



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TRINITY SUNDAY
JUNE 15, 2025 | 10:00 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. 4: Based on an
18th-century German
metrical version of a
celebrated 5th-century Latin
hymn, *Te Deum laudamus*,
this abbreviated 19th-
century English paraphrase is
sung by both Protestants and
Roman Catholics. It is set
here to the tune composed
and named for the German
version.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

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***CALL TO WORSHIP**

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

Font of Blessing, Living Water, Flowing River,

**we behold in the splendor of creation
your majesty and our responsibility.**

Speaker, Word, and Breath of Life,

**we behold in the face of Jesus Christ
your divinity and our humanity.**

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

**we behold in the Spirit of truth
your glory and our calling.**

**Bound to you forever,
we will ever praise your triune name!**

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 4**

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME

4 Holy God, We Praise Your Name

1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 All a - pos - tles join the strain as your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim;
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, while in es - sence on - ly one;

all in heaven a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heavens with
 and the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you, and a - dor - ing,

vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun, through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Lover, Beloved, and Love itself,
within your own life there is mutuality and unity in diversity.
Though we are made in your image,
we confess that we distort the triune life.

**Instead of seeking mutual welfare and the common good,
we seek our own gain.**

**Instead of living in equality, justice, and respect,
we construct systems that are unjust.**

**Disrespectful thoughts, words, and actions surface in us,
and we allow differences to divide us and lead us to brokenness.**

Holy God, forgive us.
Restore in us, and in our life together,
the divine image you intend.

Make us tender in mutuality.

Make us generous in equality.

Make us grateful in diversity.

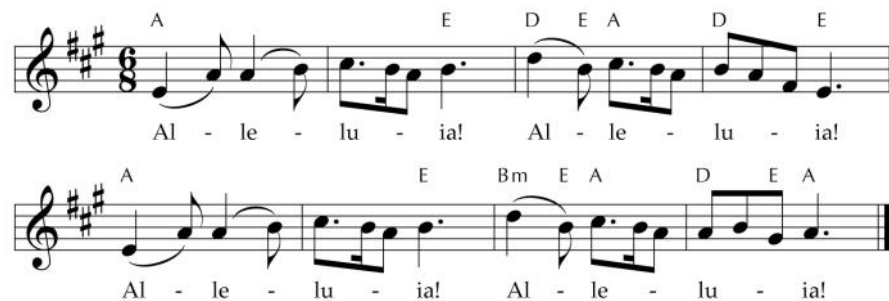
(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE NO. 587

ALLELUIA

CELTIC ALLELUIA



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE NO. 581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

GLORIA PATRI



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 591 Of the Old Testament and page 110 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. VEAZEY

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

HYMN OF GATHERING

TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
 2. God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the
 4. Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His

in His bo - som gath - er; Nest-ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour-ish. From all e - vil things He
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He
 chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose

heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

REV. GALE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. VEAZEY

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

REV. VEAZEY

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

PROVERBS 8:22-31

JOHN 16:12-15

SERMON

NEARER THAN THE TRUTH

SILENT REFLECTION



Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from Confession of Belhar.



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. GALE

We believe in the triune God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
who gathers, protects and cares for the church
through Word and Spirit.
This, God has done since the beginning of the world
and will do to the end.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. GALE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. VEAZEY

OFFERTORY

MY ETERNAL KING

JANE MARSHALL

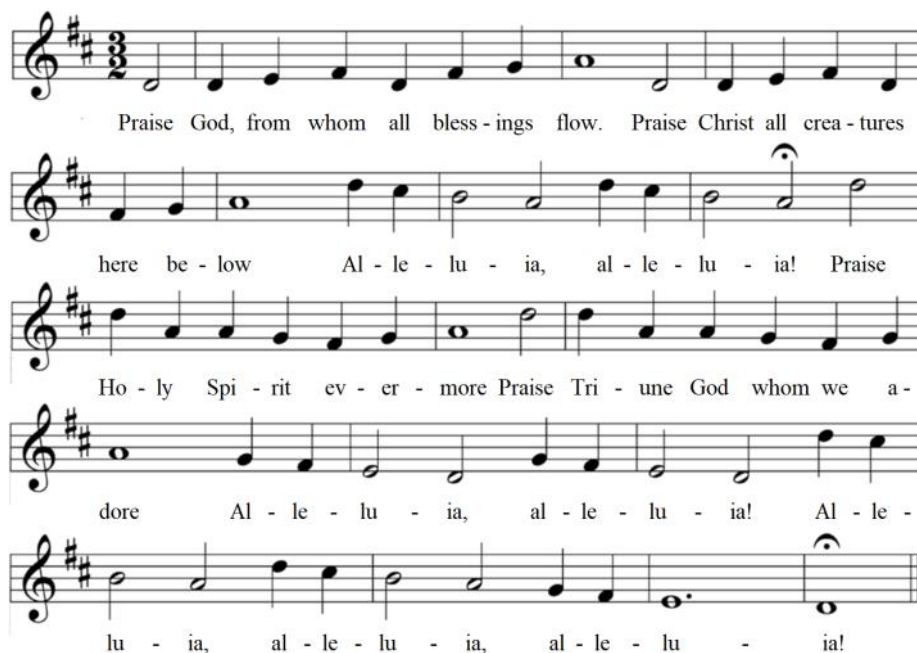
SUMMER CHOIR

My God, I love Thee, not because I hope for heaven thereby,
nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
for me didst bear the nails, the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of gaining heaven, or of escaping Hell.
Not with the hope of gaining aught or seeking a reward,
but as Thyself has loved me, O ever-loving Lord!
E'en so, I love Thee, and will love and in Thy praise will sing,
solely because Thou art my God and my Eternal King!

