



Truly, I say to you,
today you will be with me in Paradise.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 16, 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 104: Though many
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with entreaty and invitation,
this more contemplative text
considers how an individual
prepares for and responds to
Christ's coming. It also brings
together a recollection of the
First Coming with an
anticipation of the Second
Coming.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (8:30)

SYMPHONY NO. 7, No. 2

LUDWIG VAN BEETHOVEN

JONNY SUNDERMEIER, PIANO

(11:00)

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS

ARR. DALE WOOD

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP (8:30)

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

(11:00)

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Gather, all who seek the mercy of the Lord.

We gather, knowing we have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

Look to the cross, where Christ speaks words of grace.

We hear His promise:

"Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Will we approach Him with pride, resisting His mercy?

No, we come humbly, like the one who sought His grace.

Then let us worship the One who welcomes sinners into His kingdom!

We lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving!

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 104

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

O LORD, HOW SHALL I MEET YOU

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
 2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
 3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
 your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
 to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
 In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
 in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
 when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

God of mercy,
 you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
 We confess that we have strayed from you
 and turned aside from your way.
 We are misled by pride,
 for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
 and great when we are small.
 We have failed in love,
 neglected justice,
 and ignored your truth.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
 Return us to paths of righteousness
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE

JESUS, REMEMBER ME

REMEMBER ME

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON



*RESPONSE

FAIREST LORD JESUS

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Rul - er of the
 na - tions, Son of God and Son of
 Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o -
 ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine!



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.



Found on page 89 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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

REV. NARCISSE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

HYMN OF GATHERING (11:00) JESUS LOVES ME

JESUS LOVES ME



1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,



Lit - tle ones to him be-long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil-dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!



Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

JEANENE MUTCHLER

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

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON LUKE 23:39-43

SERMON SEVEN LAST WORDS - TODAY YOU WILL BE WITH ME...

SILENT REFLECTION



Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from *The Iona Community Creed*.



RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. NARCISSE
THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,**

conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability,
and onto the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully,
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

MOMENT FOR MINISTRY M.I.C.A.H. LEIGH-TAYLOR WHITE
MEMPHIS INTERFAITH COALITION FOR ACTION AND HOPE

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.



OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. NARCISSE
REV. VEAZEY

OFFERTORY (8:30)

WERE YOU THERE
JONNY SUNDERMEIER, PIANO

TRADITIONAL

(11:00)

PSALM 23
CHANCEL CHOIR

PAUL BASLER

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

*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 (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. NARCISSE
REV. VEAZEY

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



Hymn No. 649: As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

SEND IN GOD’S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 649

AMAZING GRACE

AMAZING GRACE, HOW SWEET THE SOUND

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE (8:30)

HOW DEEP THE FATHER’S LOVE FOR US

TRADITIONAL

JONNY SUNDERMEIER, PIANO

(11:00)



RIGAUDON

ANDRE CAMPRA

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

THANKSGIVING

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Lilies adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one or someone you want to celebrate for their life and ministry at the church. This year's price per lily is \$20. You can give online at idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication or pick up a paper form in the hallway. **Orders are due by April 9** for publication in the Easter bulletin on April 20.

Fellowship and Recreation

Community & Connection @ Memphis Showboats Football Game (Saturday, April 12, 1:30 pm): Come on over to Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium to watch the Memphis Showboats take on the Houston Roughnecks. Our whole group will go on the field after the game for a photo! Purchase your tickets (\$15 each) on Realm by **April 6**. If you have any questions, please contact Jacob Pierce.

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.

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.

Children's Ministry

Parents' Night Out (March 21, 5:30-8 pm): Mark your calendar! Parents can drop the kids off at church and then head out to meet up and enjoy some food and fellowship! Drop 0-3's at the nursery. 3'yo's-5th grade can head to the Children's wing in the Jones building for a night of fun! More details to come!

We are collecting pre-filled plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 6. From March 16 until the event on April 6, a donation box will be at the front desk of the Jones building. We ask that the eggs be filled with candy (no nuts) and/or small toys.

Outreach Ministry

MICAH Issues Convention (Sunday, March 23, 2 - 6 pm, St. Paul Baptist Church, 2124 E. Holmes Road): Hear presentations on the top 10 community concerns lifted up by partners during the listening campaign, and vote to determine what the 3 major issues will be for MICAH's focus going forward.

Music Ministry

University Singers in Concert (March 25, 7 pm): Idlewild is proud to welcome the University Singers from the University of Memphis, directed by Dr. Francis Cathlina. This dynamic ensemble will present an inspiring program of varied music, with a special collaboration featuring the Idlewild Chancel Choir. Join us for an evening of exceptional choral artistry.

Youth Ministry

Jones Scholarship Application (due May 1): This scholarship is thanks to a generous gift from our former senior minister and his wife, Paul T. and Anna H. Jones. To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and your plans for the coming school year. The deadline is May 1. Send your letter to jonesscholarship@idlewildchurch.org.



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 submit them by email to 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. The Pastor on Call for the week of March 16 is Courtney Veazey.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in gratitude for our parents, by AJ Northrop & Chad Braddock. **The flowers in the hallway** are in memory of Charlotte Hoyle from her 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.

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**.

The bulletin art is by Scott Erickson, as part of his *Seven Last Sayings of Jesus* series. Each week in Lent, the art will coincide with the words we are studying that day.



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