



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 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.**



Hymn No 147: "Nowell" is the English form of the French "noel," a shout of joy formerly used at Christmas (as in Chaucer's "Franklin's Tale"), a clue that the word is older than its first printing. It may have Latin and French roots related to "born" (natus /né) as well to "news" (nova/nouvelle).

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

IN DULCI JUBILO

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 LOVE

(8:30)

BETH AND BOB SPENCER

(11:00)

CHAD BRADDOCK AND AJ NORTHROP

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

**Again I will build you,
and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!
Again you shall take tambourines,
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.**

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and first commandment.

**And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.**

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 147**

THE FIRST NOWELL

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147

The First Nowell

1 The first Now-ell the an-gel did say was to cer-tain poor
 2 They look-ed up and saw a star shin-ing in the
 3 And by the light of that same star three wise men
 4 This star drew nigh to the north-west; o'er Beth - le -

shep-herds in fields as they lay, in fields where they lay keep-ing
 east be-yond them far; and to the earth it gave
 came from coun - try far; to seek for a king was their
 hem it took its rest, and there it did both stop

their sheep, on a cold win-ter's night that was so deep.
 great light, and so it con - tin - ued both day and night.
 in - tent, and to fol - low the star wher-ev - er it went.
 and stay, right o - ver the place where Je - sus lay.

Refrain

Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell, Now - ell,

born is the King of Is - ra - el.

5 Then entered in those wise men three, 6 Then let us all with one accord
 full reverently upon their knee, sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
 and offered there in his presence that hath made heaven and earth of nought,
 their gold, and myrrh, and and with his blood our life hath bought.
 frankincense. *Refrain*

Refrain



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

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE
THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

Holy God, we come, seeking a glimpse of your glory
in these days of lengthening darkness.

**We look for your star shining in the night sky,
for the flickering candle holding back the shadows,
and we strain our ears to listen for your word
amidst the clamor of the festive season.**

We confess that we don't always want to hear what you are saying.

**We don't want to turn and go another way,
nor to stop and wait in the quiet.**

**We are skeptical of comfort that is more than warm fuzzy feelings,
a comfort that asks something of us.**

And yet still you call,
still you tell us to take comfort,
still you come among us and live within us and believe in us.

**Forgive us, O God, our fickle hearts,
so often full of things other than you.
Forgive our tendency to wander away,
to prefer shallow comfort to your deep peace.**

Open us again to your love, that we may walk with you in every way.

(Silent Confession)



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

***KYRIE ELEISON NO. 575**

KYRIE ELEISON

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

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**



*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 113

GLORIA

Glo - - - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o! Glo - -

- - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

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. NARCISSE
FIONA GALE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!



HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 92 (11:00)

WAITING

WHILE WE ARE WAITING, COME

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.

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)

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.
As we celebrate the
sacrament, 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.



Found on page 2 of the New
Testament in your pew Bible.

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



The Affirmation of Faith is
from Patmos Abbey, Order
of St. Columba, in Australia.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS

ELLA FRANCES GROSS
Daughter of Keaton & Charlie Gross
Sister of Avery & Chase

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise, Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign, Learn to listen for God's call.
With this water God has sealed you Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine. Trust and love God more than all.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON MATTHEW 2:1-12

SERMON

HOLIDAY GATHERINGS - MAGI

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. NARCISSE
REV. POWERS

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters
that can never be exhausted.**

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

**We believe that God is in the arid desert
as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine.

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it
in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**



PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. POWERS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. NARCISSE



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.



OFFERTORY (8:30)

IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

ARR. MARY McDONALD

LANDRY DUVALL, PIANO



(11:00)

CANDLELIGHT CAROL

JOHN RUTTER

CHANCEL CHOIR

How do you capture the wind on the water? How do you count all the stars in the sky?
How can you measure the love of a mother, Or how can you write down a baby's first cry?

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn.

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Shepherds and wise men will kneel and adore him, Seraphim round him their vigil will keep.
Nations proclaim Him their Lord and their Savior, But Mary will hold Him and sing Him to sleep

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

Find Him at Bethlehem laid in a manger, Christ our Redeemer asleep in the hay,
Godhead incarnate and hope of salvation; A child with His mother that first Christmas Day.

Candlelight, angel light, firelight and star-glow shine on his cradle till breaking of dawn

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo! Angels are singing; the Christ child is born.

