



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 10, 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. 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

HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,
the convictions of things not seen.

**Like Abraham, let us follow God,
even when we don't know where we are going.**

By faith, let us look forward to the city that has foundations,
whose architect and builder is God.

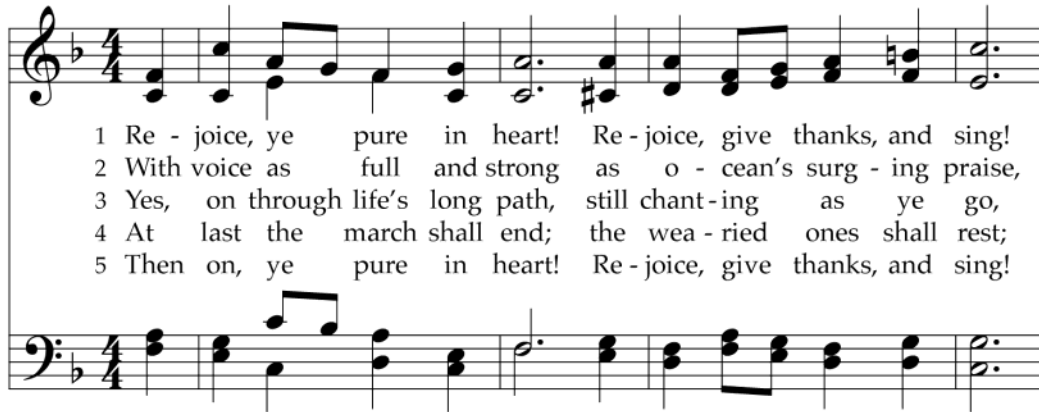
Let us worship the God whose promises call and claim us.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 804

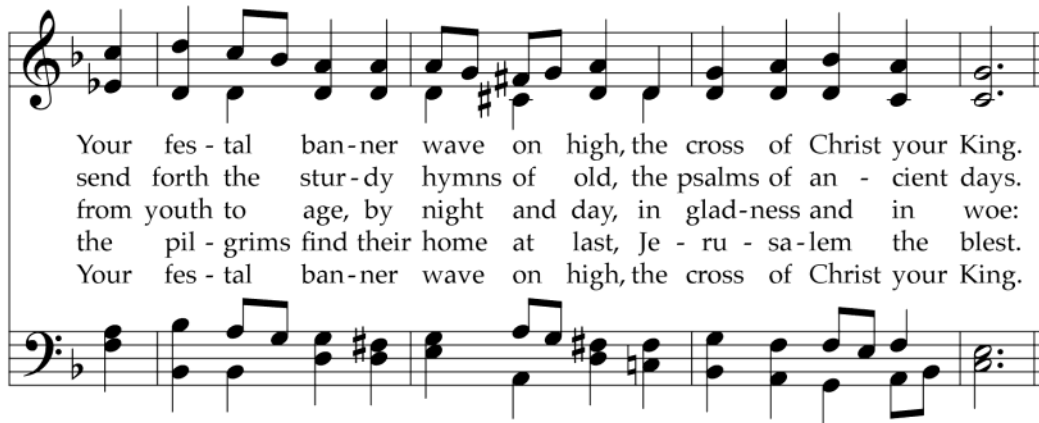
REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!

MARION

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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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND COURTNAVY VEAZEY

Holy God,
you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.

**You incite us to hope,
but we fall back into fear.**

You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.

**You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us.**

Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work
in the world every day.

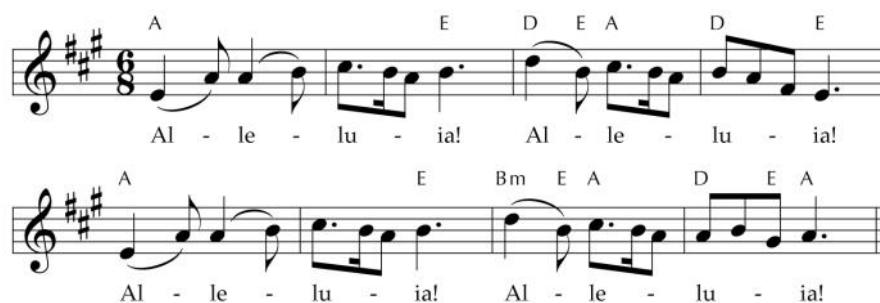
(Silent Confession)



*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 Worship and Wonder with an adult.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

REV. VEAZEY

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

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 175

LAFFERTY

SEEK YE FIRST

1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,

and its righ - teous - ness,
seek, and you shall find;
but by ev - ery word

and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.

Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

THE REVEREND DAVID J. 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

REV. POWERS



*Found on page 75 of the
New Testament in your pew
Bible.*



*Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from A Brief Statement of
Faith.*

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

SCRIPTURE LESSON

LUKE 12:32-34

SERMON

UNFAILING TREASURE

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE REVEREND JOSHUA H. NARCISSE

We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image,
male and female, of every race and people,
to live as one community.

But we rebel against God;
we hide from our Creator.

Ignoring God's commandments,
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,
accept lies as truth,
exploit neighbor and nature,
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation.
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,
the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people
to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,
God delivered the children of Israel
from the house of bondage.

Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,
God is faithful still.



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.



