



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 1, 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.

*Bach's setting of "Savior of  
the Nations, Come" is taken  
from his most famous set of  
Lutheran chorale preludes -  
The Orgelbüchlein written  
between 1708-1717.*



**Hymn No 88:** These titles of  
the coming Christ appeared  
in daily Vesper antiphons  
sung during the week before  
Christmas; their roots date at  
least to the reign of  
Charlemagne. Both text and  
tune are the fruit of 19th-  
century efforts to reclaim  
Christian treasures from pre-  
Reformation sources.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**PRELUDE** (8:30) "PATHETIQUE" FROM SONATA IN C MINOR LUDWIG BEETHOVEN  
JONNY SUNDERMEIER, PIANO  
(11:00) NUN KOMM DER HIEDEN HEILAND JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH  
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

**INTROIT** (11:00) SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME MARTIN LUTHER  
CHANCEL CHOIR

Savior of the nations, come; virgin's son, make here your home.  
Marvel now, O heaven and earth, that the Lord chose such a birth.  
Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!  
To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP AND LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

(8:30) THE HENSON FAMILY  
(11:00) THE CLARK FAMILY

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah,  
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness –  
on them light has shined."

Hear the words of Jesus, "I am the Light of the world;  
those who follow me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life."

### \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 88

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL  
(STANZAS 1, 2, 4, 6, AND 7)

VENI EMMANUEL

## 88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som  
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest  
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy  
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile  
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge  
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the  
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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| <p>5 O come, thou Key of David, come,<br/>         and open wide our heavenly home;<br/>         make safe the way that leads on high,<br/>         and close the path to misery.<br/>         Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>         shall come to thee, O Israel.</p>             | <p>6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer<br/>         our spirits by thine advent here;<br/>         disperse the gloomy clouds of night,<br/>         and death's dark shadows put to flight.<br/>         Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>         shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |
| <p>7 O come, Desire of nations, bind<br/>         all peoples in one heart and mind;<br/>         bid envy, strife, and discord cease;<br/>         fill the whole world with heaven's peace.<br/>         Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel<br/>         shall come to thee, O Israel.</p> |  |

*One stanza of this paraphrase of the great O Antiphons may be sung on each of the last days of Advent as follows:*

Dec. 17: O Wisdom (2)

Dec. 20: O Key of David (5)

Dec. 23: O Emmanuel (1)

Dec. 18: O Lord of might (3)

Dec. 21: O Dayspring (6)

Dec. 19: O Root of Jesse (4)

Dec. 22: O Desire of Nations (7)

These titles of the coming Christ appeared in daily Vesper antiphons sung during the week before Christmas; their roots date at least to the reign of Charlemagne. Both text and tune are the fruit of 19th-century efforts to reclaim Christian treasures from pre-Reformation sources.



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



*A Kyrie Eleison (Greek for  
"Lord Have Mercy") is a  
corporate musical prayer for  
grace.*



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

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY  
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

God of grace and truth,  
long ago your prophets told of your promise  
of restoration and salvation.

**We confess we have not believed your promise,  
we have preferred brokenness to restoration,  
and we have lingered with dis-ease rather than welcome salvation.**

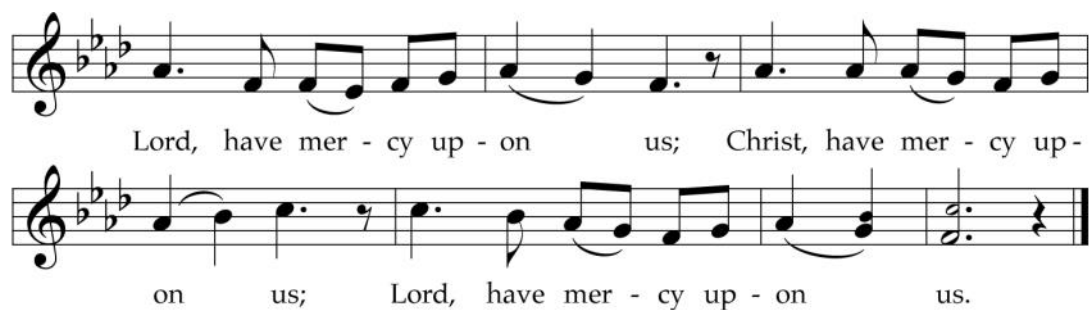
We have remained steadfast in the ease of the status quo,  
not wanting to face the hard work of repentance and change.

