



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
YOUTH SUNDAY  
APRIL 28, 2024 | 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

PRELUDE ON BEECHER  
LANDRY DUVAL, ORGAN

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

### WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

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

REV. POWERS  
POPPY LOGAN

We come to worship with our siblings in Christ's love.

**Knit us together in the same mind and same purpose.**

Break down the barriers that divide us, O Lord.

**Tear down the walls of hostility and fear.**

Melt the barbed wire of anger and hatred.

**Breathe new life into your people, O God.**

For we are called to newness in Christ Jesus.

**We are siblings through God's love.**

Come, let us worship the God who removes obstacles from our paths.

**Let us praise God who seeks to unite us in peace.**



**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION** SING A NEW CHURCH

NETTLETON

1 Sum moned by the God who made us rich in our di - ver - si - ty, ga-thered  
 2 Rad - iant ris - en from the wa - ter; robed in ho - li - ness and light, Male and  
 3 Trust the good - ness of cre - a - tion; trust the spi - rit strong with - in. Dare to  
 4 Bring the hopes of ev - ery na - tion; bring the art of ev - ery race. Weave a  
 5 Draw to - ge - ther at one ta - ble all the hu - man fam - i - ly; shape a  
 in the name of Je - sus, rich - er still in u - ni - ty,  
 fe - male in God's i - mage, male and fe - male God's de - light.  
 dream the vi - sion prom - ised sprung from seed of what has been. Let us  
 song of peace and jus - tice let it sound through time and space.  
 cir - cle ev - er wid - er and a peo - ple ev - er free.  
 bring the gifts that dif - fer and in splen - did, var - ied ways, sing a  
 new church in - to be - ing, One in faith and love and praise.



**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (8:30)  
(11:00)

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE  
ALEX COLLEY

God of unity, we come before you dismayed at our own divisions.  
 We have struggled as your church to live in unity;  
 but we are divided - along the fault lines of our societies.  
 The ruptures in our families, among friends,  
 among denominations, among nations are wide and deep.

**When we attempt to get on the same page,  
 we build taller walls and dig deeper trenches.  
 God, forgive us!  
 We know that Christ is not divided.**

We know that it is your baptism to which we have been called.  
 It is your service to which we are compelled.  
 You have called us to proclaim the gospel,  
 but we even fight about what that is.

**Forgive us, God! Help us give up our power and our privilege.  
 Help us to yield for the sake and cause of the cross of Jesus.  
 Help us to want the unity you share, for you are one.  
 In you, there is no division.  
 Help us to embrace and to live the foolishness  
 of a life emptied of power and given to service,  
 in the likeness of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent Confession)*

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (8:30)  
(11:00)

REV. GALE  
CARTER WYATT

**The Prayer of Confession**  
 was adapted from, *The  
 Africana Worship Book, Year  
 A, Valerie Bridgeman Davis  
 and Safiyah Fosua, eds.,  
 (Discipleship Resources,  
 2006), 85.*



**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 581**

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
 Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
 gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
 world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

*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.*

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

REV. GALE  
SAMUEL GILREATH

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



**HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 240**

ALLELUIA NO. 1

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

*Refrain* E C#m F#m B  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -  
 E C#m F#m B E  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

*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.*

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)**

LYDIA FORD

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES (11:00) REV. POWERS AND JEANENE MUTCHLER**

5TH GRADE GRADUATES

Robert "Rock" Houston Busby, Jr.  
Tyler Austin Cannon  
Ellen Belew Gilliss  
McCovey Anne Henson

Iris Michael Lawhead  
Marshall McAnally Lawrence  
Walter Williams Logan  
Emily Katherine Lohman



*Following Time With the Younger Church, three-year-olds to kindergarteners can proceed to Worship and Wonder with an adult.*



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



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



# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (8:30)  
(11:00)

REV. POWERS  
AINSLEY GALE

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-18

SERMON

CLARK THOMAS  
WEBB THOMAS

SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)  
(11:00)

REV. POWERS  
SAMUEL GILREATH

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.**

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY YOUTH MINISTRY

JACQUE BREUER

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

KATE WOLFKILL



*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.*



*The Offertory Anthem is sung as a prayer for this year's graduating seniors.*



*Hymn No. 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.*

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

REV. POWERS  
TATE ROBERTSON

**OFFERTORY** *THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU*  
CHANCEL CHOIR

JOHN RUTTER

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. Amen.

**\*RESPONSE** *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise Christ all crea - tures  
here be - low Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
Ho - ly Spi - rit - ev - er - more Praise Tri - une God whom we a -  
dore Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

REV. POWERS  
SAMUEL GILREATH

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION** (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

**\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 761**

BEECHER

*CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

CLARK THOMAS  
WEBB THOMAS

**POSTLUDE**

*FESTIVAL ALLELUIA*  
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. DAN MILLER

## Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



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-quests 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-enge, 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.



