



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 1, 2026 | 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.**



Hymn No. 475: Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE (8:30) *IF THOU BUT SUFFER GOD TO GUIDE THEE* ARR. CRAIG PHILLIPS
***CALL TO WORSHIP** (8:30) THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
(11:00) WHITNEY GETMAN

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And grace and peace to all who seek the Lord.

We gather in this season of Lent;
a season of turning,
a season of remembering,
a season of becoming.

We turn again toward Christ.

We remember the mercy that has carried us this far.

We remember that God is not finished with us yet.

The One who began a good work in us
will be faithful to complete it.

For this, we give thanks.

Let us worship God
not because we are perfect,
but because we are loved.

Let us worship with grateful hearts.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 475** NETTLETON
COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. POWERS
THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Faithful God,
you have been patient with us.
You have been generous toward us.
You have been nearer to us than we have deserved.
And still, we forget.

**We forget to give thanks.
We forget the grace that met us yesterday.
We forget how often you have carried us.**

Instead, we complain.
We grasp for control.
We measure our lives by what is missing.

**Gracious One, forgive us.
In this season of Lent,
strip away what is false in us.
Quiet what is anxious in us.
Soften what is hardened in us.**

Create in us grateful hearts—
not because life is easy,
but because you are faithful.

**Continue the good work you have begun,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(Silent Confession)



***RESPONSE NO. 575** *LORD, HAVE MERCY UPON US*

KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. POWERS
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.

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

REV. POWERS
GLADNEY GRAY MCCANN

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!



HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 402 (11:00)

MERLE'S TUNE

HOW LOVELY, LORD

G C D Em Cmaj7 D

- 1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
- 2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
- 3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;

G C D C Am7 D G

my soul is long-ing, faint - ing, to feast up - on your grace.
is bet - ter than a thou - sand if I from you should stray.
you show - er us with bless - ings; no good will you de - ny.

C Am D G Am Am7 D

The spar - row finds a shel - ter, a place to build her nest;
I'd rath - er keep the en - trance and claim you as my Lord
The saints, your grace re - ceiv - ing, from strength to strength shall go,

G C D C Am7 D G

and so your tem - ple calls us with - in its walls to rest.
than rev - el in the rich - es the ways of sin af - ford.
and from their life shall riv - ers of bless - ing o - ver - flow.

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 196 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.



Today's Affirmation of Faith is from Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

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

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON PHILIPPIANS 1:1-11

SERMON MARKS OF A DISCIPLE - GRATITUDE

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (8:30)
(11:00)

WHITNEY GETMAN
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognizes our deepest needs.

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters
that can never be exhausted.**

We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.

**We believe that God is in the arid desert
as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a glory we cannot yet imagine.

**We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.
This is our faith and we are humbled to profess it
in Jesus the Christ. Amen.**



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.



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

WHITNEY GETMAN
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

OFFERTORY

THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS
8:30) JACQUELENE COOPER, SOPRANO
(11:00) THE CHANCEL CHOIR

ARR. JOHN NESS BECK

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth.
And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me.
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.
And so through all the length of days, Thy good ness faileth never.
God Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

***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)

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON
REV. GALE

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)
(11:00)

REV. POWERS
REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE



WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

...great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

VOLUNTARY

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 697

TAKE MY LIFE

HENDON

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

THE AGINCOURT HYMN

ARR. KRISTINA LANGLOIS



During the Great Prayer of Thanksgiving - the congregation is invited to sing the bold text, beginning with "Holy, holy, holy." These responses can be found in the hymnal: Nos. 552, 553 and 554



Hymn No. 697: This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne,
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee,
 ever, only, all for thee.

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◆ *this week in print* ◆

Worship & Music

The Furman University Singers, conducted by Stephen Gusukuma, will be singing a free concert at Idlewild Church on Monday, March 2 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. The chorus has a long time reputation of excellence, and Idlewild is delighted to present them as they are in town to perform at the ACDA regional convention later that week.

Fellowship and Recreation

Adult NaCoMe (Friday, March 27 – Sunday, March 29) This weekend retreat for adults includes a blend of programming, intentional Sabbath, and Sunday morning worship. You can sign up for the full weekend or we have partial weekend options. Register in Realm or contact sgross@idlewildchurch.org with questions.

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

Adult Ministry

Rejoice in the Lord: A Study of Philippians: Pastor's Sunday School Class (Sundays in March at 9:40 am): Join Pastor David and Pastor Mary as we dive into Philippians this Lenten season. We'll spend some time reflecting on one of the oldest documents of the Early Church and wrestle with how we find joy in Christian community through service and perseverance. We'll spend time in particular texts, dissecting and discussing meaning and context, both in the ancient world and for our lives.

Children's Ministry

Vacation Bible School (June 1 - 4): Registration is now open at the link below!

Youth Ministry

Club VBS for Middle Schoolers (June 1 - 4): Registration is now open at the link below!



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

Eva McPeters is the guest organist in this morning's services.

Jacqueline Cooper is Cantor in this morning's Chapel service.

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joanna Coss Higdon from Dennis Higdon, Catherine Higdon, Elise Higdon McKelvey, Katie and Anna Douglas Piper.

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. Make a donation 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**.



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