*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

REV. NARCISSE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. GALE AND REV. NARCISSE





Hymn No. 150: The first three stanzas here use an as/so structure to draw parallels between the coming of the Magi and the spiritual lives of the singers, summed up in the prayer of the fourth stanza. Even though this adapted German tune was named for him, the author did not care for it.

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 150

DIX

AS WITH GLADNESS MEN OF OLD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. GALE

POSTLUDE

NOËL

LOUIS-CLAUDE DAQUIN

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN



JOIN US ON CHRISTMAS EVE!

3 pm - Child-led Service, Sanctuary

Our children will tell and act out the nativity story while the congregation joins in singing classic Christmas hymns.

5:30 pm - Lessons and Carols Service, Sanctuary

The Sanctuary is alight with candles and joyful music for the traditional Lessons and Carols. The service includes beloved Christmas carols and traditional Bible lessons.

11 pm - Youth-led Service, Chapel

Music, readings and celebration of the Lord's Supper lead to the joyous lighting of candles. This festive chapel service is led by clergy and our middle and high schoolers.

The 3 and 5:30 pm services will be streamed live at youtube.com/@idlewild.church.

Nursery care will be available during the 5:30 pm service.

As with Gladness Men of Old 150

1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be - hold;
 2 As with joy - ful steps they sped, Sav - ior, to thy low - ly bed,
 3 As they of - fered gifts most rare at thy man-ger, rude and bare,
 4 Ho - ly Je - sus, ev - ery day keep us in the nar - row way;

as with joy they hailed its light, lead - ing on - ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be - fore thee, whom heaven and earth a - dore;
 so may we with ho - ly joy, pure and free from sin's al - loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last

so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev - er - more be led to thee.
 so may we with will - ing feet ev - er seek thy mer - cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heaven-ly king.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo - ry hide.

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Poinsettias

Given in Memory of...

Mary Lou Adams from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Mary Lou Adams from Beth Simpson
Julia Wellford Allen from Ray & Louise Allen & Family
Julia Allen from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Julia Allen from The Gould Family
Julia Allen from Betty Louis Sheppard
Betty & Ray Ashley from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Jody Barringer from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Hal P. & Jean Beard from Gary Beard & Joe Lackie
Dolores S. Bell from Josh & David Bell Family
Dr. & Mrs. Charles K. Berlin from Michael & Ann Jack
Terry M. Bishop from Carol Bishop
Delano Black from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Delano Black from Anne Freeman
Delano Black from Betty Louis Sheppard
Harold T. Blair from Brian Blair & Family
E'Lane & Bob Bobo from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Caitlin "Vanessa Joy" Bomar from The Sherman Family
C.A. & Louise Branyan from Carole Branyan
Charles & Helen Branyan from Carole Branyan
Madelyn Richardson Brock from Josh & Llewellyn Hall
Anne & Charlie Brown from Lisa & Bob Wilder
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Ray & Louise Allen & Family
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Josh & David Bell Family
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Chad Braddock & AJ Northrop
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum;
John Klettner
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Ann & Ted Cashion
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Earle Donelson
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Kate Gould
Rev. Margaret Burnett from The Higdon Family
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Jim Levernier
Rev. Margaret Burnett from The Sherman Family
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Amanda, Patrick & Izzy
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Vicki, Madison, & Thomas Walk
Rev. Margaret Burnett from Jason, Kate, Brandon,
& Megan Wolfkill
Bede & Griff Burr from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Lee Burrow from Katie & Keith Cole
George Cates from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Betty & Bruce Cole from Katie & Keith Cole
Jimmy Collier from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Mike Deaderick from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Mike Deaderick from Blanche Deaderick
David B. & Julia C. Donaldson from Your brother, Martin
Marion M. & Leslie W. Donaldson from Your son, Martin
Lewie Donelson from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Lewie & Jan Donelson from Earle Donelson
William & Frances Donelson from Earle Donelson
Betsy Earp from Lisa & Bob Wilder
Mike Earp from Lisa & Bob Wilder
Roscoe Feild from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Joseph Fisher from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Joan Foreman & Robert Foreman from Brian Blair & Family
Jerre Freeman from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Jerre Freeman from Anne Freeman
Sarah Patterson French from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Andy Gardiner from Katie & Keith Cole
Marie & Don Gardiner from Katie & Keith Cole
David George from Edie George
David George from Francie George
David George from Miranda & Watson George
David George from William, Loring & William George
David George from Steve & Marilyn Hergenrader
David George from Lisa & Bob Wilder
Lucia Gilliland from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
John Hammons from Steve & Marilyn Hergenrader
Wil Hergenrader from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Wil Hergenrader from Sally Hergenrader
Wil Hergenrader from Steve & Marilyn Hergenrader
Joanna Higdon from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Joanna Coss Higdon from The Higdon Family
Jack Holland from Judy Holland
Jim House from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Dr. Charles Carroll Ijams from Charles Llewellyn
& Kathy Lohman
Mrs. Louise P. Ijams from Charles Llewellyn & Kathy Lohman
Betty Jack from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Kenneth Jack from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Kenneth & Betty Jack from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Kenneth & Betty Jack from Michael & Ann Jack
Kenneth & Elizabeth Jack from Mary Shelley, Cole & Jack Ritchey
Marion Evans & Shelley Batte Jack from Michael & Ann Jack
Mr. & Mrs. M.E. Jack from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Kim Johnson from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Kim Johnson from Beth Simpson
Wallace & Katherine Johnston from Anonymous

