

**OUR CHURCH TODAY**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all age groups  
 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2)  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary  
 3:45 p.m. Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Ron Berry  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) rehearsal, Choir Rm.  
 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. **Care Group #11 (D. Boatright)** (Deacons: S. Thompson, D. Williams and J. Robinson) Set up/Clean up for supper  
 6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall  
 \$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 Children (2 years old to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade),  
 \$4.00 High School and College; \$16.00 maximum per family  
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Choir Rm.  
 7:00 p.m. Middle School Emmaus Road, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.  
 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 12:20 P.M.  
 MESSAGE BY REV. TIMOTHY SHAW

**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 11:00 a.m. and ends sometime after noon.

**BAPTISM**

The sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered during this morning's worship service by Dr. Johnson to *Magdalen Emily "Emma" Girgis*, daughter of *Dr. and Mrs. Peter Girgis (Sally)*, on behalf of the Holy Trinity Church of Hyde Park, Chicago, IL, under whose pastoral care she will be taken.

**CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS**

If you would like to order Christmas Poinsettias to be placed in our church on Sunday, December 22, they are \$15.00 each. They may be given in honor of individuals or as memorials. Please print your information below exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. Make your checks payable to IPC, noting "Poinsettias" on the memo line. Poinsettias may be ordered through December 15.

Please place \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas Poinsettias in the Sanctuary on December 22, 2019, as designated below:  
 (Please print clearly as you wish all names to appear in the bulletin.)

In honor or memory of (circle one): \_\_\_\_\_  
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Given by: \_\_\_\_\_

**PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 6, 11:30 a.m., at the Savannah Golf Club, 1661 E. President Street. This year our devotion will be presented by Rev. Dan Iverson, PCA missionary to Japan. Our music will be the Veritas 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, led by Mrs. Denise Winks. The cost will be \$15.00 per person (make checks payable to IPC noting "PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon" on the memo line.) The deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 1. Fill out the slip below or call the church office, 236-3346.

**PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

Yes, I/we wish to attend the PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon on December 6. Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. (\$15 per person)

I will pay at a later date, but please make a reservation for me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

**The Pastoral & Educational Staff**

Terry L. Johnson.....Senior Minister.....421-8100  
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 Timothy P. Foster.....Associate Minister .....421-8103  
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 Evan J. Gear.....Assistant Minister .....540-793-2018  
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**Church Office**

Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.....236-3346  
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 Senior Minister's Secretary.....421-8100  
 I.P.C. Sexton:.....421-8112

**PARKING**

Street parking is available (free of charge) throughout the downtown area on Sundays. In addition, consider the following options:

- 9 reserved spaces by IPC along Oglethorpe Avenue (adjacent to our church).
- The lot behind the Board of Education is open to the public on a "first come" basis (on nights and weekends).
- The Civic Center lot is open and parking is free on Sundays (when no events are scheduled).

Note: The City of Savannah parking fees are enforced Monday-Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**For Prayer & Participation This Week**

Mon, Dec. 2 1:00 p.m. Sewing Class, Fellowship Hall  
 3:00 p.m. Smocking Class, Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 p.m. Session/Diaconate Meeting and Oyster Roast at Point Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd.

Tues, Dec. 3 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
 8:30 a.m. Church staff meeting  
 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall  
 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.  
 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening Circle at the home of Mrs. Anne Portell, 340 E. 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
 7:30 p.m. No Garmer Bible Study (resumes in January)

Wed, Dec. 4 6:50 a.m. Dead Theologians' Society meet at the Pancake House, 7201 Hodgson Memorial Dr B  
 10:45 a.m. Women's Intercessor Group  
 11:45 a.m. Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall  
 6:30 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.  
 6:30 p.m. High School Dinner, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 7:00 p.m. High School Fellowship, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
 9:00 p.m. No RUF (resumes in January)

Thurs, Dec. 5 12:00 p.m. Dead Theologians' Society, Admin. Bldg., 2<sup>nd</sup> Fl.  
 7:00 p.m. Careers, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

Fri, Dec. 6 11:30 a.m. PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon, Savannah Golf Club, 1661 E. President Street  
 7:00 p.m. Veritas' Christmas Program, sanctuary

Sat, Dec. 7 9:30 a.m. Youth deliver baskets to shut-ins (meet at Kirk 'O the Isles)

**Coming Events**

Dec. 8 Officers Installation/Ordination Service, AM service  
 Dec. 9 Baby Shower for Carmen Bergman, 7:00 p.m.  
 Dec. 15 Lessons and Carols Service, 5:30 p.m.

