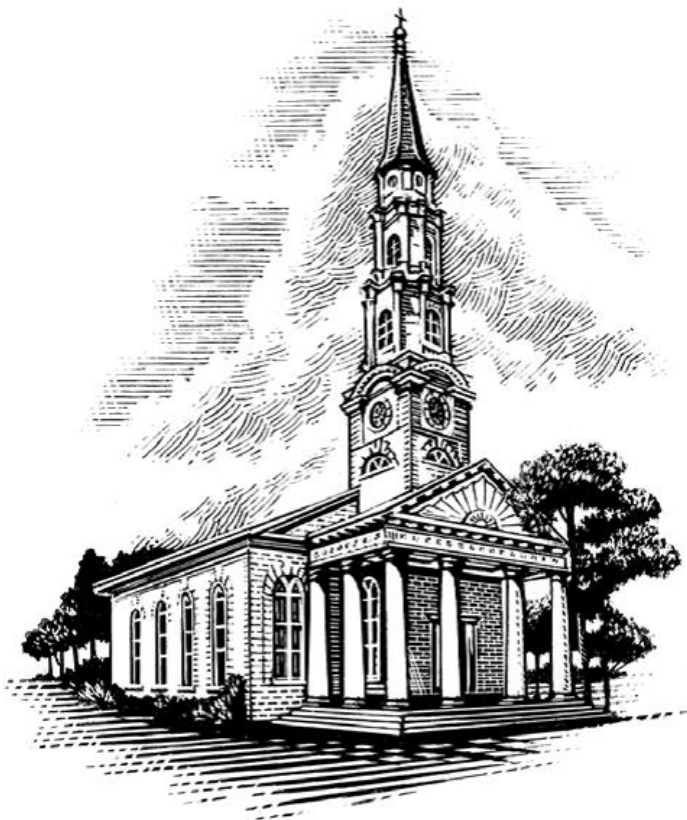


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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

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 - *from “L’Organiste”*

César Franck

The Sounding of the Hour

+ **The Welcome and Announcements**

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, who has given Your only Son to be to us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life: that dying to sin, and living to righteousness, we may at last obtain eternal life: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Call to Worship

+* **Hymnal** - #92 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein’ Feste Burg

* **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*, #273)

Llanfair

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Isaiah 44:21–45:13 (53rd reading—pew Bible pp. 605–606)
Colossians 1:3–8 (pew Bible p.983)

* **The Psalter** - Psalm 27:1–6 (*Psalter* p. 20~see insert) Lenox

* **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

The Anthem - “And Can It Be?”

arr. by Dan Forrest

Mr. Jay Carpenter

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

Old 100th

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

“IS THIS HOW IT WORKS?”

Mr. Shaw

II. Colossians

* **The Hymnal** - #575 “Soldiers of Christ, Arise”

Diademata

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

Manoah

Behold how good a thing it is,
And how becoming well,
When those that brethren are delight
In unity to dwell.
— Psalm 133:1

The Postlude - “Arise, My Soul Arise”

Text:

See *Trinity Hymnal* #305

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children’s Church: Carmen Bergman and Lauren Lantinga
Assisting: Mr. Becham
Organist: Grace Tucker

GREETERS–ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. D. Gobel
NORTH SIDE F. Daniell
SOUTH SIDE K. Crowe

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

Elder: 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 (*Psalm of the Month*) Greyfriars
* *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise
+* *Hymnal* - #98 “Now Thank We All Our God” Nun Danket

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 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

Scripture Reading - Malachi 2:17–3:12 (3rd reading—pew Bible p. 802)
Prayer of Intercession
* *Psalter* - Psalm 76 (*Psalter*, p. 64) Neander
* *Prayer of Illumination*
Scripture and Sermon - Hebrews 4:14–16 (pew Bible p. 1003) Mr. Becham
“HOLD FAST AND DRAW NEAR”

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #699 “Like a River Glorious” Wye Valley
* *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 2nd 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
4:15 p.m. No Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th grades)
5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:30 p.m. **Care Group #7 (S. Jackson/C. Martin) (Deacons: B. Immel and B. Johnson)** 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. No Children's Choir Rehearsal (1st-5th grades)
7:00 p.m. No Middle School Emmaus Road
7:00 p.m. No High School Small Groups

WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

TELFAIR HALL ~ LUNCH AT 11:45 A.M.

BIBLE STUDY 12:15 P.M.

MESSAGE BY REV. ALEX SUTHERLAND

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.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Mr. Ed Forester** by his wife of 67 years, Mrs. Robbie Forester.

SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The Session will meet tomorrow evening, April 20, in the Axson Building, Choir Room at 5:30 p.m. The Diaconate will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. The joint meeting will be held in the Telfair Hall at 7:00 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR TRIP

Our Youth Choir is singing this morning at Second Presbyterian Church in Greenville, SC, where they have been on their spring trip since Friday afternoon. The group includes 22 students and four chaperones. Please pray for safe travel and for God's blessing as they return this afternoon. Jacob Fuhrman is on the trip with them, and we are grateful to have Grace Tucker at the organ in his absence.

YOUTH AND PRIMES DINNER

The youth will be hosting a spaghetti dinner with the Primes adults on Friday, April 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Telfair Hall. We look forward to enjoying good food and fellowship together. Please contact the church office with any questions.

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 ipc sav.org/webcast.
- All sermons can be accessed from the church website at www.ipc sav.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 & 5 may be dismissed for a separate program following the Collection and the Anthem.**

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Mon, Apr. 20	5:30 p.m.	Session Meeting, Music room
	6:00 p.m.	Diaconate Meeting, Fellowship Hall (meet jointly at 7:00 p.m. in Telfair Hall)
Tues, Apr. 21	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 th Air Force Museum)
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Building, upstairs
	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall
	11:00 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	6:30 p.m.	No ESL Classes, Whitaker Street Bldg.
Wed, Apr. 22	7:00 p.m.	iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only), contact Matthew Burt for information (mburt@ipc sav.org)
	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study, The Parlor at 18 W. Hull Street
	11:45 a.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall
Thurs, Apr. 23	6:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
	6:30 p.m.	No Womens' Evening Bible Study
	6:30 p.m.	High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall
	7:15 p.m.	High School Fellowship, Hull St. Building, 2 nd Floor
Fri, Apr. 24	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
Fri, Apr. 24	5:30 p.m.	Youth and Primes Dinner, Fellowship Hall

Coming Events

Apr. 30	Dead Theologian's Society, noon
May 6	Youth Graduates' Banquet, Point Pleasant, 6:30 p.m.

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