



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

FOREVER PIECES: THE OFFERING PLATE

OCTOBER 24, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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

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

*The Preparation for Worship
is by Henri Nouwen from his
book, "In The Name of
Jesus" (1932-1996).*



HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The mystery of ministry is that we have been chosen to make our own limited and very conditional love the gateway for the unlimited and unconditional love of God."

PRELUDE

"GABRIEL'S OBOE"

ENNIO MORRICONE

Shelly Sublett, Oboe Soloist

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

THE REVEREND ELIZABETH H. DOOLIN

God calls us to worship, and we gather,

some with laughter and songs of joy.

God calls us to worship, and we gather,

some with heavy hearts and grief.

God calls us to worship, and we gather,

some with eagerness and enthusiasm.

God calls us to worship, and we gather,

some with distraction and exhaustion.

As God's beloved children,

we bring our joy and pain, hurt and hope

into this place of Spirit-given grace and renewal.

Hymn 620: This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.



*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 620

LAUDA ANIMA

"PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE KING OF HEAVEN"

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

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.



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

Gracious One,
we confess that we approach you with less than our full selves
and offer you that which costs us little.
Though you are worthy of all faithfulness,
we often bring to you only the leftovers
of our time, energy, gifts, and worship.

We neglect your commands when they are inconvenient.
We ignore your laws when they cause us unease.
We disregard our neighbors' needs
and then wonder why others do not meet our needs.

Forgiving One, have mercy on us.
In your mercy, forgive us of our many debts.
Give us the mind and heart of Jesus the Christ,
who came not to be served but to serve
and to give all that he was to the world.

For it is in Christ's name, and for Christ's sake, that we pray.

(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

ATTR. TO PATRICK: TR, CECIL FRANCIS ALEXANDER

Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me, Christ be -
fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to win me, Christ to
com - fort and re - store me, 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 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.



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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

AINSLEY GALE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

THE 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, for ever. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. POWERS & REV. DOOLIN

JACKSON RICHARD ELLIS

Son of Jill & Kirk Ellis, Brother of Charlotte Ellis

Jackie & Rick Baker, Baptism Buddies

KATHRYN GREER STUART

Daughter of Sarah & Reid Stuart

Beth Reed, Baptism Buddy

CONNOR ALLAN SISSON-WEST

Son of Jennifer Sisson & Michael West

Brother of Anthony West, Mary West, & MacKenzie Sisson-Jerkins

Shari & Forrest Gross, Baptism Buddies

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.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIONA GALE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

REV. POWERS

ACTS 16: 11-15

SERMON

"FOREVER PIECES: THE OFFERING PLATE"

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

The Affirmation of Faith is from Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia.



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."

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

JEANENE MUTCHLER

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God, who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God, and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures, and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination, and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine.

We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road, and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.

This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it in Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. POWERS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY

K. LEE SCOTT (B. 1950)

"CHRIST HATH A GARDEN"

*Christ hath a garden walled around,
A Paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.*

*Awake, O wind of heav'n and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:*

*Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.*

*That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.*

- Robert Bridges, after Isaac Watts

*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!

Hymn 761: This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.



Please keep sacred distance as you leave church.



***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 761**

BEECHER

“CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST’S SERVICE”

1 Called as part-ners in Christ’s ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ’s ex-am-ple, Christ’s in-spir-ing, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ’s mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life

we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er’s bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son’s sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God’s peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God’s cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.

Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

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 are given to the glory of God and in memory of their mothers, Sue Baldwin Lackie and Jean Lence Beard on the anniversaries of their deaths on October 19 and 21, 2018 by Joe Lackie and Gary Beard.

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/registration. **October 31st and November 21st are open for registration.**

The 11:00 service is live at 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.

We welcome musical guests, organist Gary Beard and oboist Shelly Sublett.

Bulletin art is created by Zoe Whelan.

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.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Sunday, October 31st 2021

11:00 AM: Worship

As a sign of our unity in Christ we will make our commitments during a special moment in worship. Be sure to bring your commitment card so that together we can join in this ritual as a collective symbol of our hope for God's work through Idlewild.

12:00 PM: Fried Chicken Tailgate

Gather in the church parking lot for a tailgate style picnic. Those who ordered chicken will receive their order. All are welcome to bring sides, chairs, and friends.

1:15 PM: Carillon Concert: "The Addams Family' Clicks with the Classics"

David Caudill, Senior Carillonist, will be playing classic Halloween tunes, favorite hymns, and classical pieces.



THE INSTALLATION OF THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

Sunday, November 7th 2021

Join us in celebrating the installation of the Reverend David J. Powers during worship on November 7th. All are welcome to a reception following the worship service.



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