



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 13, 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 196: These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

FANFARE

C. S. LANG

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

INTROIT (11:00)

MEDITATION ON BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

ARR. KATHY MOKLEBUST

IDLEWILD HANDBELL ENSEMBLE

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

We raise our voices and wave with joyful hope
the palms of deliverance of God's people.

Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

Our hearts are filled with expectation
as we welcome the coming king.

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

We receive into the crowded streets of our lives
the one who is Savior, not only of us, but of all the earth.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest heaven!

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 196**

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

O Lamb of God,
we remain unmoved by your tears, by your slow dying.

We hear the taunts
and pretend our words are always sweet.
We watch you forgive
and hoard grace for ourselves.
We know you die,
but we go on about our usual way.

Forgive us for not stopping,
for not weeping,
for not acknowledging
that we allow the suffering of your children in our time.

Heal our broken, imperfect hearts,
that we might love more fully and follow You, O Lamb,
not only into death, but into life.

(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

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS

RUDOLPH MATTHEW PORCHIVINA IV

Son of Emmy & Matthew Porchivina

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 114 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 JOHN 19:30

SERMON SEVEN LAST WORDS - IT IS FINISHED

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. VEAZEY
REV. GALE

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.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. NARCISSE



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. VEAZEY

REV. GALE

OFFERTORY (8:30) *WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS*

TRADITIONAL

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN



(11:00)

RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

ARR. MARK SHEPPERD

CHANCEL CHOIR

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry;
thy humble beast pursues its road
with palms and scattered garments strowed.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, thy triumphs now begin
o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
The hosts of angels in the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on! ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power, and reign.

***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)

REV. VEAZEY

(11:00)

REV. GALE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. VEAZEY



SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 197

ELLACOMBE

HOSANNA, LOUD HOSANNA

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE (11:00)

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

ARR. DAVID CHERWEIN

LANDRY DUVALL, ORGAN

Hymn No 197: The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

JESUS CHRIST: PASSION AND DEATH

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Holy Week Services:

Maundy Thursday: April 17 at 7 pm

Good Friday: April 18 at 7 pm

Lunch and Learn about Idlewild's Racial History (April 27, 12:30-2 pm): The Standing Committee on Anti-Racism invites you to a deeper dive into Idlewild's racial history. Join us for lunch followed by an opportunity to study Session minutes from the mid-twentieth century to the present. Participants will have time to peruse documents museum-style on their own, followed by a debriefing session. Collectively, we will wrestle with such questions as "What did our predecessors, living in a different historical time, think they were doing?" and "What might that mean for us today?" While adults discuss this important history, Sage Scott-Jamison will offer a children's activity of reading and discussion of the book "Memphis, Martin and the Mountaintop: The Sanitation Strike of 1968." Nursery care will also be available. Sign up in Realm or call 901-259-4348 . Donations for lunch will be appreciated.

Fellowship and Recreation

Open Mahjong Play: 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

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays, 2:00-3:30, Room 303): We are reading *The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman.

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).

Youth Ministry

Youth are going bowling tonight from 5-7:30 pm. Meet in the parking lot at 5 pm to ride the church van and we will return by 7:30 pm. Registration on Realm is required.

Save the date for Youth & Confirmation Sunday on April 27th! High School seniors will preach at the 8:30 and 11 am services and we will present our confirmands in the 11am service.

Senior Night (April 30, 6 pm, Montgomery Hall): You are invited to celebrate our high school seniors as they prepare for the next chapter! Join us for dinner and a tribute from their parents. To assist in planning, please be sure to register. There is no cost, but there is an optional \$20 donation to help cover dinner.

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.

Outreach

Room in the Inn is a hospitality oriented ministry at Idlewild for our unsheltered neighbors. The Summer Season runs from May – September. Sign up to volunteer at the link below!

Children's Ministry

Volunteer with VBS! The most fun week of the year is coming up June 2-5! We are looking for volunteers to lead classes like Art, Science, and Recreation, as well as to shepherd small groups of campers through their morning! There are also ways to serve behind the scenes. If interested please email Christine@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 April 13 is Mary Newberg Gale.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The flowers today are given to the glory of the Triune God and in memory of the life of Jerre Freeman by his 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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