Poinsettias

Given in Memory of...

Vanessa Joy from Chad Braddock & AJ Northrop
Milton & Ruth Kinard from Ron Kinard
John Klettner from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Virginia Klettner from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Virginia Klettner from Dennis Higdon
Virginia Klettner from Beth Simpson
Raymond & Sue Lackie from Joe Lackie & Gary Beard
Corrinne Lane from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Corrinne Lane from Betty Louis Sheppard
Dusty Lemley from Lisa & Bob Wilder
Mr. Thomas McCoy Llewellyn from Bob & Lola Llewellyn
Mrs. Billie McCoy Llewellyn from Charles Llewellyn
& Kathy Lohman
Rev. Ralph Magill Llewellyn from Charles Llewellyn
& Kathy Lohman
Sissy & Bill Long from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Sissy & Bill Long from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Anne Marie Jennings Mathews from Barbara Jennings
& Dennis Mathews
John Maxwell from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Stanley McAnally from Melody McAnally
Bill McCorkle from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Bill McCorkle from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Bill McCorkle from Anne Freeman
Bill McCorkle from Betty Louis Sheppard
Bill McCorkle from Larry & Shari Tucker
Charlie McCrary from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Charlie McCrary from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Charlie McCrary from Blanche Deaderick
Charlie McCrary from Anne Freeman
Charlie McCrary from Betty Louis Sheppard
Charlie McCrary from Beth Simpson
Charlie McCrary from Larry & Shari Tucker
Kent McKelvey, Jr. from Laura & Jim Bynum
Kent McKelvey from Elise Higdon McKelvey
Lee McWaters from Kate Gould
Demetria Martinez Mejia from Nancy Talley & Dionicio Salazar
Rev. Steve Montgomery from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Rev. Steve Montgomery from Earle Donelson
Marilyn S. Jack & Jackie J. Moore from Michael & Ann Jack
Scott Moore from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Kayana Narcisse from Anne & Stansill Covington
Kayana Narcisse from Larry & Shari Tucker
Janet Nix from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Miller Pipkin III from Ray & Dana Brandon

Charles & Alice Rambin from Penelope Springer
Faye Smith Reddit from Earle Donelson
Dr. Peyton Nalle Rhodes from Bob & Lola Llewellyn
Al Ross from Sunny Ross
Livija D. Rutkowski from Ray & Louise Allen & Family
Maviouleen Savage from Niel & Sarah Prosser
Nettie Schilling from Earle Donelson
Nettie Schilling from Ron Kinard
Anne Shewmaker from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Mary Shewmaker from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
David Simpson from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
David Simpson from Beth Simpson
Louise Slater from John, Alexandra, & Bennet Slater
Mary Bennet Slater from John, Alexandra, & Bennet Slater
Grace & Ed Smoot from Judy Holland
Clare Stallings from Josh & David Bell Family
Clare Stallings from Ray & Dana Brandon
Clare Stallings from Jim Levernier
John Stokes from Anne Freeman
Sue Streete from Bob & Beth Spencer
Ted Streete from Bob & Beth Spencer
Henry Strock from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Andy Talley from Nancy Talley & Dionicio Salazar
Lois Barnett Talley from Nancy Talley & Dionicio Salazar
Norman Timberman from Brian Blair & Family
Emma Staten Tipton from Bob & Beth Spencer
Ellen Field Todd from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Dick Trippeer from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Barbara W. Valentine from Her children, the grands
& the greats with love
Max L. Valentine from His children, the grands
& the greats with love
Diane & Walker Wellford from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Diane & Walker Wellford from Beth Simpson
Harry Wellford from Ray & Louise Allen & Family
Harry Wellford from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Judge & Mrs. Harry Wellford from The Gould Family
Sue Williams from Niel & Sarah Prosser
Page Williamson from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Jack Wilson from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Juan Jose Salazar Zamora from Nancy Talley & Dionicio Salazar

Poinsettias

Given in Honor of...

