



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 23, 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.**



**The Call to Worship is based  
upon Psalm 103:3-6.**



**Hymn No 436:** *By ending  
with questions rather than  
simple affirmations, this text  
conveys a strong sense of  
faith in God's presence and  
guidance without ignoring  
how much of the future  
remains unknown. The  
confidence of the text is well  
matched by its sturdy 17th-  
century French tune.*

## GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

PRELUDE ON FINLANDIA

MARVIN GASPARD

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

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

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY  
THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

We come to God's table -

seeking forgiveness and healing,  
desiring redemption and steadfast love.

We come to God's table -

receiving mercy and grace,  
resting in the renewal of our souls.

We come to God's table -

hungering for goodness that satisfies,  
longing for justice for all who are oppressed.

With all that is within us,

let us worship God.

**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 436**

O QUANTA QUALIA

GOD OF COMPASSION, IN MERCY BEFRIEND US

# God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

## Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.  
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

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



*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.

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

Eternal God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,  
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:

Cleanse us from all our offenses,  
and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires,  
that with reverent and humble hearts  
we may draw near to you,  
confessing our faults,  
confiding in your grace,  
and finding in you our refuge and our strength.

*(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.

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NO. 795

HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL

Heal - er of our ev - ery ill, light of each to - mor - row,  
give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row. *Fine*

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

REV. NARCISSE

(11:00)

SLOANE CLARK

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!



**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.**



**Found on page 66 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.**

## HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 657 (11:00)

GLENDON

SING TO GOD WITH JOY AND GLADNESS

Sing to God, with joy and glad - ness, hymns and  
psalms of grat - i - tude; with the voice of praise  
dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is good.

*Fine*

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

REV. POWERS

### 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.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH (8:30) REV. VEAZEY  
(11:00) REV. POWERS

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. VEAZEY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON LUKE 7:36-50

SERMON JESUS HEALS - DO WE SEE THIS WOMAN?

SILENT REFLECTION



**Today's Affirmation of Faith**  
is from *The Heidelberg*  
*Catechism*.



*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

REV. NARCISSE

True faith is not only a sure knowledge  
by which I hold as true  
all that God has revealed to us in Scripture;  
it is also a wholehearted trust,  
which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel,  
that God has freely granted,  
not only to others but to me also,  
forgiveness of sins,  
eternal righteousness,  
and salvation.  
These are gifts of sheer grace,  
granted solely by Christ's merit.

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY    ADULT NACOME    FRANCES JONES-SABLE

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)    REV. POWERS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES    REV. NARCISSE

OFFERTORY    MY SONG IN THE NIGHT    ARR. MACK WILBERG

(8:30) AMY PHILLIPS

(11:00) CHANCEL CHOIR

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night,  
Come to us with Thy tender love, my soul's delight.

Unto Thee, O Lord, in affliction I call,  
My comfort by day, and my song in the night.

O why should I wander, a stranger from Thee,

Or cry in the desert, Thy face to see?

My comfort and joy, my soul's delight.

O Jesus my Savior, my song in the night.



**\*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**      REV. NARCISSE

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

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.**



# SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

\*HYMN OF SENDING

*I THEN SHALL LIVE*

FINLANDIA

I then shall live as one who's been for - giv - en;  
I then shall live as one who's learned com - pas - sion;  
5 Your king - dom come a - round and through and in me,  
I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I've been so loved that I'll rise lov - ing too.  
9 Your power and glo - ry, let them shine through me;  
I know my name is clear be - fore my Sav - ior;  
I know how fear builds walls in - stead of bridg - es;  
13 Your hal - lowed name, O may I bear with hon - or,  
I am God's child, and I am not a - fraid.  
I dare to see an - oth - er's point of view.  
17 and may Your liv - ing king - dom come in me.  
So great - ly par - doned, I'll for - give an - oth - er;  
And when re - la - tion - ships de - mand com - mit - ment,  
21 The Bread of Life, O may I share with hon - or,  
the law of love I glad - ly will o - bey.  
then I'll be there to care and fol - low through.  
and may You feed a hun - gry world through me.

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. VEAZEY

POSTLUDE

*FINALE JUBILANTE*

HEALEY WILLAN

LANDRY DUVAL, ORGAN

# ◆ *this week in print* ◆

## Adult Ministry

**Lenten Lectio Groups** start the week of March 9. Groups meet at various times and locations throughout the week. You can see all the options and register on Realm!

**Grief Management Workshop** Session 2 - February 27: Our very own Angela Kelly, LCSW, will lead two sessions to teach tools for the healthy processing of our grief in order to claim our joy and wholeness. Throw out any ideas you have about a grief group. This is not that! This is experiential and focused on our joy, hope, and wholeness.

**Hope Women's Circle** meets at 4:30 pm each Tuesday in February (Feb 25) in the Church Parlor. The group is reading *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter, Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Lauren Winner. All women are invited. Contacts: Katie Cole, [katielxs@aol.com](mailto:katielxs@aol.com), and Ginny Moore, [ginmooxo@yahoo.com](mailto:ginmooxo@yahoo.com).

**Idlewild Book Club** (Thursday, February 27 - 2 pm - Room 305): This month we'll be discussing *Prophet Song* by Paul Lynch.

## Fellowship and Recreation

**Adult NaCoMe Retreat** (March 28-30, Pleasantville, TN): Come enjoy fellowship, adult-focused programming, art projects led by 1750 arts (Gwen Bruno & AJ guiding), yoga, and all the traditional NaCoMe fun at an all-adult retreat. Cost is \$260 per private room or \$65 per gender-specific shared room (max of 4 people per shared room). Additionally, there is a \$60 per adult meal package. **Registration closes on Friday March 14.** Scholarships are available for shared room. Please contact [sgross@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:sgross@idlewildchurch.org) for more information.

**Open Mahjong Play** is on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays from 10 am - 12 pm. Sign up using the link in the *This Week at Idlewild* Newsletter or at [idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation](http://idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation).

**Shrove Tuesday** (March 4, 5:15 pm): Join us for a time of joyful fellowship as we eat pancakes and other breakfast food, and anticipate our Lenten journey together! 1750 Arts will have an activity planned. Donations are appreciated.

**Yoga** (March 8 - April 12): For six weeks, engage the Lenten practice of Sabbath through prayerful yoga on Saturday mornings at 9 am, led by Emily Draffen. Donations are appreciated.

## Youth Ministry

**No Youth Group tonight** due to Presbyterian Youth Connection Retreat. Pray for our youth as they make their way home from this meaningful time together.

## Children's Ministry

**Worship and Wonder:** It's a new semester in Worship & Wonder! As a reminder, in order to sustain this ministry, any adult sending a child will need to help once a semester. Please see sign up's in the Children's Newsletter to select your week.

**Save the date for Vacation Bible School!** (June 2-5): Children ages 3yo-rising 8th graders will have the opportunity to come to the church for a week of fun on June 2-5 from 9 am-12:30 pm. SK-8th grade children will also have the chance to sign up for an extended day musical camp, from 12:30-3:30 pm!



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.

**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 submit them by email to [communityprayer@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:communityprayer@idlewildchurch.org).

**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 February 16 is Mary Newberg Gale.

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The sanctuary flowers** are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joanna Coss Higdon from Dennis Higdon, Catherine Higdon, Elise Higdon McKelvey, Katie and Anna Douglas Piper.

**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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