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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** - Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele / Soul, Adorn Thyself  
with Gladness, op. 122, no. 5 Johannes Brahms

*Text:*  
See *Trinity Hymnal* #421

### The Sounding of the Hour

#### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty Father, who has given Your only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification; grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve You in purity of living and truth; and increase and strengthen our faith in You, and in Your Son whom You have sent; that so believing in Him, we may overcome the world, and attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Call to Worship** - "O, That I Had A Thousand Voices" (v. 12)  
(see text on insert) Johann König

+\* **The Hymnal** - #273 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Llanfair

#### 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 38:1–10** (*Psalter*, page 30)

Merton

\* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**The Collection**

**The Anthem - “Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”**

(from the *Brockes Passion*)  
G. F. Händel

*The Adult Choir*  
(see text on insert)

\* **The Doxology and Dismissal** (*Hymnal*, #731)

Old 100<sup>th</sup>

*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 - Psalm 146** (pew Bible, p. 525)

**The Sermon**

Mr. Johnson

“MESSIAH’S IDENTITY AND EARTHLY MINISTRY”

*XXVII. Psalms For All of Life*

**The Prayer of Intercession**

**The Invitation to and Fencing of the Table**

\* **The Hymnal - #247 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”** Passion Chorale  
(see hymn insert)

**The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

You may partake of the elements as you receive them.

\* **The Hymnal - #274 “Thine Be the Glory”**

Maccabaeus

(see hymn insert)

\* **The Benediction**

**The Postlude - Heut triumphieret Gottes Sohn / Today the Son  
of God triumphs, BWV 630**

J. S. Bach

(see text on insert)

\* Congregation Standing  
+ Latecomers may be seated

\*\* Children’s Church: Sarah Grace Brodmann and Maggie Stewart  
Assisting: Mr. Shaw  
Organist and Choirmaster: Jacob H. Fuhrman

**GREETERS–ELDERS:**

FRONT DOOR: Elder and Mrs. J. Garnett  
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: R. Kelly

**GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:**

FRONT DOOR: A. Brown  
BAPTISMAL FONT: J. Jefferson

# 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 (*Psalms of the Month*)

Greyfriars

+ *Announcements*

**Praise**

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

+\* *Hymnal* - #310 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

Darwall

**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 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* - Malachi 2:1-16 (2<sup>nd</sup> reading—pew Bible pp. 801-802)

*Prayer of Intercession*

\* *Psalter* - Psalm 90:1-9 (*Psalter*, p.78)

St. Catherine

\* *Prayer of Illumination*

**Scripture & Sermon** - Colossians 1:1-2 (pew Bible, p. 983)

Mr. Shaw

"LET THE TRUTH DRIVE"

*I. Colossians*

**Thanksgiving and Blessing**

\* *Hymnal* - #267 "The Day of Resurrection!"

Lancashire

\* *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 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Axson Bldg.)  
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary  
11:30 a.m. College lunch provided at The Carriage House 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 (1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> 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 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. 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.

## 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.

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the wedding of *Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Rustine*, who were united in marriage by Rev. Terry Johnson on Saturday, April 11, 2026, in the sanctuary of Independent Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Rustine is the former Miss Katie Rocker.

## 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.

## The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson .....	Senior Minister
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Evan J. Gear .....	Associate Minister
Alex B. Sutherland .....	Assistant Minister
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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](http://ipsav.org/webcast).
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at [www.ipsav.org](http://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, Apr. 14	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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Floor
	7:00 p.m.	No iPRIMES Bible Study
Wed, Apr. 15	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
	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull St. Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Thurs, Apr. 16	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
Fri, Apr. 17 to Apr. 19		Youth Choir Trip to Greenville, SC

## Coming Events

Apr. 20	Session/Diaconate meetings
Apr. 21	Savannah River Presbytery, Augusta, GA
Apr. 24	Youth and Primes Dinner

## The Record of Our Faithfulness

Maundy Thursday Service 4/2/2026 – 321

**April 5, 2026**

AM – 1082    PM – 242

## MEDITATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

We offer the following for your meditation in preparing your heart for the morning message and the receiving of the sacrament of The Lord's Supper today.

**Q.:** How do they that worthily communicate in the Lord's supper feed upon the body and blood of Christ therein?

**A.:** As the body and blood of Christ are not corporally present in, with, or under the bread and wine in the Lord's supper; and yet are spiritually present to the faith of the receiver, no less truly and really than the elements themselves are to their outward senses; so they that worthily communicate in the sacrament of the Lord's supper, do therein feed upon the body and blood of Christ, not after a corporal or carnal, but in a spiritual manner; yet truly and really, while by faith they receive and apply unto themselves Christ crucified, and all the benefits of His death.

(Larger Catechism Question #170).

### O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED

#247

Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153

Tr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Tr. by James W. Alexander, 1830

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call Thee mine.

What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered,  
Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank Thee, dearest friend,  
For this Thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love for Thee.

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE

Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Arr. by Johann Sebastian Bach, 1729

### THINE BE THE GLORY

#274

Edmond Budry, 1884

Tr. by Richard B. Hoyle, 1923

Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won;  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away,  
Kept the folded grave-clothes,  
Where Thy body lay.

*Refrain:*

Thine be the glory,  
Risen, conqu'ring Son;  
Endless is the vict'ry  
Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us,  
Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly He greets us,  
Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let the Church with gladness,  
Hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth,  
Death hath lost its sting.

*Refrain*

No more we doubt Thee,  
Glorious Prince of life;  
Life is naught without thee:  
Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conqu'rors,  
Through Thy deathless love:  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To Thy home above.

*Refrain*

TUNE: MACCABAEUS

from George Frederick Händel

*Judas Maccabaeus*, 1747

“O, That I Had a Thousand Voices” (v. 12)

Johann König

*Call to Worship Text:*

Shall I not, then, be filled with gladness?

Shall I not praise thee evermore

And triumph over fear and sadness,

E'en when my cup of woe runs o'er?

Though heaven and earth shall pass away,

Thy lovingkindness stands for aye.

— Johann Mentzer (1704), tr. composite from *The Lutheran Hymnal* (1941)

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“Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness”

(from the *Brockes Passion*)

G. F. Händel

*The Adult Choir*

*Anthem Text:*

Soul, adorn thyself with gladness,

Leave behind all gloom and sadness;

Come into the daylight's splendor,

There with joy thy praises render

Unto Him whose grace unbounded

Hath this wondrous supper founded.

High o'er all the heavens He reigneth,

Yet to dwell with thee He deigneth.

— Johann Franck (1649), tr. Catherine Winkworth (1858),  
rev. in the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978)

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*Postlude text:*

Today the Son of God triumphs,

Who has risen from the dead,

Alleluia, alleluia.

With great splendor and glory;

Therefore we give Him eternal thanks.

Alleluia, alleluia.

— attr. Kaspar Stolzhagen (1591)

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*Sermon Notes*