



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 17, 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.

The Call to Worship was
written by Beth Merrill Neel.



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North America, though not
elsewhere.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

SICILIENNE

MARIA THERESIA V. PARSADIS

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

WHITNEY GETMAN

This is the time when God's people gather together.

This is the time when we wait to hear God's word.

This is the time when we see friends, old and new.

This is the time when we remember that God makes us family.

This is the time when we give thanks for all that is good.

This is the time to worship God.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 14**

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

DIX

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the glo-ry of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de-light,
 4 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 5 For thy-self, best gift di-vine to the world so free-ly given;

for the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys-tic har-mo-ny link-ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

For the healing of our hearts and minds,

God help us to confess our faults.

For the deepening of communal love,

God help us to confess our faults.

So we may live unhindered by secrets,

God help us to confess our faults.

That in our sharing and listening,

our loving and forgiving,

we may be more whole, together.

(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE NO. 550

GIVE PRAISE TO THE LORD

LAUDATE DOMINUM

Give praise to the Lord, and sing a new song;
a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;
a song to your Mak - er and Rul - er now raise,
all chil - dren of Zi - on: re - joice and give praise.



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE NO. 581

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

GLORIA PATRI

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

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 kindergartners are welcome to proceed to Worship and Wonder with an adult.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

REV. POWERS

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

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 377

HOUSTON

I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with



Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain



star of my life is Je - sus.
show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
shall know the joy of Je - sus.



all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the



light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

WHITNEY GETMAN

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 12:49-53

SERMON

FAMILY DIVISION

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WHITNEY GETMAN

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG 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.



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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

REV. GALE

OFFERTORY

A GAELIC BLESSING
SUMMER CHOIR

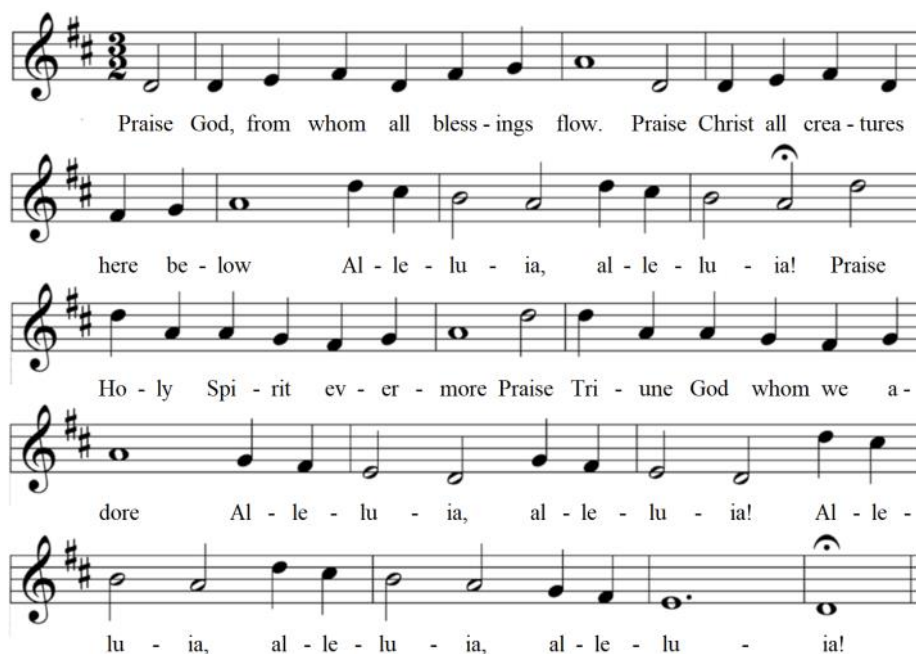
JOHN RUTTER

Deep peace of the running wave to you, deep peace of the flowing air to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth to you, deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the gentle night to you, moon and stars pour their healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

*RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

REV. GALE

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 687

ST. ANNE

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

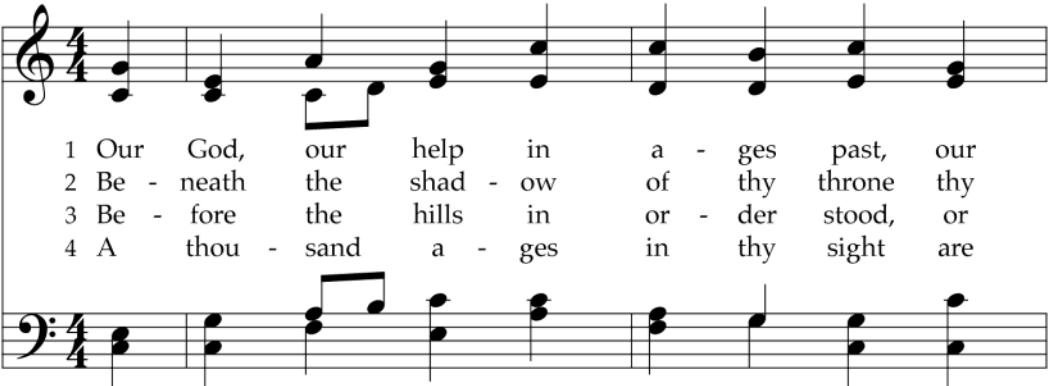
POSTLUDE

O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

IMPROVISATION

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.

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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 loving memory of Charlie McCrary, by his wife Janie and his children Ellen Hainen and Jonathan McCrary.

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* ♦

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!

Sunday School Sabbath (August 31): There will be no Sunday School for Adults or Kids on Labor Day weekend.

Adult Ministry

Adult Forum - *How Welcoming Are We?* (Sunday, August 24, 9 am): The Rev. Brian Ellison has served since 2012 as executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national organization which seeks full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ people in every aspect of the church's life and leadership. This forum will feature honest talk and practical help building a congregation that is truly inclusive and faithful in its welcome and witness for LGBTQIA+ people. We'll discuss the history of the Presbyterian church's journey on these issues, the current state of the church, and the theological foundation for welcome and affirmation. Seizing on Idlewild's existing commitments and spirit, we'll explore where God is calling each of us to action, especially at this critical time.

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): If you have been away for a while and you love history, now is the time to jump back into The Art of Reading! Lucie Bridgforth and Mary Lovell have designed a study which will alternate between a significant volume of American history and fiction pieces that align with it. Come back, come again, bring a friend!

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.

Idlewild Book Club (Thursday August 28, 2 pm, Room 305): This month we have chosen to read and discuss *The Emperor of Gladness* by Ocean Vuong. We'd love for you to join us!

Outreach

MICAH (Memphis Interfaith Coalition for Action and Hope 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.

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

Children's Ministry

Welcome Whitney Ice Cream Social (TODAY, 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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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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