**The Record of Our Faithfulness**

Wednesday Noon Service on 11/20/19 – 46  
**November 24, 2019**  
 SS – 305 AM – 510 PM – 279

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# THE LORD’S DAY MORNING WORSHIP 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 Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

**The Prelude** - “Once in Royal David’s City” Robert Farley

## + The Welcome and Announcements

### The Call to Worship

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, your Father’s will you have fulfilled. From heav’n above to earth you came, and born as man you took our name. O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild. (*Trinity Hymnal* #232, stanza 1)

+\* **The Hymnal** - #196 “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” Hyfrydol

### \* 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*, #271) Lyngham

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Spirit be while endless ages run, while endless ages run, while endless ages run.

## The Pastoral Prayer

**The Scripture Reading** - Acts 28:17–31 (42<sup>nd</sup> reading—pew Bible pp. 937–938)  
John 15:26–16:4 (pew Bible p. 902)

## The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

\* **The Psalter** - Psalm 136:1–16 (*Psalter*, p. 116) Constance

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## The Collection

**The Anthem** - “What Sweeter Music” John Rutter  
Text: Robert Herrick (1591–1674)

*Sanctuary Choir*

What sweeter music can we bring than a carol, for to sing  
the birth of this our heav’nly King? Awake the voice! Awake the string!  
Dark and dull night, fly hence away, and give the honour to this day  
that sees December turn’d to May,  
that sees December turn’d to May.

Why does the chilling winter’s morn smile, like a field best with corn?  
Or smell like a meadow newly shorn thus on the sudden?

Come and see the cause, why things thus fragrant be:  
‘Tis he is born, whose quick’ning birth gives life and lustre, public mirth,  
to heaven and the underearth.

We see him come, and know him ours, who, with his sunshine and his  
show’rs, turns the patient ground to flow’rs,  
turns all the patient ground to flow’rs.

The darling of the world is come, and fit it is, we find a room  
to welcome him, to welcome him.

The nobler part of all the house here, is the heart,  
Which we will give him; and bequeath this holly, and this ivy wreath  
to do him honour; who’s our King, and Lord of all this revelling.

What sweeter music can we bring.

\* **The Doxology & 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 Sermon** Mr. Johnson

“THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH” – 1  
*XCVI. Expositions of the Gospel of John*

\* **The Hymnal** - #194 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” Veni Emmanuel

\* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Puer Nobis  
He’ll judge the poor, the wronged set free, and crush the men who them  
oppress. All kings shall down before Him fall. (*Trinity Psalter*, Psalm 72,  
*pp. 60-61, stanza 4, 11*)

**The Postlude** - “Hark the Glad Sound” Paul Manz

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\* Congregation Standing \*\* Children’s Church: Wallace & Amy Milling

+ Latecomers may be seated

<b>GREETERS–ELDERS:</b>	<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:</b>
FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. R. Thompson	ELDER: D. Gobel
NORTH SIDE D. Gobel	<b>GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:</b>
SOUTH SIDE M. Hazeltine	FRONT DOOR B. Stevens
	BAPTISMAL FONT W.VanPuffelen

# THE LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP THE LORD’S SUPPER

## 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 - Communion hymns  
Announcements*

## Praise

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

\* *Hymnal* - #217 “All My Heart This Night Rejoices” Warum Solit'

## 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 Heidelberg Catechism* (1563) – Lord’s Day 7

**Q. 21 What is true faith?**

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ’s merit. (*Psalter Hymnal*, p. 875).

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Collection*

## Provision for Life and Growth

\* *Psalter* - Psalm 128 (*Psalter*, p. 112) Nettleton

\* *Prayer of Illumination  
Scripture and Sermon* - Luke 2:1–7 (pew Bible p. 857)

Mr. Gear

“ORDINARY, SILENCE”

*Prayer of Intercession*

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table*

*Hymn of Preparation* - #252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”  
Hamburg

*The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper*

You may partake of the elements as you receive them

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

\* *Hymnal* - #229 “Gentle Mary Laid Her Child” Tempus Adest Floridum

\* *Benediction*

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\* Congregation Standing