



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LUKE: DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 5, 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 Benedictine
Author Sister Joan Chittister
(1936).



The Call to Worship was
written by Ruth Burgess.



Hymn 100: Cantic of the
Turning By employing an
energetic Irish folksong for
its melody, this ballad-like
paraphrase of the
Magnificat, Mary's song at
her meeting with her relative
Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55),
recaptures both the wonder
and the faith of the young
woman who first recognized
what God was doing.

HANDBELL PEAL

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“In the long light of human history, then, it is not belief in God that sets us apart. It is the kind of God in which we choose to believe that in the end makes all the difference. Made in the image of God, we grow in the image of the God we make for ourselves.”

PRELUDE

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

“SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME” BWV 659

BASED ON HYMN 102

*CALL TO WORSHIP

JEANENE MUTCHLER

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 search for the coming of God.

**In our waiting, our yearning, and our searching,
We come to worship the God of Advent.**

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 100

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

“MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT”



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

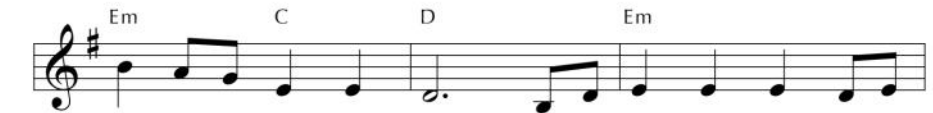


name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.



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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE – PEACE

(After the spoken litany, all join in singing.)

attr. Ambrose of Milan

NUN KOMM DER HEIDEN HEILAND

Sav - ior of the na - tions come;
vir - gin's son, make here your home.
Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
that the Lord chose such a birth.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND SARA DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

Lord, have mercy on us,
For we are not ready for your coming.
We live in sin, as though there were no justice.
We live in fear, as though there were no grace.
Forgive us, Lord.
Show us your mercy and steadfast love.
Lead us in your truth, and teach us your paths,
For you are the God of our salvation.
(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE

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.

(All join in singing the refrain)

Choir alone:

Begotten of no human will,
But of the Spirit thou art still.
The Word of God in flesh arrayed,
The promised fruit to man displayed.

Refrain

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.



*PASSING OF THE PEACE

DAVID SIMPSON

GATHERING HYMN NO. 301

TWO OAKS

"LET US BUILD A HOUSE"

Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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.

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.



Today's Affirmation of Faith is from The Iona Community Creed.



During this time, we invite you to continue your support of the church and her mission. Online giving is available through Realm or through the mail. Those in the sanctuary may drop off a check in the plates in the narthex or main hallway.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MARSHALL LAWRENCE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

ISAIAH 11:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

REV. POWERS

LUKE 1:46-56

SERMON

LUKE: DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability, and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully,
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

JEANENE MUTCHLER

OFFERTORY

G.F. HANDEL

"AND HE SHALL PURIFY"
(FROM "MESSIAH")

*And He shall purify the sons of Levi,
that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.*
- Malachi 3:3

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."



*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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

REV. POWERS & REV. DORRIEN-CHRISTIANS

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

COMMUNION ANTHEM

MALCOLM ARCHER (b.1952)

"THE LINDEN TREE CAROL"

*There stood in heav'n a linden tree;
But, tho' 'twas honey laden,
All Angels cried, 'No bloom shall be
Like that of one fair maiden.'*

*'So be it!' God's hand-maiden cried,
'According to thy telling.'
Whereon the Angel smartly hied
Up home-ward to his dwelling.*

*Sped Gabriel on wingèd feet,
And pass'd through bolted portals
In Nazareth, a maid to greet,
Blest o'er all other mortals.*

*This tidings fill'd his friends with glee:
'Twas pass'd from one to other,
'Tis Mary, see, and none but she,
And God will call her mother.*

- trans. G. R. Woodward

*'Hail Mary!' quoth that Angel mild,
'Of woman-kind the fairest:
Virgin ay shalt thou be styled,
A babe although thou bearest.'*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Hymn 82: This hymn's opening "Come," sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.



***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 82**

HYFRYDOL

"COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS"

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACK (1685-1750)

"O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU?" BWV 735

BASED ON HYMN 104

Please keep sacred distance as you leave church.



Christmas Eve 2021

Idlewild Presbyterian Church



3 PM: Children-Led Service

For children of all ages. This is a short, cheerful service led by the children of Idlewild.

5 PM: Traditional Lessons & Carols

A beautiful service of carols, choir anthems, and scripture readings, ending with candle-lighting. The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols tells the story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus. Nine short scriptural readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels are interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choral music.

10 PM: Youth-Led Communion Service

Led by youth and clergy, this joyous service includes communion. This year the service will be on Zoom! Prepare your worship space with bread and cup.

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 loving memory of James H. Denley from Barbara, Bryan, Tanya, Jamie, Josh, and Jenny Denley.

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.

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.

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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.*

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

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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.

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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