



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; AUGUST 13, 2017

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.

Bold text is read or sung by the congregation.

**Please stand if able.*

Idlewild welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our entire worship service. Pick up a children's worship pack at the sanctuary door.

Pachelbel's "Arietta" is a set of variations on an original melody.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who are assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

THE GATHERING

(8:30) MR. WILL GIBBONS

(11:00) MS. JEANNE MARIE CUMMINGS

HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Security is mostly a superstition. It does not exist in nature, nor do the children of men as a whole experience it. Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. Life is either a daring adventure, or nothing. -
-Helen Keller, *The Open Door*

PRELUDE

ARIETTA

JOHANN PACHELBEL (1653 - 1706)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, for the beauty of your creation,

We lift our voices in praise.

Lord Christ, for the vision of the future,

We lift our voices in praise.

Brooding Spirit, for the plans you confound and the seas you calm,

We lift our voices in praise.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 401

"HERE IN THIS PLACE" (GATHER US IN)

GATHER US IN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

(8:30) MR. GIBBONS

(11:00) MS. EMILY MULQUEEN

*In the presence of a holy God,
we become aware of the ways
we fall short of God's best
hopes for us, and the ways we
have hurt others. We turn to
God in prayer, asking for
forgiveness.*

*We express gratitude that
through God's grace and
Christ's giving of himself on the
cross we are forgiven and
restored to God and
one another.*

*We sing in thanksgiving for the
gifts of forgiveness
and new life.*

*The Passing of the Peace is one
of the most ancient
responses in worship. Having
received Christ's peace,
we pass it on.*

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, we call upon you.

Save us!

We are distracted from your purposes,
drowning in doubts and fears.

Save us!

We are presumptuous about your will,
belittling others and magnifying ourselves.

Save us!

We have hardened our hearts
to the suffering of our brothers and sisters.

Save us!

**Lord Jesus, who searches our hearts,
lift us from sin and help us to walk with you
in faith, humility, and brotherly-sisterly love.**

(silent prayer and meditation)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a 7/8 time signature. The first two staves are for the 'Leader' and the last two are for 'All'. Each staff contains a melodic line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!'.

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

We invite young children to come to the front at this time.

Each week children bring quarters to put in education sticks, so that young girls around the world might have the opportunity for an education. Just \$275 (1,100 quarters) provides scholarship, supplies, and empowerment for a young girl. As our children come forward for the Time with the Younger Church, please pass them quarters to share.

The children lead the congregation in The Lord's Prayer using "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Following the Time with the Younger Church, children PK-SK may go to C3. Parents, please take your children out to the hallway by the T.K. Young Room and sign them in. Helpers will escort them to the library.

Children two years old or younger may go to the nursery (Conference Room).

Beginning next Sunday, C3 will be for PK and JK children only. Children SK and older are asked to stay in the sanctuary for the full worship service.

This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. Thomas A. Dorsey thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

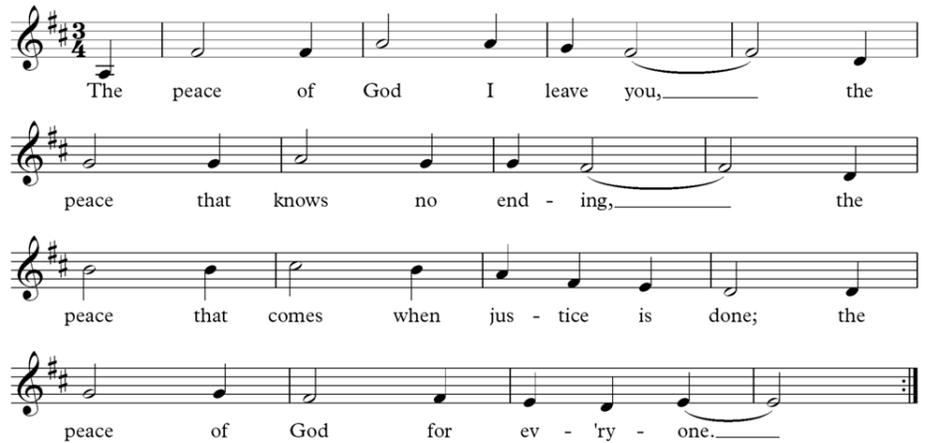
The sermon is a reflection on the day's scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

GATHERING HYMN (11:00)

B. Farrell

Bernadette Farrell



The peace of God I leave you, the
peace that knows no end - ing, the
peace that comes when jus - tice is done; the
peace of God for ev - ry - one.

