



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
COMMITMENT SUNDAY
OCTOBER 27, 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.**



Written by Beth Merrill Neel
on her blog, 'Hold Fast to
What Is Good'. Used with
permission.



Hymn No 394: Although this
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second to the place where
they meet. The stately and
soaring tune is aptly named
for the edifice where the
composer served as organist
and is buried.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (8:30)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ARR. MARK HAYES

LANDRY DUVALL, PIANO

(11:00)

PRELUDE IN G MINOR

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH

THE MEMPHIS BRASS QUINTET

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

(11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

Rejoice, people of God: this is our Sabbath day.

Rejoice, friends in Christ: this is our time for worship.

God ordained the Sabbath, rest and restoration.

God is worthy of worship, our Creator, Healer, and Inspiration.

So then, let us worship God.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 394**

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Merciful God, we offer you our lives,
full as they are of shadow and light,
of kindness and apathy,
of hope and despair.

Take what is broken and mend it;
take what is wrong and right it;
take what is destructive and disable it;
take what is useless and make it useful.

Heal our sin, we pray.

(Silent Confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER



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

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

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.

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 175 (11:00)

LAFFERTY

SEEK YE FIRST

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
 2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
 3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

and its righ - teous - ness,
 seek, and you shall find;
 but by ev - ery word

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
 knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
 that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



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

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



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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 KINGS 8:22-24, 27-30

SERMON CONCERNING DEDICATION

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. GALE
JEANENE MUTCHLER

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. GALE



On Commitment Sunday, we witness to the ways we, are Growing in Gratitude. Our gratitude is born of the grace and love we know in Christ Jesus, and we make our commitments in response to the generosity of our Lord.



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

REV. GALE
REV. POWERS

OFFERTORY (8:30)

TAKE MY LIFE
AMY PHILLIPS
LANDRY DUVALL, PIANO

ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY

(11:00)

PSALM 46
CHANCEL CHOIR
THE MEMPHIS BRASS QUINTET
GARY BEARD, ORGAN

JOHN NESS BECK

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear though the earth be removed,
and the mountains be carried away to the very midst of the sea.
Though the waters roar and the mountains quake at His majesty.
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help, a very present help in trouble.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God,
the holy place of the tabernacle, the holy place of the Lord.
God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
He shall defend her from the night through the dawn.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still and know that I am God:
I will be exalted above all nations, I will be exalted upon the earth.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper, He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
His everlasting love will guide us from above.
All glory to His name, from age to age the same: His Kingdom is forever.
Forever and ever and ever, forever and ever and ever.
Amen, amen, alleluia. Amen, amen, amen.

***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 COMMITMENT** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. GALE
REV. POWERS

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE



Hymn No. 716: This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 716

BEACH SPRING

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE (8:30)

POSTLUDE ON BEACH SPRING

TRADITIONAL

LANDRY DUVAL, ORGAN

(11:00)

DIE BANKELSANGERLIEDER

ANONYMOUS

THE MEMPHIS BRASS QUINTET

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B^b

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B^b F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B^b C F

to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B^b F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide



Growing in Gratitude: During generosity season, we look to the year ahead and dream together about what God will author. We need everyone who calls Idlewild home, who values her mission and presence in the community, to dedicate themselves to generously supporting the ministries of the church. Make your 2025 commitment by filling out a Growing in Gratitude card, found in your pew, or visit idlewildchurch.org/commit.

Outreach

Volunteer to help with Room in the Inn on Thursdays, beginning November 7 - Sign up at the link below.

Fellowship and Recreation

All-Saints' Potluck (November 3, following worship): Feast with us at our All Saints' Potluck as we honor our connection with the one continuing, living communion of saints and give glory to God for our ordinary, holy lives. Also, take time to remember God's shaping of our lives by enjoying the annual pottery sale.

Sign up for a dish at the link below, so we can be sure to have a good mix of sides, salads, and desserts. We will provide our famous fried chicken for the main course.

You are also invited to bring a photo or something that represents a Saint who has gone before you. These will be placed on the 1750 Arts Altar that will be created by all at the potluck. There will also be candles available to light honoring a Saint. You will get any memorabilia back at the end of the potluck.

Calling all Mahjong Players! We are offering open mahjong play twice a month, from 10 am - noon. Please sign up on the Sign Up Genius page (see the link below) —it helps us know how many tables we need (multiples of 4). This series will run on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays though December.

Music Ministry

Organ Recital - Isabelle Demers (November 10, 5 pm): With playing described as having “bracing virtuosity” (Chicago Classical Review) and being “fearless and extraordinary” (Amarillo-Globe News), organist Isabelle Demers has enraptured critics, presenters, and audience members around the globe for her entrancing performances. A native of Québec and a doctoral graduate of the Juilliard School, Dr. Demers is Associate Professor of Organ at McGill University (Montréal, Québec). She was formerly the Joyce Bowden Chair in Organ and Head of the Organ Program at Baylor University (Waco, Texas).

Adult Ministry

Hope Group will not meet on October 29. The next series will be in February.

Anti Racism Resources and Discussion Groups - This fall, the Standing Committee on Anti-Racism will be hosting two one-time discussion opportunities to continue our anti-racism work. You can join members of the committee to discuss *The Last Segregated Hour*, or two short articles, one by Leonard Pitts and one by James Baldwin. More information can be found on Realm or by contacting Pastor Mary.

Idlewild Book Club - Thursday, Oct 24 - 2 pm. Room 305. Join us as we discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson. Zoom options are available!

The Art of Reading - Tuesdays 2 pm - Room 303. On October 29th we'll be discussing two short stories: *The Swimmer* by Joan Cheever and *Brownies* by ZZ Packer. In November we'll be reading *The Battle for Christmas* by Stephen Nissenbaum. We'd love for you to join us!



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 October 27 is David Powers.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William John Haley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robbins Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Watkins Elliot, and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Locke Bowles, given by Margaret Bowles and Chad Harrison 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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