



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 15, 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.**



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GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

ADAGIO (SONATA NO. 1)

FELIX MENDELSSOHN

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
CHAD BRADDOCK

Beloved, we are called to press on toward the life God has promised in Christ.

We come seeking the grace that leads us forward.

Forgetting what lies behind and reaching for what lies ahead,

we turn again toward the call of Christ.

Our hope is not in our own accomplishments,

but in the grace of the One who has claimed us as his own.

In faith and perseverance, we gather before God.

With open hearts, we come to worship.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 307**

GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

CWM RHONDDA

307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Faithful God,
you call us to press on in faith,
yet we confess how quickly we lose heart.

**We cling to the past;
to our regrets, our failures, and even our achievements.
We measure ourselves by what we have done
instead of trusting in what you are doing within us.**

You call us forward into new life,
yet we resist the path of trust and perseverance.

**We grow weary in doing good.
We doubt that transformation is possible.
We forget that you are still at work in us.**

Forgive us, renew us, and strengthen us.

**Help us to release what lies behind.
Give us courage to reach toward what lies ahead.
Form in us the steady faith that follows Christ each day.**

(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**

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 for the children to collect for their offering. Quarters are sent to the Dougbe Presbyterian River School in Liberia.



Baptism is one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA). In response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God, we welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith.

At this time, three-year-olds to kindergarteners are welcome to proceed to Worship and Wonder with an adult.

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

REV. GALE
SIMON TAYLOR

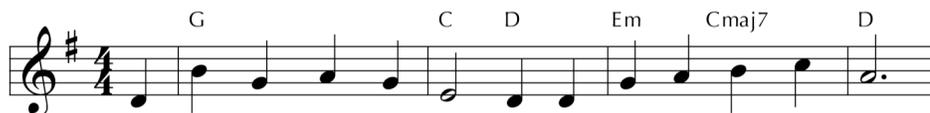
The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

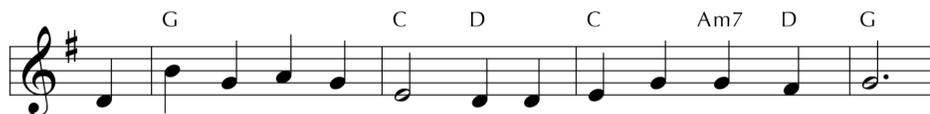
HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 402 (11:00)

MERLE'S TUNE

HOW LOVELY, LORD



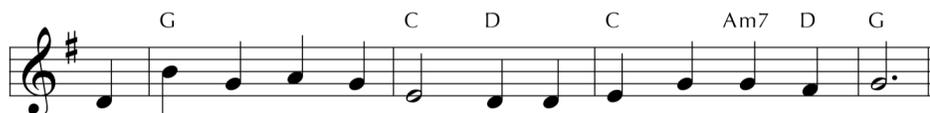
1 How love - ly, Lord, how love - ly is your a - bid - ing place;
2 In your blest courts to wor - ship, O God, a sin - gle day
3 A sun and shield for - ev - er are you, O Lord Most High;



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.



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,



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.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

WHITNEY GETMAN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS

CAMILLE COLLINS STROUP

Daughter of Laura and Robert Stroup

BAPTISMAL HYMN

Child of blessing, child of promise, Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign, Learn to listen for God's call.
With this water God has sealed you Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine. Trust and love God more than all.

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS



Found on page 197 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.



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



PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

SERMON MARKS OF A DISCIPLE - PERSERVERANCE

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. GALE
CHAD BRADDOCK

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.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (11:00)

REV. GALE

**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.**



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. 834: This black gospel song, like much hymnody, sprang out of the author's deep personal loss (the death of his wife and newborn son), yet it has brought solace to many. He thought his fingers were playing new music, but they unlocked a deep memory of a tune almost a century old.

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

REV. GALE
CHAD BRADDOCK

OFFERTORY (8:30) **COME**
(11:00) **WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDEROUS CROSS**
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

LARRY MCFATTER
ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

***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. GALE
CHAD BRADDOCK

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 834**

PRECIOUS LORD

PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

POSTLUDE

FANFARE

STEPHEN NIELSON

834 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me
2 When my way grows drear, pre - cious Lord, lin - ger

stand; I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near; when my life is al - most gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I

light; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
fall; take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me 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 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

Joe Lackie is the Cantor in this morning's Chapel Service.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God, and in memory of our parents, Marie and Don Gardiner, Betty and Bruce Cole, and Katie's brother Andy Gardiner, from Katie and Keith Cole.

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**.

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Church-Wide

Lilies adorn the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You can donate a lily in honor or memory of a loved one or someone you want to celebrate for their life and ministry at the church. This year's price per lily is \$22. You can give online at idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication or pick up a paper form in the hallway. **Orders are due by Wednesday, March 25**, for publication in the Easter bulletin on April 5.

Fellowship and Recreation

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.

Presbytery PW Spring Gathering (Saturday, April 11th, 9:30-12:30): The Presbyterian Women of Grace Presbyterian Church in Bartlett are hosting this year's event. Plan to join fellow women from our Presbytery for a time of fellowship, program and lunch. The reservation deadline is March 20th. A copy of the registration form is in the news post on Realm or email Barbara Key, bwkey@comcast.net.

Children's Ministry

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

We need Eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt: (March 29, 3pm, Meet in the Gym): It's that time again! We are collecting eggs for our annual egg hunt. Please bring filled eggs by March 23 to the labeled baskets at the desk in the Jones building or outside the sanctuary. Thank you, and we hope to see you at the Egg Hunt on March 29 - Bring your basket and meet us in the gym at 3 pm!

Youth Ministry

Glow Crazy Egg Hunt (Sunday, March 29, 5:30 - 7:30 pm): Soon-to-be middle schoolers are invited to a special Glow Crazy Easter Egg Hunt during Youth Group! As your 5th grader gets ready to make the exciting leap into middle school, we want to welcome them into the fun, friendship, and community that Youth Group offers. This evening is designed especially for our 5th graders and their friends to meet the group, explore the space, and get a taste of what's ahead. We'll meet in Montgomery Hall at 5:30 pm!

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

Volunteer to Help with Youth Ministry: We are so happy to announce that our Youth Ministry is growing, but we need help. Ways to get involved include providing dinner, greeting young people at the door, and/or serving as a youth advisor! We would be so grateful to have you volunteer on a Sunday night! Sign up at the link below.



Sign-ups and other relevant links can be found at 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.

