



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARK: *DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?*

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

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**Bold text is read  
by the congregation.**  
**\*Asterisk indicates when to  
stand in body or in spirit.**

**The Preparation for  
Worship** is by American  
artist Scott Erickson.



**The Call to Worship** was  
written by Ruth Burgess.



# GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

## HANDBELL PEAL

## WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"The Giver of Life hides revelation in the things that we ignore because it is the work of humbling ourselves and asking to have eyes to see and ears to hear that truly transforms our hearts."

## PRELUDE

GEORG BÖHM (1661 - 1733)

"COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE"

*BASED ON HYMN 87*

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

As farmers wait for rainfall,  
As prisoners wait for freedom,

**We wait for the coming of God.**

As exiles yearn for home,  
As peacemakers yearn for justice,

**We yearn for the coming of God.**

As travelers search for shelter,  
As disciples search for answers,

**We prepare for the coming of God.**

**In our waiting, our yearning, and our searching,**

**We come to worship the God of Advent.**

**Hymn 93:** Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer’s heart, and concludes with the individual’s welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.



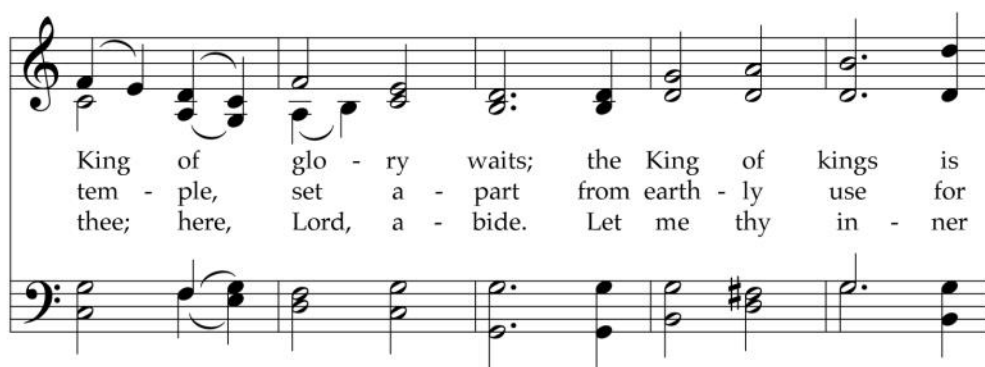
# \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 93

TRURO

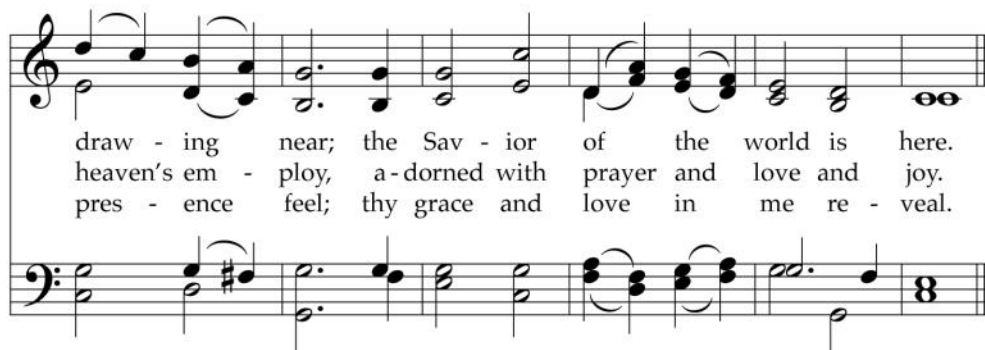
## “LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES”



1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner



draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven’s em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

Georg Weissel (1590-1635)

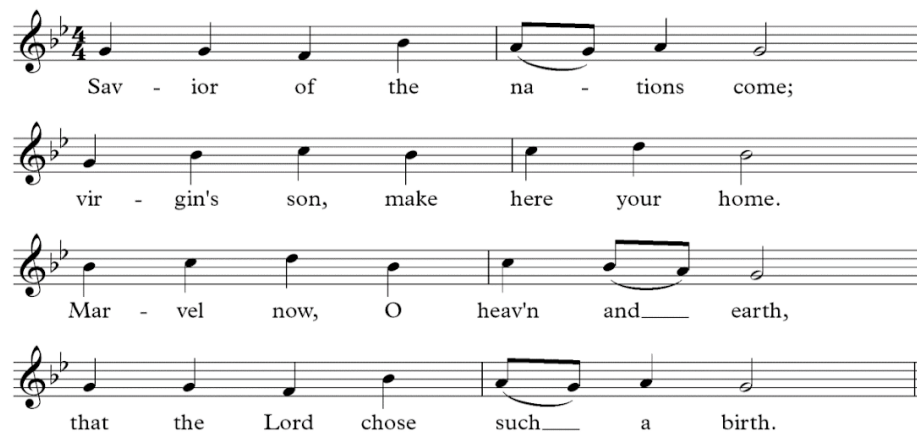
## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE — HOPE

THE CLARK FAMILY

(After the spoken litany the choir will sing – then all repeat.)

attr. Ambrose of Milan

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND



*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.*

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. POWERS

Merciful God,  
how many John the Baptists,  
how many prophets of your light,  
have we ignored  
because they were not what we were looking for?