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TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

MS. BECKY TAYLOR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS

THE REVEREND DR. STEPHEN R. MONTGOMERY

MINUTE FOR MISSION: YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

MS. SARAH WOLF

*PROCLAMATION HYMN No. 834

"PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND"

PRECIOUS LORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DR. MONTGOMERY

GOSPEL LESSON

MATTHEW 14:22-33

(PAGE 16, NT, PEW BIBLE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THREE O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING

DR. MONTGOMERY

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (FROM THE IONA ABBEY WORSHIP BOOK)

MS. WOLF

In the midst of hunger and war

We celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

In the midst of oppression and tyranny

We celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

In the midst of doubt and despair

We celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

In the midst of fear and betrayal

We celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

In the midst of hatred and death

We celebrate the promise of love and life.

In the midst of sin and decay

We celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

In the midst of death on every side.

We celebrate the promise of the living Christ. Amen.

*We bring to God our
celebrations and cares, praying
for the world, the church and
those close to us.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30) "BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH" (FROM "SAINT PAUL")

FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1809 - 1847)

William Compton, soloist

(11:00) "BRIGHT MANSIONS ABOVE"

AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUAL, ARR. K. LEE SCOTT (B. 1950)

In bright mansions above, Lord, I want to live up yonder.

My father's gone to Glory; I want to go there too.

My mother's gone to Glory; I want to go there too.

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God whom we adore.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Doxology literally means
"words of glory." Doxologies
have long been used by Jews
and Christians to praise God.
Here we honor and thank God
"from whom all blessings flow."*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

MS. WOLF

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 815**

“GIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS”

FESTAL SONG

***BENEDICTION**

DR. MONTGOMERY

POSTLUDE

BASSE DE TROMPETTE FROM “SUITE DU PREMIER TON”

PIERRE DU MAGE (1674 - 1751)

The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.

This hymn text uses selected stanzas from 16 four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.

Composers of the French Baroque typically titled organ pieces by the voices they expected to be played. In this case, the melody is played in the bass by a trumpet stop while the right hand accompanies with a different combination of voices.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The Sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in celebration of Sam and Kathy Love's 50th anniversary by the Arts and Theology Christ Care Group.

Camera and video use is not allowed during the worship service. Please turn off your cell phone.

Members and guests, please indicate your presence on the Friendship Roster this morning.

The 11:00 service is live at new.livestream.com/idlewild, or search for "Idlewild" in the Livestream phone or Roku app. You can also listen on WREC-AM 600 or at www.600wrec.com, or use the iHeartRadio app.

Please know that, if you need to step out of the sanctuary for any reason during worship, you can watch the service on Livestream in the T.K. Young Room.

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

VISITOR NOTICES

We welcome our visitors this morning. To learn more about Idlewild, please speak to a clergy member at the sanctuary door after the service, or call the church office during the week.

New members are received by the Session the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please see a minister after the service, or call the church office at 726-4681 during the week.

Visit www.idlewildchurch.org for news, events and more. If you're not on the web, call the church office at 726-4681.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

Refreshments are served in the T.K. Young Room after the 11:00 service. Please join in this time of fellowship.

There are no members in the hospital as of August 9.

Giving sanctuary flowers is a special way to honor a loved one. If you would like to give flowers, please contact Buff Adams at 818-5567, 834-0479, or mredbirds@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE & EVANGELISM

Unless otherwise noted, contact Anne Apple, 726-4681 ext. 18 or anne@idlewildchurch.org.

The Idlewild Gay-Straight ChristCare group will meet Sunday, August 27, at 12:30 at the home of Martin Donaldson (3760 Northwood Dr.). The group will be planning for Outflix and MidSouth Pride. Lunch will be potluck. Please bring appetizers, sides, salads and desserts if you can. If you decide at the last minute, please come anyway. Everyone is welcome!

Confidential prayer requests can be made by calling the prayer chain, 683-6578, or by filling out a card from the literature rack.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

"Do you love me? Tend my sheep..." (John 21:16). The meals team is eager to serve the congregation by making and delivering meals to folks facing times of need or transition. Coordinated by the clergy staff and the Congregational Care Committee, this ministry offers volunteer cooks a meaningful, flexible service opportunity. Meals are tailored to take into account dietary restrictions, food allergies, servings needed, and delivery specifics. To join the meals team, contact Anne Ferguson at anneferg@yahoo.com.