Hymn No. 826: This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. VEAZEY

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. NARCISSE

OFFERTORY

AWAKE MY HEART

JANE MARSHALL

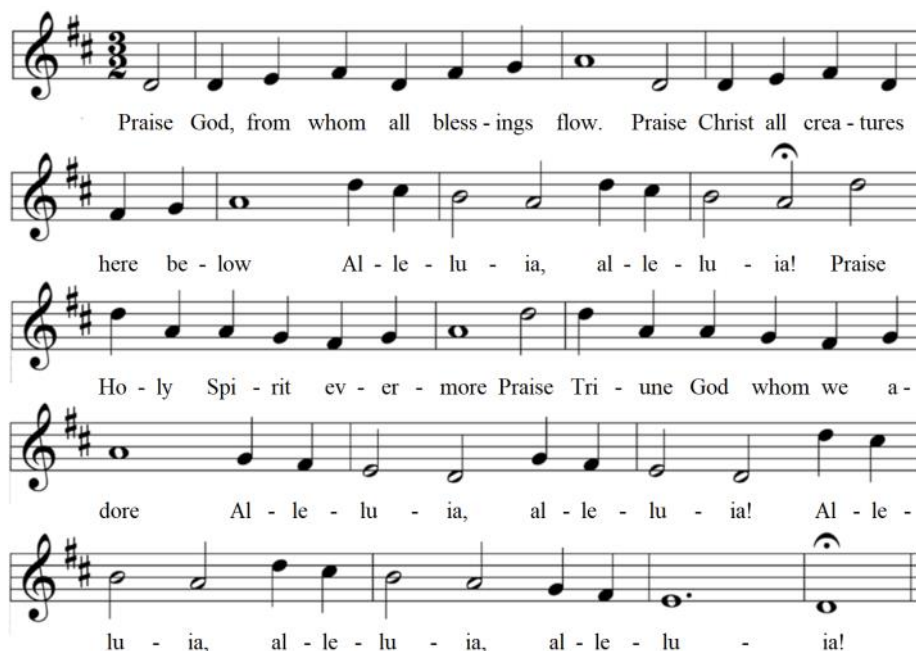
SUMMER CHOIR

Awake, my heart and render to God thy sure Defender,
thy Maker, thy preserver, a song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: my day with thee beside me,
beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling,
Thy word my nurture giv'n to bring me on toward heaven.

*RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. NARCISSE

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

LITANY OF SENDING

THE REVEREND COURTNEY VEAZEY

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 826

CRUCIFER

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

FANFARE IN D

JACQUES-NICOLAS LEMMENS

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

to Refrain

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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 306. 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 gratitude for Reverend Courtney Veazey's three years of service to Idlewild as Designated Associate Pastor of Outreach, Fellowship, and Recreation. With creativity and care, Courtney has led us in worship, service, and play, helping us draw closer to the Spirit and one another.

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/@idlewildchurch/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 ♦

Church-Wide

Save the Date for Kickoff! (Sunday, September 7): On the Sunday after Labor Day, we will return to two services (8:30 and 11 am), begin a new Sunday School year, and host our annual Ministry Fair. More details to come, but mark your calendars for Sunday, September 7!

Adult Ministry

Adult Forum - A Faithful Practice: Legacy Giving (Sunday, August 17 at 9 am in Montgomery Hall): Launched in 2024, the Cornerstone Society recognizes those who have committed to Idlewild's ministry and mission by including the Church in their will or estate plan. *Everyone can leave a legacy.* Hear from your fellow church members, including Brian Blair and Karen Mathews who have taken faithful action by including Idlewild in their estate plans. Learn more about purposeful and prayerful preparation. Idlewild member and estate planning consultant Kristin Croone will share resources and simple steps you can take to leave a legacy.

Men's Breakfast - We're Back! (Tuesdays - 2 pm - Room 303): The group is back after a summer sabbath and is currently studying the epistle of 1 John. We are small enough to allow for significant dialogue among participants but also large enough to allow for only contemplative participation.

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays at 2 pm, Room 303): On August 12, Lucie Bridgforth will lead the discussion of the Puritans section of "Albion's Seed" by David Hackett Fischer.

Summer Reading with Stephen's Class (Sundays at 11:15 am, Room 303): We will be reading *The Overstory: A Novel*, written by Richard Powers. We'd love for you to join us for discussion and reflection.

Building Beloved Community: Frank Conversations about Race and Faith: In the fall of 2025, the Presbytery of the Mid-South will offer members and pastors the opportunity to explore issues of race and faith through weekly small group experiences in-person and on Zoom. The Presbytery will be offering a book study, a Sacred Ground Class, and a Signposts group over the course of the fall. Please reach out to Pastor Mary if you are interested in more information.

Outreach

MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope): Learn more at micahmemphis.org/calendar

Transformational Justice Town Hall (Thursday, August 14, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, 4221 Macon Rd):

Join the MICAH town hall to learn about health and safety issues with our justice system's intake process and discuss with decision makers.

Annual Public Meeting (Sunday, September 14, 4-6pm, location TBA): This once-a-year meeting is an opportunity to hold public officials accountable for issues important to Memphis. Our community's voice is critical to show civic leaders that we care about our city.

Fellowship and Recreation

Redbirds Game—Kickoff Weekend (Friday, September 5): We'll begin Kickoff Weekend with a Redbirds Baseball Game on Friday, September 5. It's Faith and Family Night at the Redbirds, and our very own Reverend David J. Powers will throw out the first pitch! Register on Realm by August 24.

Presbyqueerians and Allies Meeting (After worship TODAY at Cheffie's Café): The Presbyqueerians and Allies support, affirm, and walk alongside our LGBTQ+ siblings in Christ. We have quarterly meetings on the 2nd Sundays in August, November, February, and May. Join us for a lunch meeting at Cheffie's today after worship!

Open Mahjong Play: Sign up at idlewildchurch.org/fellowship-and-recreation.

Children's Ministry

Welcome Whitney Ice Cream Social (August 17, after worship): Join us in Montgomery Hall after worship to welcome our new Director of Children's Ministry, Whitney Getman. We'll have ice cream novelties & inflatables for the kiddos!



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

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