



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 29, 2024 | 8:30 & 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.**



**The Call to Worship was
written by Beth Merrill Neel.
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**Hymn No 761: This hymn is a
celebration of mutuality and
diversity as well as a
challenge to the Christian
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ministry of reconciliation and
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text is set to a 19th-century
tune named for the noted
pastor and preacher Henry
Ward Beecher.**

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

"LITANEI" (OP. 142, NO. 2)

SIGFRID KARG-ELERT

GARY BEARD, ORGAN

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

We are children of God:

called to praise, and to bless, and to show mercy.

We are citizens of a nation:

called to care, and to respond, and to share our freedom.

We are members of a community:

called to know each other, and to accept each other, and to welcome all.

We belong to God, and through God, to one another.

So may our hearts be as one, and let us worship our God.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 761**

BEECHER

CALLED AS PARTNERS IN CHRIST'S SERVICE

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-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.



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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

There are times, O God,
when our greatest sin is not what we do,
but what we fail to do.

**For those times when we have not spoken up;
for those times when we have not acted;
for those times when we have not responded: forgive us.**

Give us courage to name what is wrong when we see it.

Give us confidence to do what is hard.

Give us grace to reach out when that is frightening or uncomfortable.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

(Silent Confession)



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 587

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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)

REV. NARCISSE

(11:00)

MARGARET COLLEY

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!



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.



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.

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 404 (11:00)

KOMT NU MET ZANG

WHAT IS THIS PLACE



1 What is this place, where we meet-ing? On - ly a house, the
2 Words from a - far, stars that are fall - ing. Sparks that are sown in
3 And we ac - cept bread at his ta - ble, bro - ken and shared, a



earth its floor. Walls and a roof, shel - ter - ing peo - ple, win - dows for
us like seed: names for our God, dreams, signs, and won - ders sent from the
liv - ing sign. Here in this world, dy - ing and liv - ing, we are each



light, an o - pen door. Yet it be - comes a bod - y that
past are what we need. We in this place re - mem - ber and
oth - er's bread and wine. This is the place where we can re -



lives when we are gath - ered here, and know our God is near.
speak a - gain what we have heard: God's free re - deem - ing word.
ceive what we need to in - crease: God's jus - tice and God's peace.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

JOHN 15:1-11

SERMON

BEHIND THE BULLETIN - RESPOND

SILENT REFLECTION



The Affirmation of Faith this morning is from "This Church" by Ann Weems.



RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. NARCISSE
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

We don't pretend to understand the mystery of
what goes on in God's Church.

**We just know we feel a pervading spirit of love
that reaches into the niches of all of us
and pulls us out into the open,
free and alive and belonging.**

We believe this spirit of love exists because
God's spirit lives within this Church,
this unity of persons trying
to be the Good News.

**We see this Church as a circle of persons
holding hands...and dancing...
supporting each other, accepting each other,
loving each other.**

Each person in this dancing circle
is facing outward...reaching into God's world,
listening for the whimpering,
watching for the hurting,
willing to offer a cup of cold water
in God's name.

**Sometimes they need the water;
sometimes you need the water;
sometimes I need the water.
Being a part of the Church
means knowing that
the cup is always filled
in God's name.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE



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.



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

REV. NARCISSE
REV. GALE

OFFERTORY (8:30) **ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS** *PROMISED LAND; ARR. HAYES/BEARD*
GARY BEARD, PIANO

(11:00) **IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING** PHILIP STOPFORD
CHANCEL CHOIR

I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication,
because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me;
by grief and sorrow was I held. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Then I called upon the name of the Lord: "O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul!"
Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is full of compassion.
The Lord watches over the simple; I was brought very low and he saved me.
Turn again to your rest, O my soul, for the Lord has been gracious to you.
I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

For you have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
and my feet from falling, in the land of the living.

