

THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

SUNDAY ~ MAY 03, 2020

9:00 and 11:00 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, who shows to them that be in error the light of Your truth, to the intent that they may return to the way of righteousness; Grant to all those that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that as strangers and pilgrims they may abstain from fleshly lusts, and follow all such things as are agreeable to their holy profession; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Prelude - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
"When Morning Gilds the Skies" (improvisation)

Johannes Brahms

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Call to Worship

+* **The Hymnal** - #167 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (music provided)

Laudes Domini

* **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 - Romans 9 (13th reading)

John 17:1-5

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

* **The Psalter** - Psalm 25:1-7 (music provided)

Trentham

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Organ - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Brahms

* **The Doxology**

(*Hymnal*, #733)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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!

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

"THE KNOWLEDGE AND GLORY OF GOD"

CVI. Expositions of the Gospel of John

* **The Hymnal - #55 "To God Be the Glory"** (music provided)

To God Be The Glory

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

Rachie

Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe, but the King's own army none can overthrow: round His standard
ranging, vict'ry is secure; for His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure. Joyfully enlisting by Thy grace divine, we
are on the Lord's side, Savior, we are Thine. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #588, last stanza)

The Postlude - "Fugue in A Minor"

J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES

The Session voted to expand attendance at each of our three Sunday services (9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.) to 150 for members of Independent Presbyterian Church. We are doing so carefully, maintaining social distancing and hygienic protocols (see below). We are blessed with 144 pews on the ground floor of our house of worship and another 40-plus in the balcony. We have a lot of room in which to spread out, making our services as safe as the local pharmacy and grocery store. We will continue to recommend **non-attendance** for those who are at-risk because of medical conditions or age (see below). We also understand that some will wish to limit their risks and we encourage them to remain at home. Otherwise, we believe nearly every member who wishes to attend may do so.

You are being asked, if you are comfortable to do so, to register and attend one of the morning services and the evening service. Registration is necessary to limit the attendance at each service to 150. Please **register by Thursday at 1:00 p.m.** using the link below if you wish to participate as part of the congregation in the Sanctuary during the morning and/or evening services. We are asking that you commit with the best of your knowledge that you will be in attendance. Please do not hesitate to register for morning and evening; if we have excessive numbers for a given service, we will contact you.

No part of this world is risk-free. Neither will our services be risk-free. However, the following safeguards will be in place:

- Seating in every other pew (providing 6 ft. 9 in. between pews)
- Stationary collection plates
- Tape on the floor and sidewalks indicating 6 ft. of social distance
- Orderly entering and exiting of the buildings
- Complete bulletins which eliminate the need to handle the pew hymnals and Bibles

We would like to have the full 150 in attendance at each service. A second email will be sent out at the end of the week (late Friday or Saturday) confirming your attendance on Sunday. We will continue to live broadcast to our 4 platforms as we have been doing. Below are the parameters which we will hold to...

Parameters

We are asking you to remain at home and worship with us online if you can answer "yes" to any of these questions:

1. Are you a child under the age of 5? (please remain at home with an adult or someone responsible)
2. Are you over 65 years of age or anyone in your household?
3. Are you classified in the high risk category or anyone in your household?
4. Are you feeling ill for any reason or anyone in your home feeling ill?
5. Are under quarantine/isolation or living with someone under quarantine/isolation?

With regard to these five points, we know that for many our policy is disappointing and frustrating. However, according to health experts and our government officials, all such persons are high-risk. We recommend that if you fall into this category that you obey the order of the Governor and not attend our public services on May 3 and 10. Stay at home and participate online for both of your sakes, and for the sake of your church. It could be very damaging to the ministry of the church if an at-risk person were to contract the coronavirus while attending church and become seriously ill. We could become subject to the criticism of the community for failure to protect high-risk persons. So please, for the sake of your family and the ministry at IPC, participate online from your home if you or someone in your family can answer yes to these parameters.

Register here: <https://ipcs.ga/covid-19sundays>

Finally, this is our second step in our phased return to normalcy. Be encouraged. Your Session also approved restarting our men's prayer breakfast (supplemented with ZOOM for those who participate at home) and our Career/New Covenant Bible Study which will meet under the pavilion at Point Pleasant. This is all very, very good news.

HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS PROVIDED

As is normally the case, the hymns and psalms are those found in the *Trinity Hymnal* and *Trinity Psalter*. Copies of both are available through the church bookshop. In order to facilitate worship at home on-line, both of the congregational songs, as well as the sermon Scripture text, are provided in this bulletin.

WELCOME DR. JACOB FUHRMAN

We welcome this morning Jacob H. Fuhrman to our church, church staff, and our organ. Jacob is a native of South Dakota and a 2012 graduate of Wheaton College in Organ Performance (*summa cum laude*). He did his graduate work at the prestigious Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY), earning a Master of Music in 2014 and a Doctor of Musical Arts in 2019. While completing graduate studies he served several churches as organist and choirmaster, and also served in several academic positions. We welcome Jacob and his wife Cameron, also a graduate of Eastman School of Music, to our congregation.

ON-LINE TODAY

Sunday School

Adult Sunday School taught by Dr. Foster is accessible at Sermon Audio.com/ipcsav, Vimeo, YouTube. (Check your email for where these links can be accessed.)

Children's Catechism (K-4th grade) with parents with materials provided.

Shorter Catechism (5th-8th grade) taught by Dr. Johnson is accessible at YouTube. (Check your email for where this link can be accessed.)

W.C.F. (High School) taught by Mr. Rodgers. (Check your Youth email for where this link can be accessed.)

9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. – Morning Worship.

5:30 P.M. – Evening Worship.

ON-LINE THIS WEEK

Adult Meetings: While there are no events scheduled to take place *at the church*, these meetings are scheduled to occur on-line.

Tuesday, 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast Meeting will meet at I.P.C. and also via Zoom meeting

Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. Garmer Bible Study taught by Dr. Timothy Foster. (Check your email for where this link can be accessed.)

Wednesday, 12:15 p.m. Mid-week Bible Study with Rev. Timothy Shaw, "Salt and Light" (Matt. 5:13-16).

Check your email for where these links can be accessed.

Youth Ministry:

- Wednesday nights at 7:30 Paul is hosting a Zoom meeting. See the Student Weekly Ministry News for information. All are welcome to join us.
- Weekly a link to a video regarding the *Westminster Confession of Faith* is being emailed. High School students should watch the link to continue our Sunday School series this year.
- On Sunday nights, High School Small Groups will take place via the app Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Look for an invite from your small group leaders.

College students interested in hearing a weekly devotion on the Lord's Prayer are encouraged to download the Marco Polo app to their phone. Contact Evan by text or call Evan (540-793-2018) for link.

New Covenant Meeting on Thursday Nights under the Pavilion at Pt. Pleasant, 441 Suncrest Blvd., 7:00 p.m.

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When Morning Gilds the Skies

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. Ps. 34:1

1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:
 2. When sleep her balm de - nies, my si - lent spir - it sighs:
 3. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I find:
 4. In heav'n's e - ter - nal bliss the love - liest strain is this:

May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. When e - vil thoughts mo - lest,
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. Or fades my earth - ly bliss?
 May Je - sus Christ be praised. The pow'rs of dark - ness fear,

to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 with this I shield my breast: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised.
 when this sweet chant they hear: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

5. Let earth's wide circle round
 in joyful notes resound:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Let air and sea and sky,
 from depth to height, reply:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

6. Be this, while life is mine,
 my canticle divine:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.
 Be this th'eternal song,
 through all the ages on:
 May Jesus Christ be praised.

Psalm 25

1..To Thee I lift my soul, O Lord; I
 2..Yea, none that wait on Thee Shall be a -
 3..Show me Thy ways, O Lord; Thy paths, O -
 4..For Thou art God that dost To me sal -
 5..Thy ten - der mer - cies, Lord, To mind do
 6..My sins of youth, my faults, Do Thou, O

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trust in Thee, My God; let me not
 shamed at all; But those that wan - ton -
 teach Thou me, And do Thou lead me
 va - tion send, And I up - on Thee
 Thou re - call, And lov - ing - kind - ness
 Lord, for - get; In lov - ing - kind - ness

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be a - shamed Nor foes ex - ult o'er me.
 ly trans - gress, Up - on them shame shall fall.
 in Thy truth; There - in my teach - er be.
 all the day Ex - pect - ing do at - tend.
 es, for they Have been through a - ges all.
 think on me And for Thy good - ness great.

To God Be the Glory

All the people were praising God for what had happened. Acts 4:21

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceive
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see

REFRAIN

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord
 praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!