



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ASCENSION SUNDAY
MAY 17, 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. 415: The differing
voices of this text indicate that
its parts were not created
together. The stanzas are cast
in the voice of a preacher or
exhorter, but the refrain
(added later) takes the voice of
a penitent heeding that call in
language like that of the
Prodigal Son (Luke 15:18).***

PRELUDE

ADORATION

FLORENCE PRICE

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

WHITNEY GETMAN
THE REVEREND AMY HOWE

God gathers us from the many places we have been.

We come to be renewed in God's presence.

Christ meets us here,
calling us into lives of faith and purpose.

**The Spirit is at work among us,
preparing us for what is to come.**

Let us worship the God who calls and sends us.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 415**

RESTORATION

COME, YE SINNERS, POOR AND NEEDY

CONFESSION

415 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

All or Leader

1 Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, weak and wound-ed,
 2 Come, ye thirst-y, come, and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
 3 Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, lost and ru - ined
 4 Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness

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TEXT: Stanzas, Joseph Hart, 1759, alt.; refrain, anon.
 MUSIC: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835

RESTORATION
 8.7.8.7 with refrain

sick and sore; Je - sus read - y stands to save you,
 glo - ri - fy, true be - lief and true re - pen - tance,
 by the fall; if you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
 fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth

Refrain
All

full of pit - y, love, and power.
 ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. I will a - rise and
 you will nev - er come at all.
 is to feel your need of him.

go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me in his arms. In the

arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.



***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

THE REVEREND DAVID J. POWERS

Ascended Lord, you call us to be your witnesses,
yet we remain uncertain and afraid.

**You send us into the world,
yet we hesitate to go.**

You promise us power from on high,
yet we rely on our own strength.

**You gather us in community,
yet we forget to pray and to trust together.**

Forgive us, Lord.
Turn our hearts from fear to faith.

**Strengthen us for the work you have given us,
and make us bold in sharing your love.**

Form us into a people
ready to follow where you lead,
and faithful in bearing witness
to your grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(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. POWERS



***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

ANN LOUISE MCLEOD

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,
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the ris - en Lord. Al - le -

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

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.



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.



Found on page 118 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

WHITNEY GETMAN

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

REV. POWERS AND REV. HOWE

WILLIAM DAVIS GIANIS
Son of Emily and Greg Gianis

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

ACTS 1:6-14

SERMON

RESURRECTED LIFE - PREPARING TO WITNESS

SILENT REFLECTION



*Today's Affirmation of Faith is
from The Iona Community
Creed.*



RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

WHITNEY GETMAN
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

We believe that God is present
in the darkness before dawn;

**in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,**

conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability,
and onto the streets.

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully,
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE (11:00)

REV. HOWE

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

REV. POWERS



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. 298: United by the refrain after each stanza, this text relies on passages from Matthew and Luke to highlight various dimensions of the church's mission and ministry in the world. It was written for use with this tune, composed in the village near Bristol, England, for which it is named.

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

WHITNEY GETMAN
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

OFFERTORY (11:00)

THY PERFECT LOVE
THE CHANCEL CHOIR

K. LEE SCOTT

*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)

WHITNEY GETMAN
SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. POWERS

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 298

ABBOT'S LEIGH

LORD, YOU GIVE THE GREAT COMMISSION

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

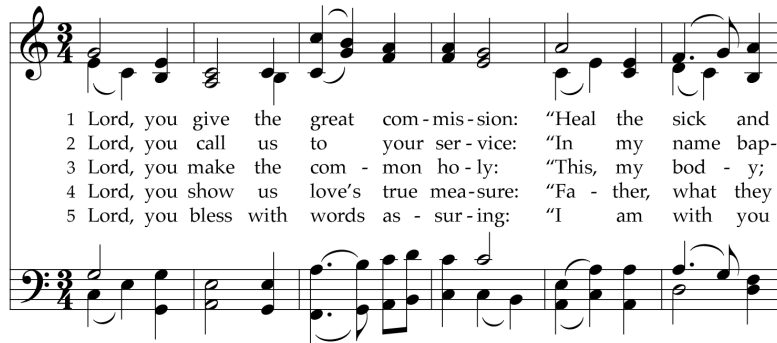
REV. POWERS

*POSTLUDE

TRUMPET TUNE

DAVID GERMAN

298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com-mis-sion: "Heal the sick and
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap-
 3 Lord, you make the com-mon ho-ly: "This, my bod-y;
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa-ther, what they
 5 Lord, you bless with words as-sur-ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne-glect its mis-sion, and the
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise, life a-
 this, my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo-ry, dai-ly
 do, for-give." Yet we hoard as pri- vate trea-sure all that
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re-stor-ing, may we

