



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
DECEMBER 8, 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 82:** With its  
opening "Come," this hymn  
sounds the note of entreaty  
and invitation that  
characterizes the Advent  
season (from the Latin  
adventus = "coming"). Its  
blending of memory and  
hope helps us to give voice to  
our present faith as we stand  
between the past and the  
future.

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

### PRELUDE

PRELUDE ON DIVINUM MYSTERIUM  
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. WILBUR HELD

### INTROIT (11:00)

SAVIOR OF THE NATIONS, COME  
CHANCEL CHOIR

MARTIN LUTHER

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 PEACE

(8:30)

VIOLET AND MEGAN JAMES

BAILEY AND ELIZABETH VALENTINE BENNETT

(11:00)

THE FORD FAMILY

Hear the words of the prophet Isaiah,  
"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;  
authority rests upon his shoulders;

and he is named Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Hear the words of Jesus,

"Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God."

### \*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 82

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

HYFRYDOL


## Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.



Is-rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

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*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

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Holy God, we aspire to love and trust you,  
but so often we get in the way of ourselves.

We see only the deep sadness of the world,  
and do not notice your people at work amid the sorrow.

We assume that things will never get better,  
and do not see all that is good right now.

We close our eyes and complain about the darkness,  
rather than see the light that shines all around us.

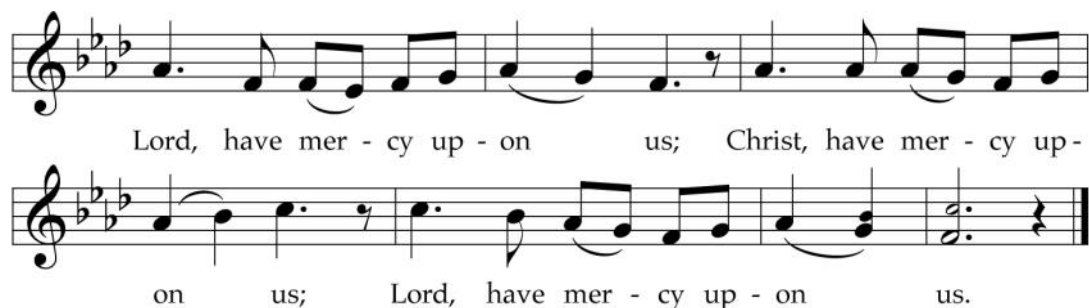
Help us, Holy One.

Help us to grow in love and trust, in compassion and hope,  
so that as the Christ child comes to us once again,  
we will see him, and know him, and rejoice.

(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.*



*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.*

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

REV. GALE  
LYDIA FORD

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)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

MAREN MILLS STUART  
Daughter of Sarah & Reid Stuart  
Sister of Kathryn

WALTER HAYES MORGAN  
Son of Emily & J. D. Morgan  
Brother of Evelyn

## BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise,  
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,  
With this water God has sealed you  
Unto love and grace divine.

Child of God, your loving Parent,  
Learn to listen for God's call.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
Trust and love God more than all.

## SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS



*Found on page 57 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.*



# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      LUKE 1:39-45

SERMON      HOLIDAY GATHERINGS - ELIZABETH AND MARY

SILENT REFLECTION

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)

REV. GALE

(11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

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. 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.



**Hymn No. 100:** By employing an energetic Irish folksong for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the Magnificat, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

JEANENE MUTCHLER

OFFERTORY (8:30) *LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE*  
LANDRY DUVALL, PIANO

ARR. MARK HAYES



(11:00) *O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM*  
CHANCEL CHOIR

DANIEL PINKHAM

O great mystery, and wonderful sacrament,  
that animals should see the newborn Lord, lying in a manger!  
Blessed is the virgin whose womb was worthy to bear the Lord, Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

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

OLD HUNDREDTH



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

JEANENE MUTCHLER

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

## SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

\*HYMN OF SENDING No. 100

STAR OF COUNTY DOWN

MY SOUL CRIES OUT WITH A JOYFUL SHOUT

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

POSTLUDE ON HYFRYDOL  
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. JASON PAYNE

# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

### Refrain



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

## 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 8 is Mary Newberg Gale.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The sanctuary flowers** are given today to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. A. VanCourt Pritchatt, Van Pritchatt, Jr., and Winnie Pritchatt Wellford by their family.

**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**.

# ♦ *this week in print* ♦

## Church-Wide

**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

We need **Room in the Inn Volunteers** for Thursday, December 22 - Sign up at the link below!

## Fellowship and Recreation

**Waffle Sunday is December 22!** Discover joyful connection this Advent season through this annual tradition of waffles, bacon, fellowship, and story-time. Gluten-free options will be available.

**Presbyqueerians Christmas Party** (December 15, 5-7 pm): Hosted by Thad and Stephanie Rodda at 699 East Drive, Memphis 38112. Bring an appetizer or something sweet as well as your favorite beverage.

## Music Ministry

**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

**PW Circles** continue to meet this week:

**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.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:  
[www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar).

# A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

**J**esus Christ is the center;  
the mighty voice of God inspires us to love;  
the Spirit joyfully sustains and nurtures seekers of every age,  
stage, and circumstance.

**W**orship forms the core of community life;  
prayer binds our brokenness and connects us in Christ's love  
to God and to one another;  
music, poetry, and art flourish in gratitude to our Creator;  
the beauty of creation is treasured and preserved;  
all the members of the church are ministers.

**T**he focus is scripture and its meaning for today;  
faith is formed and spirits nourished through reflection,  
practice and shared learning;  
the wisdom of other faith traditions is respected;  
and a diverse membership enriches and unites us.

**J**ustice speaks loudly and peace is our aspiration;  
all voices are heard;  
recreation and play are a wellspring for fellowship,  
celebration, and growth;  
the love of God guides our minds and spirits,  
leading us to right action in our hearts, our homes,  
our community, our nation, and our world,

**A**nd all who enter find a home.



## 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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