**Forgive our stiff necks, and renew our strength,  
so that we may receive the fullness of your promise,  
and live into joy.**

(Silent Confession)

**\*KYRIE ELEISON NO. 575**

KYRIE ELEISON



**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 113**

GLORIA



*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.*



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



*Turn to pages 738, 889, and 865 in the Old Testament in your pew Bible.*

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

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

REV. VEAZEY  
DAVIS CLARK

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

## HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 92 (11:00)

WAITING

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

1 While we are wait - ing, come;  
2 With power and glo - ry, come;  
3 Come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come;

while we are wait - ing, come.  
with power and glo - ry, come.  
come, Sav - ior, quick - ly come.

Je - sus, our Lord, Em - man - u - el,  
while we are wait - ing, come.

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

REV. NARCISSE

## SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

JEREMIAH 33:14-16, MALACHI 3:1-4, MICAH 5:2-5A

## SERMON

HOLIDAY GATHERINGS - THE PROPHETS

## SILENT REFLECTION



*The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.*



*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.*



# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

REV. GALE

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

REV. GALE

## OFFERTORY (8:30)

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

TRADITIONAL

JONNY SUNDERMEIER, PIANO



(11:00)

LO, HOW A ROSE E'ER BLOOMING

MICHAEL PRAETORIUS

CHANCEL CHOIR

Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming, from tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming as those of old have sung.  
It came a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.  
Isaiah 'twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright she bore to all a Savior, when half spent was the night.



*During the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving - the congregation is invited to sing the bold text, beginning with "Holy, holy, holy." These responses can be found in the hymnal: Nos. 552, 553 and 554.*



## \*RESPONSE PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

OLD HUNDREDTH



## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30)

REV. VEAZEY

(11:00)

REV. GALE

## THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. VEAZEY

(11:00) REV. POWERS AND REV. NARCISSE

## WORDS OF INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.



...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!



...great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

#### VOLUNTARY (11:00)

PRIÈRE À NOTRE-DAME FROM SUITE GOTHIQUE

LÉON BÖELLMAN

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT



**Hymn No. 87:** *This may well be a hymn based on a hymn, for scholars say that the passage behind it (Philippians 2:5–11), though not in the style of Greek poetry, shows traits of a communal creedal statement capable of being sung. It is set here to one of the composer's most sonorous tunes.*

#### \*HYMN OF SENDING No. 87

GENEVAN 42

COMFORT, COMFORT NOW MY PEOPLE

#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE (8:30) LIFT UP YOUR HEADS, YE MIGHTY GATES  
JONNY SUNDERMEIER, PIANO

TRADITIONAL

(11:00) POSTLUDE ON GENEVAN 42  
(COMFORT, COMFORT, NOW MY PEOPLE)  
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. JERRY WESTENKUEHLER

# Comfort, Comfort Now My People 87

1 "Com - fort, com - fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God.  
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,  
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.

"Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn - ing un - der sor - row's load.  
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.  
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.

To my peo - ple now pro - claim that my par - don waits for them!  
 O, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,

Tell them that their sins I cov - er, and their war - fare now is o - ver."  
 Let the val - leys rise in meet - ing and the hills bow down in greet - ing.  
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken."

This 17th-century German paraphrase of Isaiah 40:1–5 was one of the texts translated as part of the 19th-century British interest in German religious poetry. It is set here to one of the most popular Genevan Psalter tunes, probably derived from an earlier French folksong.