***RESPONSE** *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (8:30) REV. NARCISSE
(11:00) REV. GALE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30) REV. POWERS AND REV. NARCISSE



Hymn No. 700: This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 700

I'M GONNA LIVE

I'M GONNA LIVE SO GOD CAN USE ME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

TOCCATA

THEODORE DUBOIS

GARY BEARD, ORGAN

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (an - y - time!)
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)
 work so (work so)
 pray so (pray so)
 sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y -

where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

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◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Blessing of the Animals (TONIGHT, 5 pm): Bring your pets for a special worship service and blessing. We are including a food and supply drive for various animal shelters. You are encouraged to bring donations of dog or cat food, treats, leashes, or any other item that shelter animals may need with you to the service. We will also be accepting donations at the Jones Building front desk until October 10.

Congregational Meeting (October 6): There will be a Congregational Meeting at the conclusion of the Sanctuary service on Sunday, October 6. The meeting will be streamed on the radio and YouTube Live, along with worship, but only members present in the sanctuary will be able to vote.

Outreach Ministry

Care Closet: We are accepting donations to the Care Closet, which supports our More than a Meal and Room in the Inn guests. To make it easy, we have an Amazon list you can purchase from and items are shipped straight to Idlewild (see link below) . If you want to donate gently-used items, here is what we currently need: Men's casual pants and jeans (critical need in sizes 30-33), Men's belts (critical need in sizes 30-34), Men's and Women's athletic pants and sweatpants, Men's and Women's tennis shoes and casual shoes, Kids' coats, and winter clothes.

Fellowship and Recreation

All Church Retreat (October 11-13): Today is the last chance to register (linked below)! If you have questions stop by the NaCoMe table in the hallway after worship.

Presbyqueerians and 1750 Arts at the Overton Park Shell (TONIGHT): Meet us at the Overton Park Shell for Opera Goes to Broadway by Opera Memphis! The concert is free and begins at 7, but you can join us as early as 6:30. Pack a picnic basket with food and beverages or purchase food and drinks at the Shell. Please bring your own blankets and lawn chairs.

We are asking for **candy donations for our Halloween Carnival/Pumpkin Party!** We have donation buckets at the entrance of the Jones Building and in the hallway headed to the Sanctuary!

Adult Ministry

Woven Together Wednesday (October 2, 5:15 - 7:00 pm): This Wednesday we'll continue our conversation about the practice of Hope and reflect on our calling as Christians in an anxious world. Dinner this week will be beef and chicken fajitas with beans, rice, and a simple salad. We'd love to see you there!

PW groups meet on October 1 to begin a new year of study and fellowship. The study book is *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. We welcome new members!

Abigail meets at noon at Pat Neely's home (2891 Garden Lane)

Lydia Ruth meets at 10:30am in the Resource Room in the Jones Building

Mary Madeline meets at noon in the Church Parlor

Rebekah meets at 10:00am at Mary Lou McCaa's home (5394 Collingwood Cove)

Hope Pop-Up meets 4:30-5:30pm in the Church Parlor/Zoom

Youth Ministry

Youth Group will go to the Blessing of the Pets service at 5 pm this evening followed some Baskin Robins. Look for Suzanne to sit together and then walk over for ice cream.

Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday (October 20, 8:30 & 11 am): Sign up your child for a speaking or non speaking role through the link below. Sign ups close October 5th. In both services, our children will be leading the congregation in worship. In the coming weeks in Sunday school, we'll write liturgy and prayers together. Children will make bulletin art, help serve as ushers, read scripture, pray the prayers, and lead liturgy at the pulpit.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:
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, children ages 3 years— kindergarten may go to Worship and Wonder on the third floor of the Jones building. **If you would like your child to attend Worship and Wonder, registration is required** once each semester by scanning the QR code. 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. Connect with a Pastor after worship or email Mary Margaret King at mking@idlewildchurch.org.

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 or text (901) 654-6872. The Pastor on Call will respond as soon as possible. You can also email pastor@idlewildchurch.org. The Pastor on Call for the week of September 29 is Courtney Veazey.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Marge Thrasher White, Dr. Charles Edward White, Mr. Pugh Houston Thrasher III, Mr. Darrow Dere, Dr. Carl Max Kortepeter, Mrs. Cynthia Ann Kortepeter, and in honor of Mrs. Janie Dere, given by Mary Peeler and Luke Kortepeter 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.

The 11:00 service is live at youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams. 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**.

MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit www.idlewildchurch.org or call the church.

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