*RESPONSE

PRaise GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. VEAZEY



Hymn No. 9: This text gives life to the theological term *perichoresis*, a mutual, encompassing interaction, sometimes called “the threefold dance of the Trinity.” Stanza two notes various “natural analogies” for the Trinity (steam/water/ice; root/shoot/fruit) that have been found inadequate.

SEND IN GOD’S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 9

PERICHORESIS

THE PLAY OF THE GODHEAD

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. VEAZEY

POSTLUDE

PASSACAGLIA

GORDON YOUNG

The Play of the Godhead

9

1 The play of the God-head, the Trin - i - ty's dance, em-brac-es the
2 The warm mists of sum-mer, cool wa-ters that flow, turn crys-tal as
3 In God's gra-cious im-age of co-equal parts, we gath-er as

earth in a sa-cred ro-mance: with God the Cre-a-tor, and
ice when the win-try winds blow. The tap-root that nur-tures, the
danc-ers, u-nit-ing our hearts. Men, wom-en, and chil-dren, and

Christ the true Son, en-twined with the Spir-it, a web dai-ly
shoot grow-ing free, the life-giv-ing fruit, full and ripe on the
all liv-ing things, we join in the round of bright na-ture that

spun in span-gles of mys-tery, the great Three-in-One.
tree: more mys-tic and won-drous, the great One-in-Three.
rings with rap-ture and rhy-thm: cre-a-tion now sings!

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 sanctuary 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 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.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Andrea Tomes, by Paul and Will Tomes.

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 10:00 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**.

♦ *this week in print* ♦

Adult Ministry

Adult Forum (June 22, Montgomery Hall): The Boys and Girls Club of Greater Memphis reaches thousands of young people across our city each week, meeting them where they are and when they need it most. Join us to hear from CEO Gwendolyn Woods about the real, measurable impact of their after-school, technical training, academic, and life skills programs. The results are inspiring, but the needs are great. Learn how this vital organization is transforming lives and how we can help. Presentations begin promptly at 9, so come early for coffee and fellowship!

Summer Reading with Stephens' Class (Starting June 22 - Sundays - 11:15 am): Room 303 An informal extension of the Stephen Formation Class. We will be reading *The Overstory: A Novel*, written by Richard Powers. We'd love for you to join us for discussion and reflection.

The Art of Reading - On June 17, Mary Lovell will lead us in the second of our discussions on *Slouching Towards Bethlehem* by Joan Didion. We will discuss Part 2. We'd love to have you join us!

Men's Bible Study - on sabbath until August.

Congregational Meeting (June 22): We will meet to elect officers to fill two vacancies on the Diaconate and the Congregational Nominating Committee.

Idlewild's Racial History Timeline - The Racial History Timeline boards are on display on the second floor of the 1928 building, leading into the Christian Formation Suite. We encourage you to take the opportunity to spend some time reflecting on our history in prayer this summer.

Outreach

Care Closet: We're currently seeking donations in all sizes, especially:

Men's: jeans (smaller sizes), tennis shoes (larger sizes), athletic pants, and belts

Women's: athletic pants (larger sizes) and tennis shoes

Please bring clean, gently used items to the bin at the front desk of the Jones Building. We kindly ask that underwear and similar personal items be donated only if they are brand new and still in packaging.

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!

Fellowship and Recreation

The Mid-South Pride Parade has been rescheduled for Saturday, June 21 at noon. Wear your Idlewild pride shirts and meet us on the parade route at 11:30 am! Still need to purchase your shirt? Interested in carpooling? Want to be added to the Pride 2025 group text? Email amccrarey@idlewildchurch.org.

Open Mahjong Play: Sign up using the link in the *This Week at Idlewild* Newsletter or at idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation.

Clay Camp - Now open to rising 3rd - 8th graders! (July 14-18, morning and afternoon sessions available): Get creative this summer at Clay Camp, hosted in Idlewild Presbyterian's community pottery studio and led by Kelly Lindsey, art teacher at Idlewild Elementary. Campers will explore hand-building techniques, possibly try the pottery wheel, and create unique pieces they'll treasure for years. Sign up at the link below.

Children & Youth Ministries

Summer Sunday School (9:00 - 9:45 am): Summer Sunday school is full of laid-back fun. Children ages 3 through 5th grade will gather in the Large Group Sunday School room (326). Middle & High schoolers can join the Adult Forums (Montgomery Hall) or help with Children's Sunday School.

Youth Meetups: We'll have a short Bible lesson at each and lots of time for fellowship and fun. Join us!

Monday, June 16 | 3 - 5 pm | Pickleball and Snacks | Gym

Thursday, June 26 | 5 - 7 pm | Pizza and Movie Night | Youth Room (Jones Building)

Thursday, July 10 | 3:45 - 5:45 pm | Volunteer at More Than a Meal | Chapel

Sunday, July 27 | 3 - 5 pm | Snacks and Games | Youth Room (Jones Building)



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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MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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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