



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 19, 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. 826: This majestic
hymn celebrates the paradox
that for Christians a means of
painful death has been
transformed into a symbol of
renewed life; a sign of defeat
has become an emblem of
victory. With the cross traced
on our foreheads at Baptism
we are marked as Christ's own
forever.***

PRELUDE

PAVANE

ROBERT ELMORE

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

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS
WHITNEY GETMAN

In our joy and in our doubt, Christ comes to us.

In our strength and in our wounds, Christ meets us.

Christ does not turn away from our questions,
but welcomes us with peace.

**Christ does not hide his wounds,
but reveals his love through them.**

Come, then, not as those who have it all together,
but as those who long to see the Lord.

**Let us worship the risen Christ,
who breathes new life into us all.**

*HYMN OF CELEBRATION NO. 826

CRUCIFER

LIFT HIGH THE CROSS

Lift High the Cross

826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

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till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

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1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

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***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Risen Christ, you come to us with peace,
yet we confess we are often restless and afraid.

**You show us your wounded hands,
yet we hide our own wounds from you and from others.**

You invite us to trust,
yet we cling to our doubts and resist your grace.

**You call us to live as your risen people,
yet we remain bound by fear, guilt, and shame.**

Forgive us, Lord.
Heal what is broken within us.

**Open our hearts to your presence,
and breathe your new life into us again.**

By your mercy, make us whole
and send us out to live as witnesses to your resurrection.

(Silent Confession)



***RESPONSE NO. 236**

THE STRIFE IS O'ER

VICTORY

The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; the vic - to -
ry of life is won; the song of tri - umph
has be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

***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.



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

REV. GALE
ADLAI HANSMEYER

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 240 (11:00)

ALLELUIA No. 1

ALLELUIA. ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

Descant

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

Refrain E C#m F#m B
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

Fine
al - le - lu - ia! Praise to his name.

E C#m F#m B E
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth.
2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ.
4 Come let us praise the liv - ing God,

to Refrain
He is the King of cre - a - tion.
Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
Now we shall live for - ev - er.
joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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.



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.



Found on page 115 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.



The Apostles' Creed may originally have been a baptismal creed. While it is stated in the singular, it is meant to be used corporately. In saying it together we are united with the faithful of the church from all ages.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS

FRANCES GWINN ALEXANDER
Daughter of Kristen and Ben Alexander

BAPTISMAL HYMN

STUTT GART

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

REV. POWERS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON JOHN 20:24-29

SERMON *RESURRECTED LIFE - WITNESSES TO WOUNDS*

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

REV. GALE
 SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the dead;
 he ascended into heaven,
 and sitteth on the right hand
 of God the Father Almighty;
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Ghost;
 the holy catholic church;
 the communion of saints;
 the forgiveness of sins;
 the resurrection of the body;
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. GALE



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. 238: This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio Joshua and moved to Judas Maccabeus in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.

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

REV. GALE
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

OFFERTORY (8:30)
(11:00)

*HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW
BE THOU MY VISION*
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

CHARLES GABRIEL; ARR. BEARD
SLANE; ARR. ALICE PARKER

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou
my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise; thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of 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
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS AND REV. GALE

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

***HYMN OF SENDING No. 238**

JUDAS MACCABEUS

THINE IS THE GLORY

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

REV. POWERS

***POSTLUDE**

TOCCATA ON 'LIFT HIGH THE CROSS'

BARHAN/BEARD

238 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering Son; end - less is
 2 Lo! Je - sus meets us, ris - en from the tomb; lov - ing - ly
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life! Life is naught

the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won. An - gels in bright rai - ment
 he greets us, scat - ters fear and gloom. Let the church with glad - ness
 with - out thee; aid us in our strife. Make us more than con - querors

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain

where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - quering
 to thy home a - bove.

This Easter text, first in French and later in English, was written to fit the music, a chorus created for Handel's oratorio *Joshua* and moved to *Judas Maccabeus* in 1751. It grew widely popular following its use at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches in 1948.


TEXT: Edmond Louis Budry, 1884; trans. R. Birch Hoyle, 1923, alt.
 MUSIC: George Frederick Handel, 1748

JUDAS MACCABEUS
 5.5.6.5.6.5.6.5 with refrain

Son; end - less is the vic - tory thou o'er death hast won.

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

Jacqueline Cooper is the cantor in the Chapel service this morning.

Gary Beard is our guest organist this morning.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. Landen Max Dula, Dr. Joseph William Reddoch, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cloud Ferguson, by Lauren Reddoch and Ed Ferguson who were married here last evening.

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* ◆

Adult Ministry

Caregivers Support Group (Tuesday, May 5, Parlor, 5 pm): Are you a primary caregiver or know someone who is providing care to loved ones and family? The Caregivers support group, gathers monthly to learn more about resources available and provide support and community. To learn more, contact Jenny Nevels at (901) 268-4690.

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays 2:00 - 3:30, Room 301): April 21 - *Christy* by Catherine Marshall - chapters 35-41. Enjoy your reading and come join the discussion!

Idlewild Book Club (Thursday, April 23rd - 2pm): We'll gather to discuss *The Water Women* by Bonnie Blaylock.

Men's Bible Study - Tuesdays - 9 am - Montgomery Hall: We are small enough to allow for significant dialogue among participants but also large enough to allow for only contemplative participation. Please contact Charles Key for more information (voice or text 901-481-3321 or email).

Youth Ministry

Summer Youth Trips: Contact Sage with any questions, or sign up at the QR code below.

Charleston Partnership Trip (June 7 - 13, Charleston, SC): We will learn about the area's rich history and the city's current situation, serve our neighbors, and reflect on God's call for justice and equity for all.

Montreat Youth Conference (July 18 - 26, Montreat, NC): Montreat Youth Conference is a transformative summer experience that invites young people to explore their faith, build authentic community, and discover their place in the life of the Church.

Jones Scholarship Application (Due May 1): This scholarship is thanks to a generous gift from our former senior minister and his wife, Paul T. and Anna H. Jones. To apply, write a letter describing your accomplishments/honors during your high school or college career, your involvement at church, and your plans for the coming school year. The deadline is May 1. Send your letter to jones scholarship@idlewildchurch.org.

Fellowship and Recreation

Community & Connection at the Memphis Redbirds Game (Friday, May 1, 7 pm): Come to AutoZone Park (200 Union Avenue) for a Memphis Redbirds baseball game and dinner! We will be having BBQ! Price per person is \$20 and includes both admission and dinner. Register in Realm 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.

