



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
JANUARY 18, 2026 | 8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

**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. 12: The opening line
of this hymn was inspired by
the three divine attributes
listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King
James Version), and it
continues by considering how
God's life exceeds our own
finite existence. The text is well
set to a Welsh melody shaped
by many three-note units.

PRELUDE

NOCTURNE

LILI BOULANGER

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

Holy God, beyond our seeing, you invite us to draw near.

You meet us not in abstraction, but in love made visible.

In Jesus the Christ, grace takes on a human face.

In his life, we glimpse the heart of God.

Gather us into your presence and shape us by your mercy.

That our lives might reflect your light and peace.

Let us worship the living God.

Let us worship God, revealed in Jesus.

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 12

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

ST. DENIO

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Image-bearing God, you created us to reflect your love,
yet we confess that our lives often mirror the world's brokenness.
Christ calls us into unity and peace,
but we cling to division, resentment, and fear.
You reconcile all things through the cross,
yet we resist the costly work of forgiveness and restoration.
You invite us to live as a new creation in Christ,
but we settle for lesser visions of who we can be.
Forgive us, O God.
Restore your image within us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE NO. 702

CHRIST BE BESIDE ME

BUNESSAN

Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be -
hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be -
low me; Christ be a - bove me, nev - er to part.



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. GALE

*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 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 199 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE (8:30) (11:00)

REV. GALE
ANNA CATE GETMAN

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 20 (11:00)

ROYAL OAK

ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Refrain



All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

WHITNEY GETMAN

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON COLOSSIANS 1:15-20

SERMON

WHO DO YOU SAY I AM? - CHRIST THE IMAGE OF GOD

SILENT REFLECTION



*Today's Affirmation of Faith is
adapted from Philippians 2:5-11.*



*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. GALE
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. GALE

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

REV. POWERS
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

OFFERTORY (8:30) O SAVIOR, HEAR ME
(11:00) NOW LET US ALL PRAISE GOD AND SING

CHRISTOPH WILLIBALD GLUCK
GORDON YOUNG

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise;
that we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia! Sing Alleluia! All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever.
Sing Jehovah's might power, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.
Se let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer's praise.



Hymn No. 339: Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

*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)

(11:00)

REV. POWERS

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 339

LIFT EVERY VOICE

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

PASSACAGLIA IN G

GORDON YOUNG

339 Lift Every Voice and Sing

1 Lift ev - ery voice and sing till earth and heav - en
 2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

ring, ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 rod, felt in the days when hope un - born had
 tears, thou who hast brought us thus far on the

ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - tening
 died. Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry
 way; thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the

skies; let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 feet come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
 light, keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

Initially a poem for a school assembly at which Booker T. Washington spoke on Lincoln's birthday in 1900, this text and tune have gained national recognition and devotion, not only within the African American community, but also among all who seek liberation from oppression.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;

sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us. Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
thee; shad - owed be - neath thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

♦ *this week in print* ♦

Church-Wide

It's a New Year, which means it's a good idea to double check your recurring gift settings in Realm!

Log in, go to "Giving" and click "Scheduled." Be sure you have only one active recurring gift and that it's set to your 2026 pledge. If your pledge changed, edit the amount—and make sure any 2025 gifts ended on 12/31 to avoid double drafts. Need help? Call Amanda at 901-259-4352, and she'll get you squared away in just a few minutes of your time.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration: *The Dream is Not Dead, We Will Not Go Back* (Today, 3 pm):

The Presbytery of the Mid South and The Greater Memphis Area Chapter of The National Black Presbyterian Caucus invite you to a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on January 18 at Parkway Gardens United Presbyterian Church (1005 East Shelby Drive). Charles Key will take a group in the church van. Meet us in the Idlewild parking lot at 2 pm!

Adult Ministry

Hope Women's Group will meet each Tuesday in February, 4:30-5:30 in the Parlor, to discuss the last four chapters of *Discovering Christianity* by Rowan Williams. For info about Hope and to be added to the group emails contact Katie Cole, katielxs@aol.com, or Ginny Moore, ginmooxo@yahoo.com.

PW Project Day is January 24 from 10 am - 1 pm in Montgomery Hall. Come work on projects benefitting First Presbyterian Soup Kitchen, Moriah House, Room in the Inn, Idlewild Clothes Closet, and the most senior members of our congregation. Lunch will be served. Cost is \$10. Please let us know you are coming by registering on Realm or emailing Barbara Key, bwkey@comcast.net.

Presbytery Education Day (Jan 31, 9 - 3): Idlewild is hosting the Presbytery of the Mid-South's *Building the Beloved Community* leadership training event. Our very own Andi Hill, Anne-Bradley Thomas, and Steve Haynes will be leading workshops on the Enneagram, Spiritual Practices, and The Segregated Hour! There are a variety of other workshops offered as well, including information about *Guns to Gardens*, anti-racism, prayer, and social media. Contact Pastor Mary for more information.

Fellowship and Recreation

Lunch and Learn: Candlemas and Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Sunday, February 1, after 11 am worship, Montgomery Hall): Complete Epiphany season with 1750 Arts and Tapestry circle for warm soup and candle making. Celebrate with ancient traditions and crafting on this holy day reflecting the Light of the world. "On Candlemas, we gather near, to banish darkness and bring in cheer."

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

Music Ministry


The Chancel Choir has openings in all sections and membership is open through January 28. Anyone who enjoys singing is invited to join at this time. Contact Gary Beard, Interim Director of Music, at garyabeard@gmail.com for any additional information.



Registrations, sign-ups, and other relevant links:
www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar.

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

The bulletin art is *Christ Enthroned* by Kelly Latimore.

The Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God, and in loving memory of Shari Tucker, by her 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. **There are several open weeks in February!** If you are interested in donating, please email lisawilder4334@gmail.com and menlow@idlewildchurch.org.

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**.

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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