# ♦ this week in print ♦

## Church-Wide

**Advent Gathering:** (Today, following the Sanctuary service): We will share a meal in Montgomery Hall (featuring our famous tomato basil soup), followed by stations set up around the church for people of all ages to prepare our hearts and our homes for Advent!

**Re-lighting of the Idlewild Bell Tower** (Wednesday, December 4): While lights were originally installed in 1952, for years now, the tower has sat in darkness. A reengineered, newly installed system will ensure that the Idlewild Bell Tower will again be a beacon of Christ's light across Midtown Memphis. Mark your calendars to join the Idlewild family in Montgomery Hall at 5:15 pm for a meal and then in the Garth at 6 pm for the ceremony.

**Poinsettia Orders** (Due Thursday, December 12): Poinsettia orders are made in honor or in memory of a loved one. This could be a family member, a friend, or one who dedicates themselves to the life and ministries of the church. This dedication will help us adorn our sanctuary as we head into the Christmas season. Order online at the link below or using the form included in your bulletin. The price this year is \$20, and orders are due December 12.

## Outreach Ministry

**The Compassion Fund** provides financial help for those needing emergency assistance with rent, utilities, or medication. Last year, the Compassion Fund supported 132 people in our community, and the need has only grown. Tuesday, December 3 is Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving that embodies the spirit of charity and community support. Idlewild is participating in this year with a fundraiser for the Compassion Fund. Please consider supporting in one of the following ways:

Donate on realm, and select Compassion Fund in the drop-down menu.

Make a check or cash gift today at the Advent Gathering after church.

Share this opportunity with others who might also be interested in supporting those in our community.

## Music Ministry

**Children's Choir Musical & Toy Drive** (December 8 at 10 am): The Music Ministry proudly presents "Room for Christmas", a Christmas musical led by our children's choirs. Join us to celebrate the season with our young choristers! During the musical, we are also collecting toys to share with the Refugee Empowerment Program. Please bring an unwrapped gift with you, and there will be a moment in the musical for you to bring Toy Drive donations forward! If you are unable to come to the musical or would like to bring your gift in advance, you may Amazon a gift to the church (Attn: Toy Drive) or drop one off in the receptacle in the Jones lobby. Gift criteria: Please spend \$15 or more on the gift. Toys geared towards kids 3-12 years old. If batteries or any consumables are necessary for the gift, please include them. Please send unwrapped.

**Festival of Christmas:** Join us on December 13 for a celebration of the music of the season! Our choir and festival orchestra will lead us on a journey of Advent and Christmas music. We will also be joined by our handbell ensemble, members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra and the Memphis Brass Quintet and feature organist, Gary Beard.

## Adult Ministry

**The Art of Reading** - Tuesdays 2 pm - Room 303. On December 3rd we will discuss the short book *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* by Ilene Beckerman. In keeping with the theme of the book, wear or bring something you wore on a significant occasion (or a picture or memory of it). We will share stories of these events in our lives.

**PW Circle** schedules will change for December due to the memorial service for Margaret Burnett on December 3.

**Abigail** will meet on Monday, December 2 at 12 pm at Karen Matthew's home, 238 S. Reese.

**Lydia Ruth** will meet on Tuesday, December 3 at 9:30 am in the Resource Room in the Jones building

**Mary Magdalene** will meet on Tuesday, December 10 at 12 pm in the Church Parlor

**Rebekah** will meet on Thursday, December 12 at 10 am at Sandie Whittington's home, 2097 Firefly Cv.

**IdleWild Women** will meet December 3 at 7 pm at Judy Johnson's home, 768 Charles Pl.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:  
[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, 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](mailto: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](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 December 1 is David Powers.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given to the Glory of God by anonymous.

**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 [youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams](https://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](http://www.idlewildchurch.org) or call the church.



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