



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
PARABLES THAT PREPARE US:
THE LAST JUDGEMENT
MARCH 19, 2023 | 8:30 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

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

**Please sign the friendship
pad so we may take note of
your presence and you may
greet your neighbors by
name.**



GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (8:30)

“FANTASIA” IN G MINOR

JOHANN PACHELBEL

(11:00)

“PASTORALE”

CHARLES WESLEY, ARR. MARCHANT

“GAVOTTE”

MATTHEW CAMIDGE, ARR. MARCHANT

Shelly Sublett, Oboist

HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

WORDS OF PREPARATION

INTROIT (11:00)

ARR. MOSES HOGAN

“WE SHALL WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY IN PEACE”

We shall walk through the valley in peace. For Jesus himself will be our leader.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.



Hymn No. 263: This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.



***CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:30)
(11:00)

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY
JEANENE MUTCHLER

We come, for God gathers us here:
**where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty receive living water.**

We come, for God welcomes us here:
**where the naked are clothed in robes of hope,
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

We come, for God unites us here:
**where the imprisoned receive freedom,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

At God's invitation,
we come to worship the Lord!

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 263**

CORONATION

"ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME"

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

REV. VEAZEY

Holy and gracious God, you are light and wonder and glory.
You are our strength and delight; you give us all we need.
Yet we are distracted and continually grasp for more.
**Rather than trusting in your provision,
we chase after our own happiness.**

Forgive us, Lord and turn us back to you.
**Overwhelm us with your care and cover us with grace,
for we know that you are the source of life,
the fount of all goodness.**

(Silent Reflection)

***KYRIE**

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

***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.

As children come forward during the gathering hymn, you are invited to pass your quarters to the center aisle for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.



***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

WE ARE FORGIVEN

We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
 God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
 We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)
(11:00)**

REV. VEAZEY
ANNIE BUCKNER

The peace of Christ be with you.
 And also with you!

HYMN OF GATHERING (11:00)

GOD IS SO GOOD

“GOD IS SO GOOD”

1 God is so good; God is so good;
 2 God cares for me; God cares for me;
 3 God loves me so; God loves me so;
 4 God is so good; God is so good;

God is so good; God's so good to me.
 God cares for me; God's so good to me.
 God loves me so; God's so good to me.
 God is so good; God's so good to me.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

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, three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to the hallway with an adult and sign into Worship and Wonder.



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

The Affirmation of Faith this morning is from Philippians 2:5-11.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS

JOSEPH (JOE) RUSSELL GARRETT

LOIS LEE GARRETT

Children of Ruth & Andy Garrett, Siblings of Harvey & June Garrett

BAPTISMAL HYMN

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.
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PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (8:30)

REV. POWERS

(11:00)

ANNIE BUCKNER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON MATTHEW 25:31-46

REV. POWERS

SERMON *PARABLES THAT PREPARE US: THE LAST JUDGEMENT*

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

REV. VEAZEY

(11:00)

REV. GALE

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death —
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.



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 place their offering in the plate as it is passed or through QR code.



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 No. 756: If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.



MOMENT FOR MINISTRY

CHALMERS & STEVE VALENTINE

LIVING WATERS

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. GALE

THE LORDS' PRAYER

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30)
(11:00)**

REV. VEAZEY
REV. GALE

OFFERTORY (8:30) "NOBODY KNOWS THE TROUBLE I'VE SEEN" ARR. HENRY BURLEIGH

(11:00) "THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD" JOHN RUTTER

*The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness
for His Name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil.
For thou art with me, Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me.
Thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

***DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30)
(11:00)**

REV. POWERS
REV. GALE

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS & REV. VEAZEY

***HYMN OF SENDING NO. 756**

LLANGLOFFAN

"O GOD OF EVERY NATION"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE ON "EIN FESTE BURG"
(A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD)

JOHANN PACHELBEL

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Nurture Ministry

Lenten Hope Retreat (March 24, 9 AM – 1 PM) Join us at St. Columba to stand still with us before the cross that holds our Truth and Way – our Christ. Come and witness the cross' power through prayer, imagery, meditation, and reflection. Register through QR code below.

