



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 30, 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 804: These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

ARIA

JOHN DIXON

LANDRY DUVAL, ORGAN

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Welcome this day to the house of our God.

We are greeted in peace and in love.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

Welcome this day to our community of faith,

where we are siblings in Christ.

Beloved, let us worship God.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 804**

MARION

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
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The Prayer of Confession is written by Beth Merrill Neel.



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

REV. GALE

Holy God, we know that
we have run from you,
we have ignored your call,
we have closed our eyes to your presence,
we have disbelieved your mercy,
we have disregarded your words,
we have belittled ourselves,
we have forsaken others.

So we ask, once again, for your forgiveness.

We ask you to stay with us as we turn away
from what is wrong and hurtful
to what is good and life-giving.

(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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30)

(11:00)

REV. GALE
TATE ROBERTSON

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



*Found on page 33 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.*



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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON MATTHEW 27:45-46

SERMON SEVEN LAST WORDS - WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?

REFLECTION LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS
WYLY BIGGER

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. GALE
JEANENE MUTCHLER

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

JENNY ROBERTSON AND ANDREW FALLS
YOUTH MINISTRY



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. GALE

JEANENE MUTCHLER

OFFERTORY (8:30)

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS

TRADITIONAL

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN



(11:00)

WONDROUS LOVE

ARR. ALICE PARKER AND ROBERT SHAW

CHANCEL CHOIR

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
 what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
 What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
 to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down, sinking down,
 when I was sinking down
 beneath God's righteous frown,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
 Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
 to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
 to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
 while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
 while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
 and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
 and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
 and through eternity I'll sing on.

*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. GALE

JEANENE MUTCHLER

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE



Hymn No. 687: Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 687

ST. ANNE

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

REV. POWERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

ARR. JERRY WESTENKUEHLER

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

CELEBRATING TIME

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

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 30 is David Powers.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given 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**.

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.

◆ *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**.

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.

Adult Ministry

PW groups will meet Tuesday, April 1:

Abigail will meet at noon at Mackie Johnson's home, 54 East Parkway N.

Lydia Ruth will meet at 10:30 am in the Resource Room, Jones Building

Mary Magdalene will meet at noon in the Church Parlor

Rebekah will meet at 10:00 am at Joyce Webber's home, 6812 Stout Rd

IdleWild Women will meet at 7:00 pm on 3rd floor, Jones Building

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30, Room 303): Join us on April 1 as we read aloud *Our Town*. Copies of the play will be provided. On April 8, we will begin reading *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman. Barbara Terhune will lead our discussion.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9 am - Montgomery Hall & Zoom: The group is currently studying the Gospel of John. The group is small enough to allow for significant dialogue among participants but also large enough to allow for only contemplative participation. Please contact Charles Key for more info (voice or text 901-481-3321 or email).

1750 Arts Lent Discipline: This week's word is *Distress*. Spend time meditating, contemplating, and praying with *Distress*, and submit art in any form to sgross@idlewildchurch.org or at the front desk.

Children's Ministry

We are collecting pre-filled plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 6. We ask that the eggs be filled with small toys and/or candy (no nuts). Please drop them in the donation box at the front desk by Friday, April 4.

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 jones scholarship@idlewildchurch.org.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:
www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

Jesus 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.

Worship 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.

The 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.

Justice 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,

And all who enter find a home.



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Ministers: All the members of Idlewild Presbyterian Church

For staff phone numbers and emails visit www.idlewildchurch.org or call the church.

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