



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
JANUARY 10, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

*As approved by the Session,
with the Shelby County Health
Directive #16, virtual worship
will continue through the
month of January. We
especially pray you feel the
welcome and embrace of
Jesus Christ.*

***Bold text is read or sung
by the congregation.***

****Asterisk indicates when to
stand, if able.***

***This virtual choir piece was a
creation of the Presbyterian
Mission Agency for World
Communion Sunday 2020. The
singers are Presbyterians from
across the world.***

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

WELCOME

THE REVEREND ANNE H.K. APPLE

HANDBELL PEAL

DAVID SCHNELL

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CARL AWSUMB

FROM "WHEN I AM AMONG THE TREES" BY MARY OLIVER

Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."

The light flows from their branches.

And they call again, "It's simple," they say,

"and you too have come

into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine."

PRELUDE

"JESUS, LEAD THE WAY"

PAUL MANZ (1919 - 2009)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

REV. APPLE

The voice of the Lord is over the waters.

Speak, O Lord, that we will hear.

Bless our eyes that we will see.

The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl.

Speak, O Lord, that we will hear.

Bless our eyes that we will see.

May the Lord give strength to all people.

Speak, O Lord, that we will hear.

Bless our eyes that we will see.

Let us worship God together.

VIRTUAL CHOIR HYMN "THIS IS MY SONG"

FINLANDIA

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.

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

This anthem was written following the bombing of London in 1943 and our choir loves singing it.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator, fount of all life, you bring possibility and see us where we are.

Help us to turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world. Forgive us where we fail to turn completely.

God our Redeemer, Word and Wisdom, you became flesh and showed us the way.

Jesus Christ, Son of God, help us remember that you are Lord and Savior in our lives. Forgive us for claiming other lords, other saviors.

God our Sustainer, fire and wind, you kindle our faith and inspire our love.

May we surrender to the movement of the Spirit. Forgive us when we resist the risk of relationship and change.

By your mercy, help us to live in your light and to abide in your ways, for the sake of your love. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

TESTIMONY

MUSICAL REFLECTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

EUGENE REYNEKE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EMILY LOHMAN

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

MARJORIE REYNOLDS

MARK 1: 4–11

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

LUKE 19: 1–10

JEANENE MUTCHLER

ANTHEM "O, PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM"

HERBERT HOWELLS (1892-1983)

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

They shall prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls

And plenteousness within thy palaces. –Psalm 122:6,7

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

Today's Affirmation of Faith is drawn from the Confession of 1967. The language was updated at the General Assembly in 2002 to be more inclusive of all of God's children.



During this time of virtual worship, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm and mailing a payment is also an option.

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

SERMON

"LEARNING TO CLIMB TREES"

THE REVEREND DR. ANNA CARTER FLORENCE

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

TESTIMONY

MUSICAL REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. This we believe. Amen.

CALL FOR GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

*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!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TESTIMONY

MUSICAL REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn 403: In the first stanza "Zion" is not a general synonym for Jerusalem but a reference to the part of the city where the Temple stood. It prepares the way for the interior temple of the heart in stanza two. The pre-existing tune is by a prominent German Reformed hymnwriter.

*SENDING HYMN NO. 403

"OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY"

UNSER HERRSCHER

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so
3 Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be

en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty
un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,
done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee,

waits for God who an - swers prayer; O how bless - ed
there a heaven on earth must be; to my heart O
while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the

is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

*BENEDICTION

JEANENE MUTCHLER, & REV. APPLE

POSTLUDE

IN DIR IST FREUDE

(BASED ON "DAY OF DELIGHT AND BEAUTY UNBOUNDED", HYMNAL NO. 242)

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685 - 1750)

WORSHIP NOTICES

The 11:00 service is live at livestream.com/idlewild and broadcast on 96.1 FM. (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices.)

Music is printed under Onelicense.net A-702280.

The Reverend Dr. Anna Carter Florence is the Peter Marshall Professor of Preaching at Columbia Theological Seminary and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church.

VISITOR NOTICES

Welcome to our visitors! We are glad to have you join our Livestream worship.

New members are received by the Session. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call 726-4681 during the week.

For confidential prayer requests, call the prayer chain, 487-6062.

If you have a personal emergency, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at 726-4681. If it is after office hours or on the weekend, you may leave a confidential message (please press one to reach the voicemail box). Messages are checked regularly so that pastoral needs can be directed to the clergy.

The Mission of Idlewild

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, formation, nurture, and outreach.

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.



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