Adult & Young Adult Ministry

Racial Justice Mini-Retreat 102 (April 1) This retreat's focus will be on becoming better allies in the work of racial justice and designed for those who have already spent time in the 101 retreat and/or the *Looking Inward, Moving Forward* class. Mary McIntosh will lead our discussions. We need a minimum of ten people registered for the class to take place.

Young Adult Survey: Are you interested in participating in a thriving Young Adult Ministry? We'd love to hear from you! Survey link can be found by scanning the QR code below.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group (tonight, 6-7:30 PM) 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for Youth Group tonight in the youth room.

Montreat sign up is open. Rising 9th - graduating seniors are invited to come to the Youth Conference on July 16-22. Sign up now on Realm with a \$50 deposit. The cost will be \$650, but there are options to pay less or receive a scholarship. More info on the Realm page.

Children's Ministry

Easter Egg Hunt (April 2, 3-4:30PM) Bring a basket and your hunting prowess and join us for our Easter Egg Hunt on Idlewild's Playground and The Garth.

Compassion Camp: Last chance to save a spot for your child in VBS before we open to the public next week. Register in realm for Compassion Camp, June 3-8!



Registration links, sign ups, and zoom links are located on our church calendar. Find the calendar by scanning the QR code or visiting www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

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 newborns—3 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 ages 3 years—kindergarten 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.

Prayer requests are prayed daily by the Community Prayer Ministry Team and the Confidential Prayer Partners. If your prayers are confidential, you may call (901-487-6062) or submit them by email to confidentialprayers@idlewildchurch.org. Otherwise, you can fill out a Community Prayer Request card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate, or fill out the Community Prayer Request form on the church website.

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 today to the glory of God and in celebration of Clare Stallings birthday, from Dana & Ray Brandon, Ellen Webb and Paul & Lori Stallings.

The 11:00 service is live at livestream.com/idlewild (Livestream apps are available for Roku and mobile devices). As always, worship is available by way of the radio on AM560, 96.1FM, or 98.5FM **Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.

This Sunday's ushers are members of the First Friday Night Dinner Group, a group of over 35 members that have been meeting for dinner together for over thirty years. Next Sunday, March 19th, members of the usher team from last year will return to serve as our ushers. Be sure to thank them for their service to the church. They continue to fill in when the groups and committees who volunteer to serve this year need a few extra ushers. Thank you 2022 Usher Team.

If your group is interested in ushering, please contact Kathy Lohman or Barbara Jennings. They will meet with your group and explain how simple and fun it is to usher at Idlewild.

The cantor for the 8:30 a.m. service this morning is Amy Philips.

Our guest musician in the 11:00 a.m. service is Shelly Sublett.

The bulletin art is by Zoe Whelan.

The sermon today discusses the last judgement, a moment when our gracious God separates our brokenness from our wholeness. This love makes me think of the love I see so many parents striving towards. To love their children despite the mistakes their children make. We are all children of God, making the wrong decisions and learning as we go. It takes a special caretaker, a gracious presence, to see us for all that we are and love us unconditionally.

Jones Scholarship

Funded by a generous gift from our former senior minister and his wife, the Paul T. and Anna H. Jones Scholarship is awarded annually. To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and plans for the 2023-2024 school year.

Please send your application to jones scholarship@idlewildchurch.org by April 30.

Easter Lily Order Form

Lilies are given in honor or in memory of a loved one or someone you want to celebrate for their life and ministry at the church. Orders must be received by April 2 for names to be in the Easter bulletin. Individual acknowledgements will not be sent.

NAME _____
PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____
Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (\$13 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

FROM _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF

FROM _____

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FROM _____



Use this QR code to make your order online

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