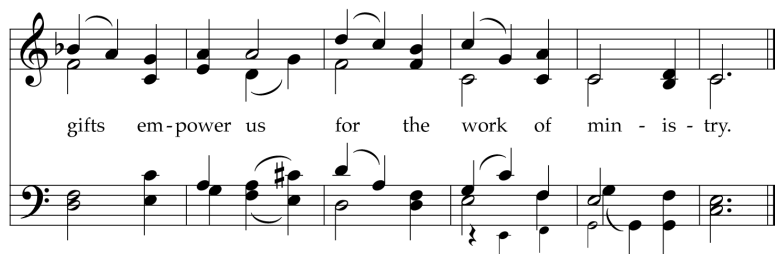


gos-pel go un-heard, help us wit-ness to your
 bun-dant meant for each, give us all new fer- vor,
 lift life heav-en-ward, ask-ing that the world a-
 you so free-ly give. May your care and mer-cy
 serve as you in-tend, and, a-mid the cares that

THE CHURCH



pur- pose with re-newed in-teg-ri-ty:
 draw us clos-er in com-mu-ni-ty:
 round us share your chil-dren's lib-er-ty: with the Spir-it's
 lead us to a just so-ci-e-ty:
 claim us, hold in mind e-ter-ni-ty:



gifts em-power us for the work of min-is-try.

◆ *this week in print* ◆

Worship & Music

Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, May 24. From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend, we will have one worship service on Sunday mornings at 10 am in the sanctuary.

Summer Choir Rehearsals begin Sunday, May 24. If you have ever wondered what making music at Idlewild is like, the summer is a good time to test it out! Rehearsals are at 9:30 am on Sundays in the Choir Room. Join us!

Adult Ministry

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).

Presbyterian Women Sunday: Today we are celebrating the over 200,000 Presbyterian Women church-wide who are committed to nurturing our faith, supporting the mission of the church, working for peace and justice, and building an inclusive community that strengthens the church and witnesses to the promise of god's kingdom. This year Idlewild PW will grant funding to 3 organizations or missions serving the needs of the greater community: Idlewild Compassion Fund, the Sojourner Loan Program, and Pinecrest Summer Camp. If you would like to contribute to those grants, please fill out an offering envelope or go to "PW" under "Giving" on Realm, and designate your gift as "local grants."

Outreach Ministry

Room in the Inn (Thursdays): Idlewild partners with Room in the Inn to host women and children in need of shelter, offering dinner, access to showers, a secure and comfortable place to sleep, and breakfast the following morning. Volunteer opportunities are available for individuals of all ages to serve and support this ministry. Sign up to help at the link below.

Early Enrichment Center Summer Camp: Registration is now open for children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Camp will run from June 1 through July 31, offering a summer full of engaging, on-campus activities designed to promote fun, learning, and continued development in a safe and nurturing environment. Campers will enjoy a variety of enrichment experiences that keep young minds active while school is out. Hours: 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Tuition: \$130 per week. Space is limited, and enrollment will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Sign up at the link below.

Children's Ministry

Recycle your empty paper towel rolls for a special VBS project this summer! Rolls may be dropped off outside the sanctuary or in the Jones Building lobby until May 24. Thank you for helping make VBS extra special!

Fellowship & Recreation

Food & Fellowship Potluck (Sunday, May 31): This year, our annual spring potluck will be on Trinity Sunday, following the 10 am sanctuary service. Join us!

Pride Parade and Festival (June 6): The Presbyqueerians and Allies invite you to join Idlewild at the Mid-South Pride Parade and Festival! The Festival is 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3 per person. Cash only. Idlewild's tent and table will be set up in advance, so bring a chair if you have one, wear your Idlewild t-shirts, and BE COLORFUL! The parade begins at 11. We'll meet on the parade route at 10:30. The church van will leave the Idlewild parking lot at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. and will make two trips back at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. If you are interested in riding the van with us e-mail jpierce@idlewildchurch.org by Friday, May 29.



Sign-ups and other relevant links can be found at 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

Amy Phillips is the cantor in the Chapel service this morning.

Sondra Tucker is our guest organist this morning.

The sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Anne and Stansill Covington on their 20th wedding anniversary, with love from their children Caroline and Taylor Skees, Emily Sharpe and Cate Scruggs, and Elizabeth and Peter Zanca.

The flowers in the hall are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lisa Martin, whose memorial service was held at Idlewild yesterday.

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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