

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

SUNDAY ~ DECEMBER 20, 2020

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must  
worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

**Preparation** (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

+ *Announcements*

**Praise**

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

+\* *Hymnal* - "The First Noel"

Anonymous (1833)  
Traditional English Carol

**Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving**

\* *Reading of the Law of God*

And 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.

- I. **Thou shalt have no other gods before me.**
- II. **Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,**  
or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III. **Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;**  
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. **Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**  
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V. **Honor thy father and thy mother:**  
that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- VI. **Thou shalt not kill.\***
- VII. **Thou shalt not commit adultery.**
- VIII. **Thou shalt not steal.**
- IX. **Thou shalt not bear false witness**  
against thy neighbor.
- X. **Thou shalt not covet**  
thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy *neighbor's*. (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 6th Commandment forbids not all forms of killing, but specifically unjust killing, that is, *murder*.

*Prayer of Confession*  
*Assurance of Pardon*

***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***

**Provision for Life and Growth**

***Scripture Reading*** - Luke 1:26–38; Isaiah 60:1–6, 18-20

***Prayer of Intercession***

\* ***Psalter*** - Psalm 72:13–19

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\* ***Prayer of Illumination***

***Scripture & Sermon*** - Matthew 6:5–15

Mr. Shaw

**“HOW TO PRAY”**

<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>7</sup> “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. <sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

<sup>14</sup> For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, <sup>15</sup> but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**Thanksgiving and Blessing**

\* ***Hymnal*** - “It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

Carol

\* ***Benediction***

# The First Noel

1. The first No - el, the an-gel did say, Was to cer-tain poor  
 2. And by the light of a great star Came wise men  
 3. The star drew nigh to the north - west, O'er Beth - le -  
 4. Then they who the great star did see Fell rev' - rent  
 5. Then let us all with one ac - cord Sing prai - ses

shep-herds in fields where they lay; In fields where they lay  
 from a coun - try far; To seek for a king was  
 hem it took its rest; And there it did both  
 ly up - on their knee, And of - fered there in  
 to our heav'n - ly Lord, That hath made heav'n and

keep-ing their sheep, On a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.  
 their in - tent, And to fol-low the star wher - e - ver it went.  
 stop and stay, Right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.  
 His pre - sence Their gold, and myrrh, and frank - in - cense.  
 earth of naught, And with His blood man - kind hath bought.

No - el, no - el, no - el, no - el:

Born is the King of Is - ra - el!

# Psalm 72:13-19

1. <sup>13</sup>He'll show the poor his sym - pa - thy,  
 2. <sup>15</sup>So he shall live; a gift of gold  
 3. <sup>16</sup>On hill - tops sown a lit - tle grain,  
 4. <sup>17</sup>Long as the sun his name shall last.  
 5. <sup>18</sup>Now bless - ed be our God a - lone.  
 6. <sup>19</sup>And bless - ed be His glor - ious name,

And save the need - y by his might;  
 From She - ba they'll be - fore him lay.  
 Like Le - ba - non with fruit shall bend;  
 It shall en - dure through a - ges all,  
 Je - ho - vah, God of Is - ra - el,  
 Long as the a - ges shall en - dure.

<sup>14</sup>From fraud and force he'll set them free;  
 They'll him in con - stant prayer up - hold,  
 New life the ci - ty shall at - tain;  
 And men shall still in him be bless'd;  
 For on - ly He has won - ders done;  
 O'er all the earth ex - tend His fame;

Their blood is pre - cious in his sight.  
 Their bles - sings on him chant all day.  
 She shall like grass grow and ex - tend.  
 Bless'd all the na - tions shall him call.  
 His deeds in glo - ry far ex - cel.  
 A - men, a - men, for e - ver - more.

