

"AN AMERICAN THANKSGIVING"

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Psalter* - Psalm 136: 1-16 (*Psalter*, page 116)

Constance

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

Materna

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America, America! God mend thine every flaw
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

Postlude - Nun danket alle Gott / Now Thank We All Our God

[Marche triomphale]

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal*, #98

* Congregation Standing

+ Latecomers may be seated

Assisting: Alex Sutherland

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School Classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
11:30 a.m.	College luncheon, 18 W. Hull Street, The Parlor
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Rev. Alex Sutherland
4:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir rehearsal, sanctuary
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Care Group #3 (D. Gobel) (Deacons: F. Orellana and A. Parrish) Set up/Clean up for supper
6:45 p.m.	Thanksgiving Meal tonight, Fellowship Hall
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
7:00 p.m.	High School Small Groups, various locations

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON OR BIBLE STUDY

ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 ~

IT WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 3

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET

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

It is with grateful hearts that the flowers today are given to the glory of God. "*Giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ*" (Ephesians 5:20).

BAPTISM

The sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered during this morning's worship service by Mr. Johnson to **Cade Rogan Smith**, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin J. Smith (Taylor)**.

MEMORIZATION ACHIEVEMENT

During this morning's worship service we will recognize **Amelia Lucile Scharer** and **Lois Meyers Dugal** for reciting word perfect The Ten Commandments, The Lord's Prayer, and the Apostles' Creed—Level 1 of our memorization program. They will receive an award of achievement. Please take a moment to congratulate them.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be observed this evening at 5:30 p.m. The Thanksgiving theme will be emphasized in our regular evening service and will be followed by a free Thanksgiving meal. Let's remember together the blessings of God that we have received as families, as a church, and as a nation.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a congregational meeting following next Sunday morning's service for the purpose of electing church officers and a trustee.

PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 5, 11:30 a.m., at the Savannah Golf Club (1661 E. President Street). The festivities will include delightful fellowship, delicious food, door prizes, a presentation from Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* by Miss Kirstie Brodmann's Veritas Academy drama students, and a short Christmas meditation by Dr. Matthew Burt. The cost will be \$24.00 per person (make checks payable to IPC noting "PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon" on the memo line). The deadline for reservations is Sunday, November 30.

-----Tear off-----

PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

☐ Yes, I/we wish to attend the PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon on December 5.
Enclosed is a check for \$ _____. (\$24 per person)

Name: _____

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

Church Office

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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, Nov. 25	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:00 a.m.	Women Gather to Pray at Three Tree Coffee, 215 W. Collins Street, Pooler
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	No Women's Bible Study
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	No iPRIMES Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	No College Bible Study
Wed, Nov. 26	7:00 p.m.	No ESL Classes
	11:45 a.m.	No Noon Luncheon/Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	No Adult Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	No Women's Evening Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	No High School Dinner
Thur, Nov. 27	7:15 p.m.	No High School Fellowship
	8:30 a.m.	Church Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday (reopens Monday, December 1 at 8:30 a.m.)
	7:00 p.m.	No Careers

Coming Events

Nov. 30	No Sunday Evening Meal
Dec. 1	Baby Shower for Mary Elizabeth Lay, 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 4	Greening of the sanctuary, 9:30 a.m.
Dec. 5	PRIMES' Christmas Party at The Savannah Golf Club, 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 6	Youth deliver Shut-in baskets
Dec. 7	Officers Installation service, AM; The Lord's Supper, PM
Dec. 8	Session/Diaconate Oyster Roast, Point Pleasant

The Record of Our Faithfulness

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November 16, 2025

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