Elizabeth Alrutz from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Margaret Apple from Betty Louis Sheppard
The Ed Apple Family from The Epps Jones Family
Sally & Ed Beasley from Anne Freeman
AJ Northrop & Chad Braddock from The Ezekiel Family
Dana & Ray Brandon from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum;
John Klettner
Dana & Ray Brandon from Jim Levernier
Helen Brandon from Ray & Dana Brandon
Margaret Sullivant Brown from Lynn & Jonathan Rowe
Mimi & Marius Carriere from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Bena Cates from Olivia & Wallace Bruce
Heather & Ravi Chauhan from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum;
John Klettner
Christ Care Group of Spiritual Formation & Prayer from
Katie & Keith Cole
Mary Jane Colyer from The Ezekiel Family
Antonio Cruson from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Blanche Deaderick from Catherine & Steve Berger
Blanche Deaderick from Anne Freeman
Camille Deaderick from Anne Freeman
Jessica Demster from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Jessica Demster from Ann & Ted Cashion
Jessica Demster from Anne Fisher
Jessica Demster from Anne Freeman
Jessica Demster from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Landry Duvall from Anne Fisher
Landry Duvall from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Landry Duvall from The Logan kids, with love
Landry Duvall & Robert Rios from Gary Beard & Joe Lackie
Marsha Enlow from Earle Donelson
Marsha Enlow from Anne Freeman
Marsha Enlow from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
The Ezekiel Family from Amy & Dave Howe
Cherry Falls from Anne Freeman
Jane Feild from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Jane Feild from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Anne & Jim Ferguson from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Anne Fisher from Catherine & Steve Berger
Anne Fisher from Anne Freeman
The Ford Family: Steele, Megan, Merrill & Lydia from
Katie & Keith Cole
Friends of the Mental Health Court from Amy Howe
Rev. Mary Newberg Gale from Gary Beard & Joe Lackie
Rev. Mary Newberg Gale from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Rev. Mary Newberg Gale from Anne Fisher
Rev. Mary Newberg Gale from Barbara Jennings
& Dennis Mathews
Rev. Mary Newberg Gale from Larry & Shari Tucker
The Gianis Family from Amy & Dave Howe
Mr. & Mrs. William Gotten from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Betsy & Chuck Gross from Anne Freeman
Shari Gross from Ann & Ted Cashion
Shari Gross from Anne Fisher
Dennis Higdon from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Rickey Horton from Ann & Ted Cashion
Rickey Horton from Earle Donelson
Rickey Horton from Anne Freeman
Rickey Horton from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Amy & Dave Howe from The Ezekiel Family
Buzzy Hussey from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
The Idlewild Admin Staff from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
The Idlewild Clergy & Staff from Chad Braddock + AJ Northrup
The Idlewild Clergy & Staff from Blanche Deaderick
Idlewild Coworkers from Amanda Kohr
Idlewild Presbyterian Church from Samaritan Counseling Center
The Idlewild Presbyterian Church Staff from Anne Fisher
The Idlewild Program Staff from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Michael & Ann Jack from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Judy Johnson from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Judy Johnson from Barbara Jennings
Mackie Johnson from Anne Freeman
Amanda Kohr from Ann & Ted Cashion
Davant & Natalie Latham from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Camille LeMaster from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Jim Levernier from Ray & Dana Brandon
Mary Lovell from James Lovell
Karen Matthews from Anne Freeman
Peggy & Don McClure from Anne Freeman
Peggy Latham McClure from Laura & Jim Bynum
Lola McCrary from Earle Donelson
Janie McCrary from Catherine & Steve Berger
Janie McCrary from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Elise Piper McKelvey from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
The Members of the Worship & Music Committee
from Joe Lackie
Beth Humphries Moore from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Cindy Moore from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Cindy Cates Moore from Earle Donelson
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Moore from Steve & Marilyn Hergenrader

Poinsettias

Given in Honor of...