# It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

1. It came up-on the mid-night clear, that glo-ri-ous song of old,—  
2. To us a child of hope is born, to us a Son is giv'n,—  
3. His pow'r, in-creas-ing, still shall spread, His reign no end shall know,  
4. For lo, the days are has-t'ning on, by pro-phet bards fore - told,—

from an-gels bend-ing near the earth to touch their harps of gold:—  
Him shall the tribes of earth o - bey, Him all the hosts of Heav'n.  
Jus - tice shall guard His throne a - bove, and peace a - bound be - low.—  
When with the ev - er - cir-cling years comes round the age of gold;—

"Peace on the earth, good will to men, from heav'n's all - gra - cious King";  
His name shall be the Prince of Peace, for - ev - er - more a - dored,  
Re - joice, ye dis - tant lands, re-joice, all hail Im - man - uel's morn,  
When peace shall o - ver all the earth its an - cient splen-dors fling,—

the world in sol - emn still-ness lay to hear the an - gels sing.—  
The won - der - ful, the coun-se - lor, the great and migh-ty Lord.—  
For God comes down, frail man to crown: to us a Child is born.—  
And the whole world give back the song which now the an - gels sing.—

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OUR MINISTRY TODAY

### A.M. Sunday School

Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster is accessible at [SermonAudio.com/ipcsav](http://SermonAudio.com/ipcsav). The title of the class is *Encounters With Jesus*. This week we will study "All Things Are Possible with God" (Mark 10:23-31).

Children (Pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Sunday School materials provided to parents.

Middle School & High School are encouraged to participate in the Adult Sunday School taught by Mr. Foster.

**9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. – Morning Worship** (On-site and live-stream).

**4:00 P.M. - No Handbell Choir rehearsal**

**5:30 P.M. – Evening Worship** (On-site and live-stream). **No Evening meal will be served on December 20 or December 27.**

**Nursery** – (infants through 3-year-olds) will be available at the 9:00 a.m. service and 5:30 p.m. service. Reserve nursery care when you register for services.

### LIVE-STREAM PLATFORMS

SermonAudio [ipcs.ga/sawebcast](http://ipcs.ga/sawebcast)

Facebook [ipcs.ga/facebooklive](http://ipcs.ga/facebooklive)

YouTube [ipcs.ga/YouTube](http://ipcs.ga/YouTube)

Periscope [ipcs.ga/periscope](http://ipcs.ga/periscope)

### ON-LINE THIS WEEK

**Adult Meetings:** This week the following meetings are planned to take place on-line:

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast (both on-site and ZOOM)

Tuesday, December 22

No iPrimes Bible Study this week

### ON-SITE THIS WEEK

**Men's Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast** – 6:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall and also via ZOOM meeting.

**Wednesday Noon Service** – will not meet December 23 or December 30.

**College Bible Study** – Monday at 7:00 p.m. in the Carriage House.

**Wednesday Evening** – Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary at 6:45 p.m. We will not rehearse on December 30.

**No Youth Choir**

**No Middle School/High School Youth Gatherings this week.**

**Thursday – Christmas Eve Service**, 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Pre-register on-line for which service you will be attending. Seating is limited.

### ON-LINE FRIENDSHIP CARD

We extend a warm welcome and express our delight that you have chosen to visit the historic Independent Presbyterian Church. In order to have a record of your visit and to become better acquainted with you, we would ask you to use the QR code attached to fill out our on-line friendship card.

With your smartphone, open the camera app and point it at the QR image. If you are viewing via live webcast you may use this link:  
<https://ipcs.ga/friendship>.



### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS

We continue to maintain safe practices during the pandemic. Every reasonable step is taken to safeguard the well-being of all who attend our services:

- seating in every other pew
- pews wiped down between services
- alternate pews used between services
- hymnals and Bibles removed from the sanctuary
- expanded bulletins used for the entire order of worship
- Additional precautions are taken in connection with the nursery, the Sunday night fellowship suppers, the Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast, and other gatherings.

As always, those with pre-existing conditions or other vulnerabilities have access to our services "live" on-line, and after-the-fact at SermonAudio and YouTube.

Please be informed of the most recent Chatham County Emergency Order regarding Covid-19 as it relates to religious services ([www.chathamcountyga.gov](http://www.chathamcountyga.gov)).