



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 8:30 AND 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.



This Call to Worship comes
from the Iona Community in
Scotland.



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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

GESANGE (OP. 34, NO. 2)

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

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

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE
MIKE BRUNO

Among the poor, among the proud,
among the persecuted, among the privileged,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

In the private home, in the public place,
in the wedding feast, in the judgement hall,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

With a gentle touch, with an angry word,
with a clear conscience, with burning love,

Christ is coming to make all things new.

That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen,

Within us, without us, behind us, before us,
in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time,
Christ is coming to make all things new.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 409**

GOD IS HERE!

ABBOT'S LEIGH

God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
 life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
 Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
 age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
 font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
 wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
 to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

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Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
Yet always in the midst of this creation,
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:
around us in the abuse of earth, sea and sky,
beside us in the broken, the hungry and the poor,
and often, deep within us,
a striving against your Spirit.
O Trinity of love,
forgive us that we may forgive one another,
heal us that we may be people of healing,
and renew us that we may be makers of peace.

(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE NO. 447

WE ARE FORGIVEN

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We are for - giv - en. We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to
God. Thanks be to God. We are for - giv - en.
We are for - giv - en. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. POWERS



*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 kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to Worship and Wonder with an adult.



Found on page 81 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 487 (11:00)

ROCKINGHAM

THESE TREASURED CHILDREN

1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to
2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our
3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -
4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -
5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them
us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a
chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and
trust our days to you; in their young lives we
ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to
bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with
heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.
minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.
clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.
re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.
won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

WHITNEY GETMAN

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. GALE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

LUKE 18:1-8

SERMON

GOD'S JUSTICE

SILENT REFLECTION



Today's Affirmation of Faith
is from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*.



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** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. POWERS
MIKE BRUNO

As Jesus Christ is God's assurance
of the forgiveness of all our sins,
so in the same way and with the same seriousness
is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life.
Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance
from the godless fetters of this world
for a free, grateful service to his creatures.
We reject the false doctrine,
as though there were areas of our life
in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ,
but to other lords—areas in which we would not need
justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. POWERS

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. POWERS
MIKE BRUNO

OFFERTORY (8:30)
(11:00)

SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER
PRECIOUS LORD
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

HANSON PLACE; ARR. JOEL RANEY
DORSEY; ARR. ARNOLD SEVIER

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light. Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.
When my way grown drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone,
at the river, Lord, I stand, guide my feet and hold my hand.
Take my hand, Lord, and lead me home.



*RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise Christ all crea - tures
here be - low Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise
Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er - more Praise Tri - une God whom we a -
dore Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



PRAYER OF DEDICATION (8:30)

REV. POWERS

(11:00)

MIKE BRUNO

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT



*HYMN OF SENDING No. 756

LLANGLOFFAN

O GOD OF EVERY NATION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. GALE

POSTLUDE

FESTIVE POSTLUDE IN C

PAUL FEY

Hymn No. 756: If we truly believe that God cares for all people, we cannot limit our prayers and songs for peace to the welfare of our own nation, no matter how much we may love it. This challenging text is set to a stirring Welsh tune, named for a hamlet with a prominent Baptist chapel.

O God of Every Nation 756

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,
 2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,
 3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease
 4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.
 from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,
 from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;
 when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,
 from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,
 when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;
 till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.
 de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.
 with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

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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 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

Noah Livingston is cantor in the Chapel service this morning, and also flute soloist in both services. Our guest musicians are funded by The Cannon Music Trust at Idlewild Presbyterian Church.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of Kim Johnson 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**.

♦ *this week in print* ♦

Church-Wide



Growing in Gratitude: During generosity season, we look to the year ahead and dream together about what God will author. We need everyone who calls Idlewild home, who values her mission and presence in the community, to dedicate themselves to generously supporting the ministries of the church. Make your 2026 commitment by filling out a Growing in Gratitude card, found in your pew, or visit idlewildchurch.org/commit.

Verna's 30th Anniversary (Sunday, November 16): The Personnel Committee invites you to celebrate Verna Yarbrough, Director of Custodial Services, on the occasion of her 30th anniversary of faithful service at Idlewild! We will honor Verna during the sanctuary service on Sunday, November 16. Following the service, please join us for a reception in the TK Young Room. We are excited to celebrate Verna and express our deep appreciation for the love, joy, and hard work she has shared with our church family.

Adult Ministry

The Art of Reading Tuesdays - 2 pm Room 303: Next we are reading *Albion's Seed* by David Hackett Fischer. We'd love for you to join us!

SoulCollage (Saturday November 22 - 12:30 pm - TK Young Room): Both walking a labyrinth and creating and journaling with SoulCollage® cards are tools for meditative prayer. These two spiritual practices, one ancient and one modern, help us to calm the mind, relax the body, and refresh the spirit. During this experiential mini workshop, you will experience a labyrinth walk, a quick overview of the SoulCollage® process, the opportunity to make one card, and a time for reflective journaling. Register on Realm!

Fellowship and Recreation

Presbyqueerians and Allies Meeting (TODAY, 12:15 pm, Montgomery Hall): Join us after worship on Sunday, November 2 for a lunch meeting—All are welcome!

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

Children's Ministry

Parents' Afternoon Out (November 16, 3-5 pm): Parents will gather at the Cafe House and children will gather in the Children and Youth classrooms. We will have refreshments for the children and the parents. Please bring a beverage of choice. Make plans to join us!

Outreach Ministry

Immigrant Pantry Food Drive (November 9-23, 2025): We are collecting non-perishable food items in support of the Immigrant Food Pantry, a partnership between Indivisible Memphis and Latino Memphis that provides food assistance to immigrant families impacted by Memphis Safe Task Force activity. We encourage you to shop locally when possible. Purchasing from immigrant-owned grocery stores is another meaningful way to support our neighbors. Donations may be dropped off at the Jones Building front desk or in the main Sanctuary hallway by Sunday, November 23. All donations will be delivered to Latino Memphis on November 24 to support families ahead of Thanksgiving. Questions? Contact Ben Wilkins at ben@idlewildchurch.org or Melissa Peeler at 901-674-3431 or nolongerstrangers@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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