



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
JANUARY 12, 2025 | 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 163: While all four gospels identify John the Baptist with the prophecy of Isaiah 40:3, this text (well set to a vigorous Welsh tune) draws on the report of his preaching in Matthew 3:1–12. The final lines recall that he was the first to name Jesus “the Lamb of God” (John 1:29, 36).

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRELUDE ON BEACH SPRING
LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

ARR. DAVID CHERWIEN

INTROIT (11:00)

RAISE A SONG OF GLADNESS
CHANCEL CHOIR

TAIZÉ COMMUNITY

Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

We gather as God's beloved children –

However glad we are, however out of sorts we are.

We come together as a people whom Jesus calls into community –

And this becomes a place where all are welcome.

We come to give thanks, to pray and sing, to be with each other –

So as God's beloved, let us worship.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 163

WILD AND LONE THE PROPHET'S VOICE

ABERYSTWYTH

163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice



1 Wild and lone the proph-et's voice ech-oes through the des - ert still,
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen-tance sows: lives of jus - tice, truth, and love.
 3 With such preach-ing, stark and bold, John pro-claimed sal - va - tion near,



call - ing us to make a choice, bid - ding us to do God's will:
 Trust no oth - er claim than those; set your heart on things a - bove.
 and his time-less warn-ings hold words of hope to all who hear.



"Turn from sin and be bap-tized; cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
 Soon the Lord will come in power, burn-ing clean the thresh-ing floor:
 So we dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un - trod,



Quit-ting all the sins you prized, yield your life to God's con - trol.
 then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a - lone shall fill God's store."
 till we come at last like John to be - hold the Lamb of God.



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

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

(11:00)

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

God, you call us to communion
with you and with each other,
but we exclude and reject those we deem different.
You claim us as beloved,
but we turn against each other in anger and hate.
You liberate us and lead us in Christ's path of peace,
but we build walls and invest in arms
and dismiss peace as impractical and unrealistic.
Redeeming God, forgive our worldly ways.
Call us and claim us once again
for the work of building your beloved community.

(Silent Confession)



***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.

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



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 377**

HOUSTON

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
star of my life is Je - sus.
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the
light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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)

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

REV. NARCISSE
MCCOVEY HENSON

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 853 (11:00)

SIYAHAMBA

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

**We are marching in the light of God;
we are marching in the light of God.**

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

REV. VEAZEY

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS

LILLIAN COLEMAN WILLIAMS
Daughter of Laney & McCauley Williams
Sister of Field

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



Found on page 60 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.



This morning's Affirmation of Faith is from from The Theological Declaration of Barmen .



PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON LUKE 3:1-6; 18-22

SERMON

REMEMBERING BAPTISM

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. NARCISSE
REV. VEAZEY

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance
of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.

Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine,
as though there were areas of our life
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,
but to other lords—areas in which we would not need
justification and sanctification through him.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. GALE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.



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. VEAZEY

OFFERTORY (8:30) *THE WATER IS WIDE*
LANDRY DUVALL, PIANO

ARR. HOWARD HELVEY



(11:00) *LIKE A FLOWING RIVER*
CHANCEL CHOIR

ROBERT J. POWELL

Like a flowing river is God's perfect peace. Glorious forever in its bright increase;
Perfect, yet it floweth fuller everyday; perfect yet it groweth deeper all the way.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand. No foe can follow, or traitor ever stand;
Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest; Finding, as he promised, perfect peace and rest.
We may trust him in all that we do; They who trust him wholly find him wholly true.

*RESPONSE *PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Christ all crea - tures
here be - low Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more Praise Tri - une God whom we a -
dore Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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

REV. NARCISSE
REV. VEAZEY

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



SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 490

BEACH SPRING

WASH, O GOD, YOUR SONS AND DAUGHTERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

HORNPIPE FROM WATER MUSIC

GEORGE FREDERICK HANDEL

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

Hymn No. 490: This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving Over the Water in The Book of Common Worship, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing and renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

BAPTISM

490

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

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

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
 3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
 all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

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

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
 bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
 lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

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

spark-ling; com- pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
 foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
 fore you, wa - ter-washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

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

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

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◆ *this week in print* ◆

Fellowship and Recreation

1750 Arts Lunch & Learn - Provoking Wonder Within: Join us after church today in Montgomery Hall for lunch and enjoy some conversations about 1750 Arts and how the arts tie to faith. Explore all the ways art already influences your faith development/formation, how creative you already are, and how you can tap into that side of you. There will be discussions and activities for all ages. No skills required!

Spring soccer registration is open! Register at idlewildchurch.org/athletics. For questions, please contact Jacob Pierce at 901-494-8137 or at jpierce@idlewildchurch.org.

Mini Strikers (4-5 year olds): Practices/games are always on Saturday mornings at 9am at the Kroc Center. The first practice should be on March 29th.

1st-6th Graders: Practices will be held once a week on either a Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday night at 5:30pm or 6:30pm. Your coach will determine what time and day practice will be. Games will be played on Saturdays (some teams have weekday games). The games can be played at churches/organizations in the area. The first game should be on March 29th.

Adult Ministry

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays 2 pm - Room 303): We will kick off our year of reading with a poetry unit led by volunteers. On January 14, Jackie Stewart will facilitate our discussion of *The Journey of the Magi* by T.S. Eliot.

Sacred Ground Information Session (Wednesday, Jan 15 - 6 pm - Room 304 and Zoom): Sacred Ground is a video and readings-based series on race, grounded in faith and designed by the Episcopal Church for use in an ecumenical setting. It helps us wrestle with the question, where does race meet the family story, economic class, and political and regional identity? If you are interested in learning more, join facilitators Virginia Evans, Forrest Sable, and Barbara Key in Room 304 or on Zoom. Meeting Id: 898 6023 2322 Passcode: 890404



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.

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 January 12 is Mary Newberg Gale.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God.

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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