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# ◆ *this week in print* ◆

## Church Wide



**Congregational Survey—*For Idlewild's Future*** (Complete by May 12): The Vision Council invites Idlewild members and regular visitors (confirmation age or older) to complete an anonymous congregational survey, that will help shape the future of Idlewild. Scan the QR code or follow the link in This Week at Idlewild to complete the survey by May 12.

**Safety and Security Trainings** (Wednesday, May 1): The Committee on Sanctuary invites anyone middle-school-aged and older to join us for dinner and training led by Stuart Frisch from Incyte Intelligent Security on *Countering Active Threat Training*. Food will be served from 5pm to 5:45pm with training starting promptly after. Childcare will be available for nursery-age through 5th grade.

## Adult Ministry

**IdleWILD Women Meeting Date Change** (Tuesday, April 30, 768 Charles Pl): IdleWILD Women's Circle will hold their May meeting on Tuesday, April 30 at Judy Johnson's house starting with a 6 pm potluck with the study starting at 7 pm.

## Outreach Ministry

In partnership with the Binghampton community, Idlewild's **McMerton Gardens** (at the corner of Merton & McAdoo) nourishes others through fresh tomatoes, okra, green beans, and various other vegetables. Come help out on one of the upcoming Saturdays: May 11 at 10 am, May 25 at 10 am, and June 1 at 10 am.

**Mental Health Lunch & Learn** (Wednesday, May 1, 12 - 1 pm First Baptist Church, 200 East Parkway N.): Samaritan Counseling Center, an Idlewild outreach partner, is hosting a Mental Health Lunch & Learn Series this year. The first in the series is coming up on May 1: Mental Health First Aid: Become Empowered to be a Mental Health Helper! with speaker, Jamila Batts, BSN, MPH, RN, CHES. Learn how you can become a mental health resource to community and family members and equip yourself with skills to understand, identify, and respond to signs of a mental health or substance use crisis.

## Youth Ministry

**Cinco de Mayo Party & Youth Fundraiser** (May 5, 5:30-7:00 pm, Montgomery Hall): Tacos for a good cause! It's a win-win! Our youth are going on some trips to Montreat Youth Conference in July and a service partnership trip in Appalachia in June. Help them raise money for our trip fund by buying a ticket to this year's Taco Fundraiser. Tickets are available on realm for \$20 a plate with a family cap option of \$70. Sponsored tickets are available as well!

**Jones Scholarship Application** (due April 30): This scholarship is thanks to a generous gift from our former senior minister and his wife, Paul T. and Anna H. Jones. To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and your plans for the coming school year. The deadline is April 30. Send your letter to [jonesscholarship@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:jonesscholarship@idlewildchurch.org).

## Children's Ministry

**We need Sunday School teachers, shepherds, and helpers** for children and youth for 2024/25's academic school year. Help share our faith tradition with our young congregants and have a whole lot of fun. The time commitment is 2 Sundays a month from 9:20-10:40 AM. Curious to know more? Email [christine@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:christine@idlewildchurch.org) for more information.

## Fellowship and Recreation

**Idlewild Run Club** (Thursdays, 5:45 am, Overton Park): Come run with us on Thursday mornings! Join the GroupMe (linked on the calendar page) to stay up-to-date!



Registration links and volunteer sign-ups:  
[www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar](http://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. 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. 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** on the third floor of the Jones building. Children will be led to the room through the exit on the right side of the sanctuary near the handbells up front. The exit will take us directly to an exterior entrance to the Jones building. The sign in sheet will be on a table at the base of the Jones Building stairwell. Parents may return to the sanctuary by the same path or by taking the main stairwell. Parents pick up children from Worship and Wonder following the conclusion of worship.

**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](mailto: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 or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email [pastor@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:pastor@idlewildchurch.org). The Pastor on Call for the week of April 28 is Courtney Veazey.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. James Fraser Humphreys, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Leo Everett Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Williams Charles Manser, Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Alphonse Maslyn, by Libby Moore and Ben Maslyn who were married here last night.

**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 [idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication](http://idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication).

**The 11:00 service** is live at [livestream.com/idlewild](http://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**.



We are grateful for all our youth and especially those who worked to lead us this morning.

A special note of thanks goes to Clark and Webb Thomas, two of our seniors, who worked hard in studying, writing, and bringing us God's Word this morning.

The art on the cover of the bulletin was made by Lydia Ford, and inspired by this morning's scripture.



If you are in 6th-12th grade and you haven't had a chance to plug into youth ministry, you are always welcome! Idlewild's Youth Ministry is fun. Our young people strive to make all feel at home in our open-minded and welcoming community. We are anchored in our Christ-centered faith as we encourage questions and doubts in a relatable way. We trust that God accepts us wherever we are on our faith journeys as we explore together what it looks like to reflect our Creator's love and justice in our world.

Join us at Sunday school each week, Youth Group on Sundays from 6-7:30 pm, and on various trips and events throughout the year. Check out our website and Instagram for more information and email or text Jeanene with any questions.



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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.

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*Pastor and Head of Staff*

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