CREATIVE PLAY AND RECREATION MINISTRY

*Jacob Pierce, 725-4165 or jpierce@idlewildchurch.org.
Shari Gross, 725-4165 or sgross@idlewildchurch.org.*

Fall soccer registration is going on now. There are still openings for the following age groups:

Mini-Strikers (4 and 5 year olds)

Under 8 girls (6 and 7 year olds)

Under 8 boys (6 and 7 year olds)

If you are interested in signing up, go to idlewildchurch.org/registrations, or pick up a registration form from the literature rack today.

Soccer coaches are needed. Practices are once a week at the Kroc Center, and games are played on Saturdays either at the Kroc or at a different church in the city. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, please contact Jacob Pierce.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or rlamar@idlewildchurch.org.

RALLY DAY AND ADULT MINISTRY FAIR

Sunday, August 20, 9:40-10:40 a.m.

All ages are invited to kick off the program year with the Rally Day celebration. Gather in the sanctuary at 9:40 for music and fun. Children and youth will sit with their classes and will be dismissed around 10:00 to their Sunday School rooms. Adults will be invited to an Adult Ministry Fair in the T.K. Young Room to learn more about the opportunities for faith formation at our church. Join us—and invite your friends!

ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or rlamar@idlewildchurch.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—AUGUST 20

If you would like more detailed information on Sunday morning church school please visit www.idlewildchurch.org.

Rally Day and Adult Ministry Fair (Sanctuary) See above.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Sarah Wolf, 726-4681 ext. 43 or swolf@idlewildchurch.org.

The Young Adult kickoff party will be on Friday, August 18, at Jim and Anne Apple's home (1731 Galloway, 38112) from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Young Presbyterian Women's group Dine-01 kickoff is at Aldo's Midtown (752 S. Cooper) on Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Kristen Murphy at 816-896-5707 or kristendmurphy@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Caitlin C. Bomar, 726-4681 ext. 33 or cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

Rally Day is next Sunday! Join us as we kick off the school year together. Adults and children alike will meet in the sanctuary at 9:40 a.m. for prayer, singing, and an energizer. Children will be greeted by their new Sunday School teachers and will sit with their new Sunday School class. Youth and children's classes will then be dismissed one by one as they are cheered off to their Sunday School classrooms. We hope to see you at Rally Day as we dive into the new school year and fall programming together!

Class Locations for Fall, beginning August 20

Nursery: Conference Room
PK/JK Sunday School Class: Library
SK-2nd Grade Sunday School Class: Strock Room
3rd-5th Grade Sunday School Class: Christian Formation Room
Children's Church Continued (PK/JK): Library

Children's Church Continued, begins August 20. Please note that, as we dive into the school year together, C3 will be for PK and JK children only (three and four-year-olds). Children in senior kindergarten and older are welcome to come up for the *Time with the Younger Church*, then they will stay in the sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

Back-to-School Pool Party is August 26. All families of children 5th grade and under are invited to attend from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the home of Kim and Judy Johnson (768 Charles Place, 38112). Older siblings are more than welcome to come. Please bring your swimsuit, a towel, and a side dish or dessert to share. Kindly RSVP to Caitlin no later than August 20.

"In the Know" Sunday School Class for Parents is September 10.

If you are the parent of a child in 5th grade or below and want to be in the know with what's going on in Children's Ministry this year, this class is for you! Hosted by Caitlin C. Bomar in the T.K. Young Room from 9:40-10:40 a.m., discussion will be had on special children's ministry events throughout the year, fellowship opportunities, and ways parents can get involved in the exciting things God is up to through children's ministry. Come with questions and expect to walk away encouraged.

Children's Ministry E-newsletters: Members of Idlewild that are parents of 5th grade and under children receive a monthly E-newsletter from Caitlin. The E-newsletters consist of details on upcoming events, resources for parents, and volunteer opportunities within the children's ministry. If you are not a member but would like to receive these updates, please let Caitlin know and she will joyfully make sure that you do.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Frank Kelly, 337-0159 or fkelly@idlewildchurch.org.

Informational Session on Created by God: Exploring God's Gift of Sexuality

Who: Parents of 6th and 7th graders
When: Sunday, August 27, from 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Where: CAFE (28 S. Evergreen Street)
Why: Children's and youth ministries are hosting this session in an effort to provide an overview of what content we will be addressing at the Created by God Gathering on September 15.

