



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 24, 2025 | 3:00 PM

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS AND WHITNEY GETMAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

MAE WHEATON CLARK

Do not be afraid.

God has kept God's promises.

Do not be afraid.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Do not be afraid.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to those on earth!

Come, faithful friends

Let us go to Bethlehem and worship our newborn king!

*CAROL

O, COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

ADESTE FIDELES

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant; O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and behold him, born the King of angels! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!	True God from true God, Light from light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal he comes; very God, begotten, not created! O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him; O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord!
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PRAYER

PARKER FIELDS

Wonderful God,

We thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus Christ.

Like Mary and Joseph, we trust in your promise.

Like the shepherds, we are amazed by the good news of Christ's birth.

Like the angels, we sing our praises to you.

Like the wise people, we worship the Christ child.

Bless us on this Christmas Eve as we tell and listen to your story.

Amen.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

LESSON

LUKE 2:1-3

EMORY DRISKILL

CAROL

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

ST. LOUIS

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by. Yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.	O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray; cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us; abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!
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LESSON

LUKE 2:4-7

ROSE DOHERTY

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

CAROL

AWAY IN A MANGER

MUELLER

Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

LESSON

LUKE 2:8-9

CHARLIE ALBRIGHT

CAROL

THE FIRST NOWELL

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The first Nowell the angel did say
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
born is the King of Israel.

LESSON

LUKE 2:10-14

ANNIE BUCKNER

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE

CAROL

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

GLORIA

Angels we have heard on high,
sweetly singing o'er the plains,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo!
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LESSON

LUKE 2:15-16

MEYERS PONTIUS

CAROL

WHAT CHILD IS THIS

GREENSLEEVES

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

LESSON

LUKE 2:17-19

CAROLINE GETMAN

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF JOY

CAROL

SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT!

STILLE NACHT

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
'round yon virgin mother and child!
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
sleep in heavenly peace,
sleep in heavenly peace.

LESSON

MATTHEW 2:1-2, 9-11

HUDDY CANNON

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF LOVE

CAROL

WE THREE KINGS

We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.
O star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright,
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!

LESSON

LUKE 2:20

HATTIE LOGAN

*CAROL

GO, TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

¹ While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night, behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. (Refrain)	² The shepherds feared and trembled when lo! above the earth rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. (Refrain)
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Refrain: Go, tell it on the mountain,
over the hills and everywhere;
go, tell it on the mountain
that Jesus Christ is born!

*LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

EMORY DRISKILL

*SHARING THE LIGHT WITH THE CONGREGATION

*CAROL

JOY TO THE WORLD

¹ Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.	² Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains repeat the sounding joy
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³ No more let sins and sorrows grow,
nor thorns infest the ground;
he comes to make his blessings flow
far as the curse is found.

Please extinguish candles and leave them in the baskets in the hallway as you depart.

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*BENEDICTION

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Christ fills us with hope.

Those who lived in deepest night are blessed with a brilliant sight.

Christ fills us with peace.

Unto us a child is born.

Christ fills us with joy.

Unto us a child is given.

Christ fills us with love.

Christ has come!

Alleluia! Amen.

POSTLUDE

CELEBRATING JESUS THE CHRIST

5:30 PM LESSONS AND CAROLS WORSHIP SERVICE

The Sanctuary is alight with candles and joyful music for the traditional Lessons and Carols.
The service includes beloved Christmas carols and traditional Bible lessons.

11:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE (CHAPEL)

Music, readings and celebration of the Lord's Supper lead to the joyous lighting of candles.
This festive service is led by clergy and our middle and high school youth groups.
All ages are welcome!

OFFERING

We believe that as we practice generosity, we bear the fruit of God's Spirit. **If you would like to make a year-end gift,** you may do so online through Realm, by placing a check or cash in the offering plate, or by mailing a check to 1750 Union Ave, Memphis, TN 38104, postmarked no later than December 31, 2025.

If you have not made your 2026 Commitment, please fill out a commitment card and place it in the offering plate, update your commitment through Realm, or email Amanda Kohr at akohr@idlewildchurch.org. We are grateful for your generosity, and we appreciate the ways that your gifts make possible the mission and ministry of Idlewild!



Children's Ministry

*Building a foundation of faith
for children & families*

We want our kids to know they are loved by God, practice how to share God's love with others, and grow in faith. We believe fun and church friends are an important part of faith formation for kids. If you're looking for a welcoming place for your family to join in, we'd love to have you.

Sunday School: 3 Year Olds - 5th Grade

9:40-10:40 AM (Beginning January 4th)

We kick off all together with fun, songs, story, skits, and games!
We then move to age-based classes where our children are immersed in God's story.

Children in Worship

11:00 AM Every Sunday

Time with the Younger Church (all ages)

Children are invited forward for a Children's Moment during worship.
This is a time for our young worshippers to ask questions, make observations,
and explore the morning's scripture.

Worship & Wonder (3 years - Kindergarten)

Following Time with the Younger Church, children 3 years old - Kindergarten
are invited to leave "big" church and continue to worship in their own space.

VBS Save the Date

June 1-4, 2026, 9 am - Noon

Learn more at idlewildchurch.org/children

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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