**How many times have we ignored voices  
crying in the wilderness,  
"Make straight the way of the Lord."**

How many times have we breathed a sigh of relief,  
and turned our backs on your messengers,  
because they did not speak the message  
we expected to hear?

**Help us hear anew,  
the cry of those who would lead us to Christ.  
Tune our ears to your heralds,  
that we might also testify to your light.**

(Silent Confession)

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*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.*

## \*RESPONSE

(All join in singing the refrain)

REFRAIN Donald Pearson

(handbells) O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and  
ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el. Re - joice! Re - joice, Em -  
man - u - el shall come to thee, — O Is - ra - el.

### *Choir alone:*

*Come thou Redeemer of the earth,  
And manifest thy virgin birth:  
Let ev'ry age adoring fall  
Such birth befits the God of all.*

### *Refrain*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

JACK HADDAD

### HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 301

TWO OAKS

“LET US BUILD A HOUSE”

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
all are welcome; all are welcome; all are welcome in this place.

- Marty Haugen (b.1950)

## 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.

**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.

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. POWERS &  
THE REVEREND AMY HOWE

COLE STREATER COLLIER

*Daughter of Dorothy & John Collier, Sister of John Collier, IV  
Beth & Bruce Moore, Baptism Buddies*

WILLIAM EDWARD EZEKIEL

*Son of Farley & Ed Ezekiel, Brother of Ace Ezekiel  
Chad Braddock & AJ Northrop, Baptism Buddies*

WILLIAM TAYLOR MAURY, JR.

*Son of Huxley & Taylor Maury, Brother Anne Maury  
Mary Lee & Pat Schaefer, Baptism Buddies*

## BAPTISMAL HYMN

"CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE"

Child of blessing, child of promise,  
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you  
Unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent,  
Learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
Trust and love God more than all.

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

KATE BANNISTER

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

MARK 1:1-11

REV. POWERS

SERMON

MARK: DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

SILENT REFLECTION



# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*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.*



## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

### 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

### OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

REV. POWERS

### OFFERTORY

ARR. MALCOLM ARCHER (b.1952)

#### "CREATOR OF THE STARS OF NIGHT"

*Creator of the stars of night,  
The people's everlasting light,  
Jesu, Redeemer, save us all,  
And hear thy servants when they call.*

*At thy great name, exalted now,  
All knees must bend, all hearts must bow,  
And things in heav'n and earth shall own  
That thou art Lord and King alone.*

*Thou camest, bridegroom of the bride,  
As drew the world to eveningtide,  
Proceeding from a virgin shrine,"  
The Son of Man, yet all divine.*

*To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Laud, honour, might and glory be  
From age to age eternally. Amen.*

- Office Hymn

*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."*

**Hymn 360:** This hymn by a 19th-century Scottish pastor is specifically based on Revelation 1:7 and 22:20, with allusions to several other New Testament passages. Unlike medieval hymns that focused on judgment, this text understands the Second Coming as an occasion of triumph and joy.



## \*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 OF SENDING NO. 360

UNSER HERRSCHER

"CHRIST IS COMING"

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its groans and  
 2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your bit - ter  
 3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are tuned and  
 4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
 cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,  
 harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus  
 rest and home, but in heaven - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
 Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
 on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!  
 soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
 Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.  
 Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

John Ross Macduff (1818-1895)





*Please keep sacred distance  
as you leave church.*

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

"SLEEPERS WAKE" BWV 645  
BASED ON HYMN 349

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACK (1685-1750)



# State of the Church

IN GRATITUDE & IN HOPE

Stay after worship to hear a word from the  
Reverend David J. Powers  
There will be lunch served.

Beginning this evening...

Sundays at 5:30 PM  
Wednesdays at 12 PM

## Advent Formation

CHRISTMAS IN THE FOUR GOSPEL HOMES

A light meal will be served. Register on Realm.



## Christmas Eve 2021

3 PM: Children-Led Service  
5 PM: Lessons & Carols Service  
10 PM: Youth-Led Candlelight &  
Communion Service

## 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 by Amy and Dave Howe in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, William Edward Ezekiel as well as the baptisms of Cole Streater Collier and William Taylor Maury, Jr.

**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](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/registration).

**The 11:00 service** is live at [livestream.com/idlewild](https://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 bulletin art** was created by Zoe Whelan.

**Make Your 2022 Commitment Today**  
Commit through Realm.

## WORSHIP SYMBOL KEY

We use these icons 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.



Baptism



Bible



Communion



Offering Plate



Music



Prayer



Spoken Word

# Poinsettia Order Form

Orders must be received by December 12 for names to be in the December 19 bulletin. You can also order online.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$10 each). Designate  
flowers in memory or honor of, as circled below.

*Circle either Memory or Honor for each name.*

*Please attach additional sheet if needed.*

*Please print names carefully.*

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# 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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### MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit [www.idlewildchurch.org](http://www.idlewildchurch.org) or call the church.

**David J. Powers**  
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**Sara Dorrien-Christians**  
*Associate Pastor*  
**Corinne Nienhuis**  
*Parish Assistant*

**Stephen R. Haynes**  
*Theologian in Residence*  
**Barry Oliver**  
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**Jeanene Mutchler**  
*Director of Youth Ministry*  
**Elizabeth H. Doolin**  
*Director of Young Adult Ministry*

**Jacob Pierce**  
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*Coordinator of Nurture Unit*  
**Jenni Brooks**  
*Director of Operations & Communications*