Questions? Contact Director of Children's Ministry Caitlin C. Bomar at cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

Created by God: Exploring God's Gift of Sexuality

Who: 6th and 7th graders and their parents
When: Friday, September 15, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Harlan Room
Why: Youth and children's ministries are hosting this gathering to help preteens and parents address the topic of God's good gift of sexuality in a safe, shame-free environment.

Please RSVP to Director of Children's Ministry Caitlin C. Bomar by September 1, at cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Sara Dorrien-Christians, 726-4681 ext. 42 or sdorrien@idlewildchurch.org.

The Adopt-A-School ministry begins soon! For over 20 years, our congregation has partnered with Idlewild Elementary School, providing tutoring in reading and math for children in grades K-5 and reading to the kindergarten classes on Fridays. More tutors and readers are always welcome. If you are interested in participating or learning more about this important ministry, please contact Kathy James at 405-5332 or kjames@barton.edu.

Today is the last day to donate school uniforms. If you have donations, please leave them in the large tub across from the front office. We are collecting white polo shirts and black /khaki bottoms. All sizes are appreciated, but most helpful are pants sizes 6, 7, 8, and larger shirts. Thank you!

The Refugee Empowerment Program (REP), is one of our grant recipients (through Memphis Leadership Foundation). REP serves over 400 refugees from 20 countries. The majority of participants are youth under the age of 20, and most of adult participants are women. REP provides in-school support, after-school tutoring, parent advocacy, and summer programs to help students receive a quality educational experience. Programs for adult participants include four levels of ESL classes, citizenship preparedness, and GED readiness. REP teaches life skills in areas of financial literacy, conflict resolution, nutrition, safety, and family communication. REP advocates for refugees in education, employment, social services, healthcare, and issues affecting the elderly. Idlewild grant monies will be used to continue operation of their current programs. Additional ways to help include volunteering to instruct ESL classes, tutoring, leading summer enrichment classes, leading small Bible study groups, and serving on the advisory board. If you would like to help contact Camela Echols at cam@mlfonline.org.

KEEP OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Each week we invite you to pray for our church.

- For the program staff, as they meet each Tuesday morning to plan and coordinate the various ministries of the church, attending to the details that equip our members for ministry. The program staff consists of Steve Montgomery, Margaret Burnett, Anne H.K. Apple, Rebekah Abel Lamar, Doris Hurdle, Barry Oliver, Frank Kelly, Caitlin C. Bomar, Sarah Wolf, and Sara Dorrien-Christians.
- For Rally Day on August 20, that it will be a time of excitement and welcome for the church and the community.
- Pray especially for our children and youth Sunday School teachers as they prepare to teach in new spaces.
- Pray for the Adult Ministry Fair on August 20, that many of our adults will find a place where they can grow in faith.
- For Session meeting on Wednesday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women are invited to the annual Meet 'n' Greet Sunday, August 27, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Susan Taylor's house (4816 Whitehall Cv. 38117). It is a great way to meet other women in the church. Please RSVP to Teresa Caldwell at teresa-caldwell@hotmail.com or 830-4650.

A new circle begins Tuesday, October 3. The circle will meet in the church parlor at 11:00 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month. Come and study Hebrews from the *Horizons Bible Study* and enjoy the fellowship of other women. If you're at work, take a break and bring your lunch, if you are able. Contact Teresa Caldwell at teresa-caldwell@hotmail.com or 830-4650 to sign up.

NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open now for 2018 deacons, ruling elders, and committees. Twelve deacons and nine ruling elders are elected each year to serve a three-year term. All members are encouraged to submit nominations. (Feel free to nominate yourself!) There is a form in the literature rack and on the back page of your bulletin which you can leave in the offering plate or the office, or fill out a form online at www.idlewildchurch.org/nominations. For more info contact anyone on the Nominations Committee: Thad Rodda (chair), trodda@bpjlaw.com; Cindy Moore, cmoore@mifa.org; Andrew Falls, andrewfalls@gmail.com; Nancy Thompson, thompson38104@yahoo.com; Jenny Haddad, jennyhaddad05@gmail.com; Charlie McCrary, chasmccrary@att.net; and Amy Poag, arpoag@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

The calendar is online at www.idlewildchurch.org/fullcalendar.