The Bruce Moore Family from The Epps Jones Family
MTAM Guests & Servers from Anne Fisher
MTAM Volunteers from Earle Donelson
Jeanene Mutchler from Anne Fisher
Rev. Joshua Narcisse from Gary Beard & Joe Lackie
Rev. Joshua Narcisse from Anne Fisher
Rev. Joshua Narcisse from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Pat Neely from Anne Freeman
Jenny Nevels from Larry & Shari Tucker
Buddy Nix from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum
Freida & Dick Pearson from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum;
John Klettner
Melissa & Michael Peeler from Earle Donelson
Jacob Pierce from Ann & Ted Cashion
Jacob Pierce from Anne Fisher
Anna Douglas & Katie Piper from Poppy
Pottery Studio Regulars & Patrons from Amanda Kohr
Judy Powell from Mary Shelley Ritchey
Rev. David J. Powers from Anonymous
Rev. David J. Powers from Gary Beard & Joe Lackie
Rev. David J. Powers from Violet James &
Elizabeth Valentine Bennett, with love
Rev. David J. Powers from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Rev. David J. Powers from Ann & Ted Cashion
Rev. David J. Powers from Earle Donelson
Rev. David J. Powers from Anne Fisher
Rev. David J. Powers from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
PW Bible Facilitators from Amy Howe
Amanda Ray from Earle Donelson
Celia Ridley from Brian Blair & Family
Cole Ritchey from Mom
Jack Ritchey from Mom
Room In The Inn Volunteers from Earle Donelson
Nancy Ruch from Anne Freeman
Tracey & Pete Sanders from Anne Freeman
Linda Scholl from Barbara Denley
Betty Louis Sheppard from Nelle, Tom, Annie Lillian, & Thomas
Bordeaux, with much love
Betty Louis Sheppard from The Epps Jones Family
Deede Sherman from Walter, Cannon, & Tanner
Beth Simpson from Laura, Jim & Hays Bynum; John Klettner
Beth Simpson from Anne Freeman
Beth Simpson from The Logan kids, with love
Beth Simpson from Mary Shelley Ritchey
S-K & 1st Grade Sunday School Class from Chad Braddock
Tom & Roselyn Smith from Valerie Smith & Dave Wittman
Supper Club #1 from Chad Braddock & AJ Northrop
Barbara Terhune from Barbara Denley
Danny Thomas from Earle Donelson
Danny Thomas from Anne Freeman
Peg Timberman from Brian Blair & Family
Shari Tucker from Barbara Denley
Ushers for the 11:00 Worship Service from Barbara Jennings
Rev. Courtney Veazey from Gary Beard & Joe Lackie
Rev. Courtney Veazey from Anne Craig & Kirk Bobo
Rev. Courtney Veazey from Earle Donelson
Rev. Courtney Veazey from Anne Fisher
Rev. Courtney Veazey from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Madison & Thomas Walk from Vicki Walk
Jan Wardle from Barbara Jennings
Natalie White from Anne Freeman
Lisa Wilder from Barbara Jennings
Nancy & Gib Wilson from Sam & Collin Buckner, with love
Nancy & Gib Wilson from Ann & Ted Cashion
David P. Wittman from Dave Wittman & Valerie Smith
Jason & Kate Wolfkill from Earle Donelson
The Worship & Music Committee from Barbara Jennings
Jesse Yarbrough from Earle Donelson
Jesse Yarbrough from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews
Verna Yarbrough from Earle Donelson
Verna Yarbrough from Barbara Jennings & Dennis Mathews

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Service of Wholeness and Healing (Tonight at 5 pm in the Chapel): During this season when we celebrate the hope of Christ's coming, many of us are also sitting with difficult feelings of grief, fear, and sorrow. Those looking for comfort, hope, and renewal are invited to the Service of Healing and Wholeness for a time of scripture, reflection, prayer, and music.

Outreach Ministry

More Than a Meal is happening on Thursday, December 26. There is no 4 pm chapel service this week. Dinner begins at 4:30 pm - volunteers are always welcome!

Fellowship and Recreation

Mahjong is continuing into the new year! (1st and 3rd Thursdays) Please sign up to play using the link in This Week at Idlewild.

Youth Ministry

Youth Kickoff Pickleball Tournament (Sunday, January 5 from 6 - 7:30 pm): Our kickoff party for 6th-12th graders will be a pickleball tournament! Come with a partner or find one when you arrive. Friends are welcome! The winning team has bragging rights for the year and is going home with gift cards to *Amuse: The Adventure Museum*. We'll also have dinner and other games happening while the tournament is going on. See you there!



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 December 22 is Mary Newberg Gale.

WORSHIP NOTICES

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**.



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