



# Winter & Spring 2021 at Idlewild

Ministry at Idlewild is organized by ministry units. Read on to learn about the opportunities for worship, for worship, formation, outreach, and nurture this winter and spring.

## Worship

### Guest Preachers

- JAN 3** Reverend James Gale
- JAN 10** Reverend Dr. Anna Carter Florence
- JAN 17** Reverend Dr. Rodger Nishioka
- JAN 24** Reverend Gregory Bentley
- JAN 31** Reverend Dr. Steve Eason

### Reverend David J. Powers

First Sunday leading worship will be February 7.

## Adult Formation: Sunday School

### Sundays at 9:40 a.m. on Zoom

#### Faith and Function

The Faith and Function Class takes some Biblical stories of both great loss and renewed life and examines what they meant not only thousands of years ago, **but** also what they mean in this time and in this place. We invite you to join us on [Zoom](#).

#### Looking Inward, Moving Forward

This study continues with the question, *"How is my racial identity shaped and reshaped by the history I have learned and the circumstances I have encountered in my life?"* From there it moves into conversation with our racial identity, and finally, how we are called to act as Christians shaped by repentance and the freedom to our neighbors as ourselves. What does that look like at Idlewild? This conversation is about being formed as disciples of Jesus Christ who eagerly and faithfully follow in his way of righteousness and peace. Join us on [Zoom](#).

#### Praying the Psalms Podcast

The Psalms are a collection of prayers that give us language to express a wide range of human emotions. Although not in person, we are still holding silence together in community by participating in a [podcast](#) facilitated by Anne Bradley Thomas.

## Adult Formation: Weekly Schedule

### Men's Breakfast

On Tuesdays at 9 a.m., pour a cup of coffee or tea and join the men of the church for bible study via Zoom. The study this winter is N.T. Wright's *Acts for Everyone*. Contact Ted Mealor with questions.

### Looking Inward, Moving Forward

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., join via Zoom for a weekly Looking Inward, Moving Forward: An Anti-Racism Journey conversation. Join us on [Zoom](#).

### Thursday Morning Bible Study

From April 8-29 and May 6-27 join us from 10 - 11 a.m. via Zoom. *Unraveling Revelation* will be the topic. We will look into the book of Revelation as it is the most misinterpreted book of the Bible.

### Idlewild Book Club

The fourth Thursday of each month from 2-3 p.m. via [Zoom](#) Book club will meet. Jan 28th's book: *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime* by Mark Haddon.

### Christian Parenting of Young Children

Fourth Sunday of the month at 8 p.m. on [Zoom](#) Christian Parenting will meet. Leaders and topics vary.

### Health Equity Remote Learning Series

To participate, first watch the lecture for the week about health and wholeness as a theme with deep roots in Judeo-Christian scripture and tradition, as is equity. Then, on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at 4 p.m., come and learn from seasoned instructors about health equity in our society and in our world, drawing connections to our shared faith.

### Presbyterian Women Circle Meetings

On the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., join PW for an all-circle meeting discussing a lesson via DVD from *Into the Light: Finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by Lynn Miller. Join on [Zoom](#).

### Hope Pop Up Circle

Thursdays in February at 4:30 on [Zoom](#). This circle provides a great entry point into Presbyterian Women and a home for members who continue to explore our developing faith.

### Multi-Generational Bible Study

Meet the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. via [Zoom](#).

## Young Adult Formation

### Young Adult Bible Study

Meeting Sundays January 24 - March 14 at 4:00  
Young Adults will meet to discuss *Bodies in the Bible Class* on Zoom.

### Young Adult Fellowship Events via Zoom

**JAN 13:** Young Adult Trivia Night, 7:00 p.m.

**FEB 24:** Theology on Tap, 4:00 p.m.

**MAR 28:** Netflix Party, 6:00 p.m.

**APR 17:** Shelby Farms Gathering, 2:00 p.m.

## Nurture

### 1750 Arts Classes

February 7, join *Praying with Your Hands Podcast* for an art lesson in prayer beads.

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### Spring Soccer Clinics

Re:Creation will host a COVID-friendly soccer clinic to promote skill building and to have fun! Clinics will be Saturdays April 10 through May 8. Registration for age groups located in Realm starting March 15.

### Secret Cupid

[Sign up](#) for you or your family to be matched with another and give secret gifts for three weeks in January. Sign up between January 4-15.

### Drive Through Easter

Drive through the church parking lot and grab some Easter goodies and reflect on Easter's true meaning. Date will be announced closer to event.

### Spring Tailgate Potluck

Join us April 25 to gather in the church parking lot for a tailgate dinner. Bring food, games, and lawn chairs. Register in Realm.

## Youth Formation

### QUEST

Youth in sixth through eighth grade are welcomed to Quest on Sundays from 5-6 p.m. on Zoom.

### BASIC

Youth in ninth through twelfth grade are welcomed to Basic on Sundays from 5-6 p.m. on Zoom

### 8th Grade Confirmation Class

The teaching team this year includes Mark Jones, Virginia Boyd, and Gib Wilson. Class begins January 10 and Confirmation will occur during worship May 16.

## Children's Formation

### Formation Events in the Garth

Once a month, February - April, come to the Garth to learn about Lent, Palm Sunday, and stories of Jesus. Events will be COVID friendly and include time for learning and fun.

### Event Dates in the Garth

**FEB 20:** Hot Chocolate and Lenten Learning

**MAR 27:** Preparing for Palm Sunday

**APR 24:** Finding Jesus

## Outreach

### Wednesday Food Bank Distribution

On the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, we work with the Mid-South Food Bank to feed 300 households. We need your help! If you can help, please consider [signing up](#).

### More Than A Meal To-Go

Each Thursday, we are serving More Than A Meal in to-go fashion. Please [sign up](#) to help if you are able. We need volunteers from 4:15-5:45 p.m. each week.

# Contact Information:

Engagement	Contact Name
Sunday Morning Adult Classes	<u>The Reverend Sara Dcrrien-Christians</u>
Christian Parenting	<u>Jenna Sykes</u>
Men's Breakfast and Bible Study	<u>Ted Mealor</u>
Idlewild Book Club	<u>Joyce Webber</u> <u>Dana Brandon</u>
Koine Greek Class	<u>Ernest Kelly</u>
Presbyterian Women	<u>Lisa Street</u>
Young Adult Ministry	<u>Director of Young Adult Ministry, Elizabeth H.Doolin</u>
Youth Ministry	<u>Director of Youth Ministry, Jeanene Mutchler</u>
Children's Ministry	<u>Director of Children's Ministry, Marjorie Reynolds</u>
Nurture Ministry	<u>Director of Nurture Ministry Unit, Jacob Pierce</u>

## Pastoral and Program Staff

Anne H.K. Apple, *Executive Associate Pastor and Acting Head of Staff*

Sara Dorrien Christians, *Associate Pastor*

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