Sunday August 13

8:30am *Worship Service, Chapel*
8:45am *Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm*
9:40am *Summer Adult Series, TK Young*
9:40am *Sunday School*
10am *Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm*
11am *Worship Service, Sanctuary*
12:30pm *Intro to Worship Workshop, TK Young/Sanctuary*

Monday August 14

5pm *Cuba Comm., Parlor*
6:30pm *Evangelism, Parlor*

Tuesday August 15

6:30am *BASIC Prayer Breakfast, Panera Bread*
10am *PW Coordinating Team, Parlor*
5:30pm *Girl Scouts, upstairs*
6:30pm *NA, TK Young*

Wednesday August 16

5pm *Nominations, Session Rm*
5:30pm *Budget & Finance, Stroock Rm*
6:30pm *Session, Harlan Rm*

Thursday August 17

5pm *More Than A Meal Worship, Chapel*
5:30pm *More Than A Meal, TK Young*
6:30pm *AA Meeting, Conf. Rm*

Friday August 18

5pm *Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary*
6pm *Waltzing, TK Young*
7pm *Young Adult Kickoff, Away*

Saturday August 19

9am *Rally Day Decorating*
6pm *Wedding, Sanctuary*

Rally Day Sunday August 20

NaCoMe Registration Begins
8:30am *Worship Service, Chapel*
8:45am *Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm*
9:40am *Rally Day Gathering, Sanctuary*
10am *Adult Ministry Fair, TK Young*
10am *Summer Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm*
10:30am *New Members, Chapel*
11am *Worship Service, Sanctuary*
11am *Teacher Dedication, Sanctuary*
12pm *Hospitality Team, Parlor*

WELCOME TO IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

You will notice that our vision statement begins and ends with “Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which....all who enter might find a home.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian!) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yes, in our preaching and our prayers, (and many of our newer hymns!) we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the 8:30 service, join us for Sunday School. There are lots of options. After the 11:00 service, stick around. Come to the fellowship hall and be our guest at First Sunday Lunch. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy. There are tons of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Joyfully,

Pastor Steve Montgomery

2017 NOMINATION FORM

Nominations are open for 12 new deacons and 9 new elders to begin serving a three-year term in January 2018. This important process needs input from all members. Please complete this form and leave it in the office or offering plate, or visit www.idlewildchurch.org/nominations.

FEEL FREE TO NOMINATE YOURSELF!

MY NAME _____

You do not need to ask the person before submitting a recommendation. Someone from the Nominations Committee will contact your nominee.

NOMINATION FOR DEACON(S) _____

NOMINATION FOR ELDER(S) _____

COMMITTEE MEMBER SUGGESTIONS (Name and Committee) _____

NOTE TO THE NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (optional)

Questions? Contact a member of the Nominations Committee: Thad Rodda (chair), trodda@bpjlaw.com; Cindy Moore, cmoore@mifa.org; Andrew Falls, andrewfalls@gmail.com; Nancy Thompson, thompson38104@yahoo.com; Jenny Haddad, jennyhaddad05@gmail.com; Charlie McCrary, chasmccrary@att.net; and Amy Poag, arpoag@gmail.com.

www.idlewildchurch.org/nominations

A list of current officers, information about what committees do, and an online nominations form are on the web at www.idlewildchurch.org/nominations.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus Christ is the center;
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,
stage, and circumstance.

Worship forms the core of community life;
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love
to God and to one another;
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;
all the members of the church are ministers.

The focus is scripture and its meaning for today;
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,
practice and shared learning;
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

Justice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;
all voices are heard;
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,
celebration, and growth;
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,
our community, our nation, and our world,

And all who enter find a home.



IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)

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The mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach.

MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit www.idlewildchurch.org/ministersandstaff or call the church.

Stephen R. Montgomery
Pastor
Anne H.K. Apple
*Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
and Evangelism*
Margaret Burnett
*Associate Pastor/Executive
Director of CAFE*
Rebekah Abel Lamar
*Associate Pastor for Christian
Formation*
Corinne Nienhuis
Parish Assistant
Denton McLellan
Parish Associate

Walt Tennyson
Parish Associate
Stephen R. Haynes
Theologian in Residence
Barry Oliver
Director of Music Ministry
David Schnell
Music Asst. & Handbell Director
Caitlin C. Bomar
Director of Children's Ministry
Frank Kelly
Director of Youth Ministry
Dara Bigger
Assistant Director of Youth Ministry
Sarah Wolf
Young Adult Ministry

Sara Dorrien-Christians
*Coordinator of Outreach
Ministry*
Shari Gross
*Interim Director of Recreation
& Fellowship*
Jacob Pierce
Interim Athletic Director
Doris Hurdle
Director of Operations
Henry B. Strock, Jr.
Pastor Emeritus