



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOREVER PIECES: FONT

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

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

**\*Asterisk indicates when to  
stand in body or in spirit.**

*The Preparation for Worship  
is by Toni Morrison.*



## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"All water has a perfect memory and is forever trying to get back  
to where it was."

### PRELUDE

PIERRE DU MAGE (1674 - 1751)

"CHRIST, OUR LORD, TO JORDAN CAME" BWV 685

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

God calls us to worship, and we come,

**some with laughter and songs of joy.**

God calls us to worship, and we come,

**some with heavy hearts and grief.**

God calls us to worship, and we come,

**some with eagerness and enthusiasm.**

God calls us to worship, and we come,

**some with distraction or exhaustion.**

As God's dearly beloved children,

we bring all our joy and pain, hurt and hope

into this place of Spirit given grace, love, and renewal.

**Hymn 375:** A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb."



\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 375

HANSON PLACE

"SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER"

1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
 2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
 3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
 we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
 grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
 soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

*Refrain*

Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;

gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

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



*Passing of the Peace is one of the most ancient responses in worship. We invite you to share a sign of peace with your neighbor in a sacredly distanced way.*

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. GALE

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ.

**We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.**

We cling to destructive habits and hold grudges.

**We show reluctance to welcome one another and allow the past to hold us hostage.**

In your loving kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.

**Remind us of the promises you make in baptism so that we may rise to new life.**

*(Silent Confession)*

## \*KYRIE

John Merbecke, 1550; arr. Healey Willian, 1930

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*RESPONSE

*(Choir will sing first, then congregation will join as follows)*

*All sing:* Irish melody; adpt. Charles Villiers Stanford  
Christ be neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in  
qui - et, Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that  
love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CLARK THOMAS

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**



**Before we can know God,**  
 God knows us. Baptism is  
 one of the two sacraments  
 of the Presbyterian Church  
 (USA) in response to the  
 grace of God, who calls us to  
 be the people of God. We  
 welcome children and adults  
 into the fellowship of faith.  
 The congregation promises  
 to guide, nurture, and love  
 the baptized person.

**At this time,** potty-trained  
 threes to kindergarteners  
 are welcome to proceed to  
 the hallway with an adult  
 and sign in with Ms. Emily.



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

## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

REV. GALE

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. POWERS

CAROLINE GRACE MCLEOD

*Daughter of Katie & Scott McLeod, Sister of Ann Louise McLeod*

*Toni and Richard Baer*

NEAL VALENTINE RILEY

*Son of Lauren & Pete Riley, Brother of William & Andrew Riley*

*Beth and Bob Spencer*

### BAPTISMAL HYMN

“CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE”

Child of blessing, child of promise,	Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,	Learn to listen for God's call.
With this water God has sealed you	Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine.	Trust and love God more than all.

### ANTHEM

WILLIAM MOORE (1825) ARR. REGINALD UNTERSEHER

“SWEET RIVERS”

*Sweet rivers of redeeming love  
 Lie just before mine eyes;  
 Had I the pinions of a dove,  
 I'd to those rivers fly.  
 I'd rise superior to my pain,  
 With joy outstrip the wind.  
 I'd cross o'er Jordan's stormy wave  
 And leave the world behind.*

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SLOANE CLARK

GOSPEL LESSON

MARK 1:4-11

REV. POWERS

SERMON

“THE FONT”

SILENT REFLECTION

*The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.*



*During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Giving is available through Realm, the mail, or in person through the collection plates in the narthex or main hallway.*

*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."*



# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

### 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.

## PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE & THE LORDS 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, for ever. Amen.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

REV. POWERS

### \*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

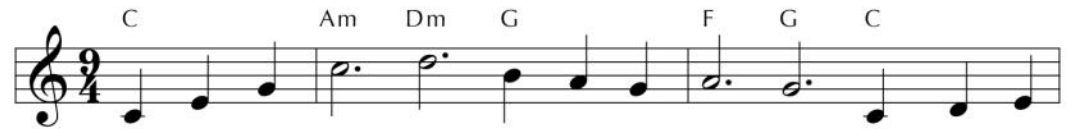
**Hymn 482:** Each stanza of this compact and carefully constructed text about baptism begins with allusions to John 3:5 and Ephesians 1:13. The interplay of constant and changing lines accentuates each added image. It is set here to a Gaelic tune first transcribed in the 19th century.



**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 482**

BUNESSAN

“BAPTIZED IN WATER”



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the  
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the  
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing the  
 tomb with Christ our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -  
 sign of Christ our King; born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.  
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

Michael J. Saward (b.1931)

**\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

**POSTLUDE**

“FANTASIA IN D”

MATTHIAS WECKMANN (1616 - 1674)

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**Today's Thank Offering** is through the Presbyterian Women to give thanks for what we have and a way to help those less fortunate. Give in-person through the envelope or online at:

<https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/giving-funding/give/>

**Shari Tucker**, a lifelong Presbyterian, has been a member of IPC for 33 years. Displayed today for the first time is the Presbytery of the Mid-South banner, designed and created by Shari. It features the Presbyterian Women logo and illustrates the purpose of PW.

## WORSHIP SYMBOL KEY

Beginning this Sunday, you will notice some new icons in the margin notes of the bulletin. We are introducing this feature as a way to include our early and non-readers in worship participation. We invite you to point these out to children you may be worshipping with and help engage them in the worship service.



Offering Plate



Prayer



Music



Communion



Bible



Baptism

## WELCOME NOTICES

**Welcome to Idlewild!** We are glad to have you join us for worship.

If you are new to Idlewild, it is our prayer that you will experience the presence of God while you are here. At Idlewild, it is our hope that all who enter find a home.

**Children are always welcome in worship.** In addition, childcare for children 6 weeks—2 years is available in the Jones Building in Room 153. During the 11:00 service there is a special Time with the Younger Church, after which children who are potty-trained ages 3 years—5 years may go to Worship and Wonder located in the Old Library on the second level. Parents pick up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship. Children of all ages are invited to pick up a worship packet in the main hallway that can be utilized to enhance their worship experience.

**New members are received by the Session.** If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please call (901)726-4681 during the week.

**For confidential prayer requests**, call the prayer chain, (901)487-6062.

**If you have a personal emergency**, hospitalization, or pastoral care need, please call the church office at (901)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.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The sanctuary flowers today are given by** the Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women of the Mid-South in honor of Shari Tucker, who for decades has shared her God-given needlework talent in the creation and maintenance of Idlewild paraments.

**Sanctuary flowers** are given in honor, celebration, or in appreciation of those we love. We appreciate your generosity in providing flowers to adorn our sanctuary for Sunday services. If you are interested in donating, find the registration page at [www.idlewildchurch.org/news&events/registration](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/news&events/registration).

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

**Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.

# 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.

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## A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

**J**esus 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.

**W**orship 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.

**T**he 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.

**J**ustice 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,

**A**nd all who enter find a home.



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