



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
JUNE 14, 2026 | 10:00 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

INTRADA (SUITE FOR ORGAN)  
WALTON GRIFFIN, ORGAN

JOHN IRELAND

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

WHITNEY GETMAN

We come, laden with doubts, fears, and resentments  
to worship the God who gives us faith, courage, and renewal.

We come, overwhelmed with remorse,  
or struggling with what it means to forgive

to worship the God who teaches us true restoration.

We come, with identities varied as the colors of the rainbow,  
to worship the God who weaves our many threads into one tapestry.

We come, and the circle is drawn wide and wider still!

Not by our strength, not by our merit, but through God's grace.

**\*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 667**

WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES

LAUDES DOMINI

## 667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing  
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I  
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -  
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or  
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let  
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -  
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is  
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -  
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

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## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE

Living God, you call us to be pilgrims,  
 to follow you in a journey of faith,  
 but we're not so good at taking directions.  
 You promise to be with us,  
 even when life takes unexpected turns,  
 but we'd prefer to rely on our own maps.  
 We cling to our comforts and to our routines,  
 even when they fail us.  
 And so we lose our way.  
 Our joy slips away and we grow uncertain and anxious.  
 Forgive us, O God,  
 and put our feet back on the way that leads to life.

*(Silent Confession)*



## \*RESPONSE NO. 279 COME, HOLY, SPIRIT, HEAVENLY DOVE

ST. AGNES

Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, heaven - ly Dove,  
 with all thy quick - ening powers; kin - dle a flame of  
 sa - cred love in these cold hearts of ours.

## \*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.*



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



*Found on page 42 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.*

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

## HYMN OF GATHERING NO. 175 SEEK YE FIRST

LAFFERTY



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God  
2 Ask, and it shall be giv - en un - to you;  
3 You shall not live by bread a - lone,



and its righ - teous - ness,  
seek, and you shall find;  
but by ev - ery word



and all these things shall be add - ed un - to you.  
knock, and the door shall be o - pened un - to you.  
that pro - ceeds from the mouth of God.



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

## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

WHITNEY GETMAN

## SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. GALE

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. GALE

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON GENESIS 45:1-15

## SERMON

TELL ME A STORY - JOSEPH

## SILENT REFLECTION



*The Affirmation of Faith is from Patmos Abbey, Order of St. Columba, in Australia.*



*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

TRICIA VESELY

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

REV. GALE

## OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

TRICIA VESELY

## OFFERTORY

GOD, BE IN MY HEAD  
THE SUMMER CHOIR

HAL HOPSON

## \*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

# SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT



*Hymn No. 691: Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this text of self-dedication also voices our recurring individual need to recommit ourselves in less formal ways. The familiar shape note tune enhances a sense of finding our place among God's people from all times and places.*

\*HYMN OF SENDING No. 691

LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE

LAND OF REST

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. GALE

\*POSTLUDE

CHACONNE IN G MINOR

LOUIS COUPERIN

WALTON GRIFFIN, ORGAN

## Lord, When I Came into This Life 691

1 Lord, when I came in - to this life you  
2 With - in the cir - cle of the faith, as  
3 In all the ten - sions of my life, be -  
4 So help me in my un - be - lief and

called me by my name; to - day I come, com -  
mem - ber of your cast, I take my place with  
tween my faith and doubt, let your great Spir - it  
let my life be true: feet firm - ly plant - ed

mit my - self, re - spond - ing to your claim.  
all the saints of fu - ture, pres - ent, past.  
give me hope, sus - tain me, lead me out.  
on the earth, my sights set high on you.

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:pastor@idlewildchurch.org).

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**Walton Griffin** is our guest organist this morning.

**The sanctuary flowers** are given to the glory of God and the beauty of His house, given in honor of those who quietly serve.

**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](http://idlewildchurch.org/flower-dedication).

**The 10:00 service** is live at [youtube.com/@idlewild.church/streams](https://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

**Summer Forums** (9 am Sundays - Room 303): On June 21st, our very own Presbyterian Women will lead us in a discussion of what it means that Idlewild is the PC(USA)'s newest Earth Care Congregation!

**The Art of Reading** (Tuesdays, 2 pm): Please join us in the Parlor for our weekly meetings as we discuss literature and our world. This month we're continuing our conversation around *Madame Bovary* by Gustave Flaubert. Contact Stephanie Rodda (stephanierodda@gmail.com) for more information!

**Dr. Catherine Meeks' Book Discussion:** Join us for a two-part discussion of Catherine Meeks' newest book, *Bridging the Rivers of Difference: Finding God in Proclamation, Resistance, and Community*. This book invites us to explore how faith can help us navigate differences, confront injustice, and build authentic relationships across lines of race, culture, and experience. We will meet at 6 pm on Wednesday, July 15th and Wednesday, August 12th, so we will wrap up before Catherine's visit to Idlewild at the end of August. Virginia Evans, Sage Scott-Jamison, and Gayle Walker would love for you to join us for conversation, shared learning, and renewed hope for bridging divides in our world. Please sign up in Realm.

**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).

**Tapestry** (Sundays, 9 am, Resource Room): Tapestry Circle is meeting in the Resource Room this summer. Explore contemplative practices—lectio, visio, musica, and walking divina—through ancient and contemporary texts. Whether familiar or new, all are welcome to come and learn.

## Children's Ministry

**Family Meet-ups:** We will have occasional meet-ups this summer at places like local playgrounds, the zoo, and Shelby Farms. All are welcome, and inviting friends is encouraged!



Join the GroupMe to stay up to date.

## Church-Wide

**Summer Semester Guide:** Pick your Summer Semester Guide up in the hallway after church to learn all the ways you can take part in the life of Idlewild this summer! You can also download the guide at the link below.

**FYI: Parking Lot:** To enhance safety and sanitation, we will soon relocate our dumpster. The week of June 7, work will begin to create a dumpster enclosure in the western parking lot. Construction will continue through the week of July 6. During this period, a portion of the parking lot will be roped off for safety purposes. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Tanjia Wilkerson, our Director of Operations, at [tanjia@ildewildchurch.org](mailto:tanjia@ildewildchurch.org). Thank you for your patience as we continue to make Idlewild a safe and beautiful space for all.

## Fellowship and Recreation

**Open Gym Play Day** (June 18, 1 -3 pm): The gym is open for play! Bring a friend! No cost or reservation required.



Sign-ups and other relevant links can be found at [www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/calendar).

# A Vision of Idlewild

Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which ...

**J**esus 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.

**W**orship 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.

**T**he 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.

**J**ustice 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,

**A**nd all who enter find a home.

