



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 9, 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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part to its stirring tune.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

ARIOSO (CANTATA 156)

J.S. BACH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

Come, people of God, and rejoice in the goodness of the Lord.

We give thanks for every gift of grace, freedom, and hope.

Come, all who long for a world shaped by truth and mercy.

God gathers us to renew our courage and strengthen our love.

Come, all who believe that justice can flow like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**We come to worship, to listen,
and to be made ready for faithful service.**

Let us lift our hearts and voices to the God who is still at work among us.

With gratitude and hope, let us worship God.

***HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 35**

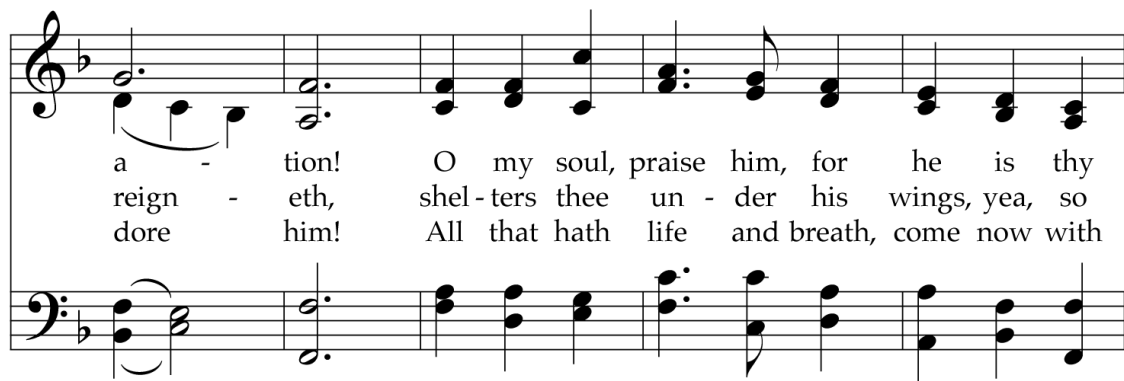
PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

LOBE DEN HERREN

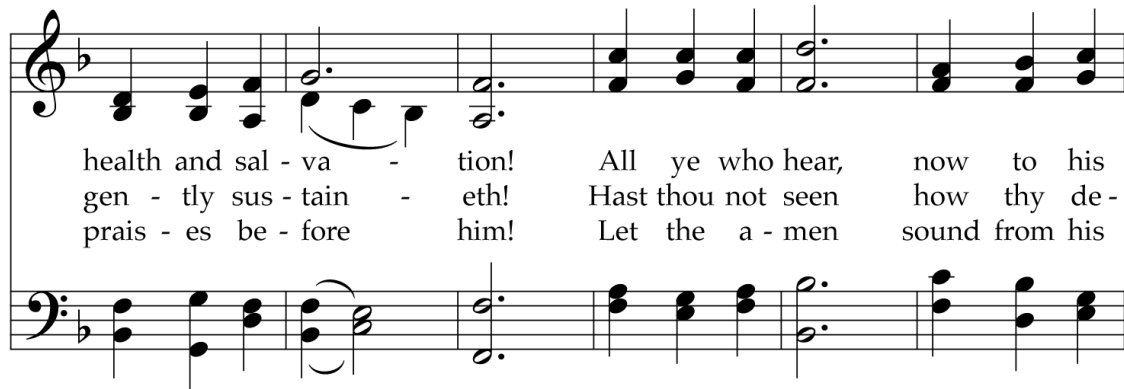
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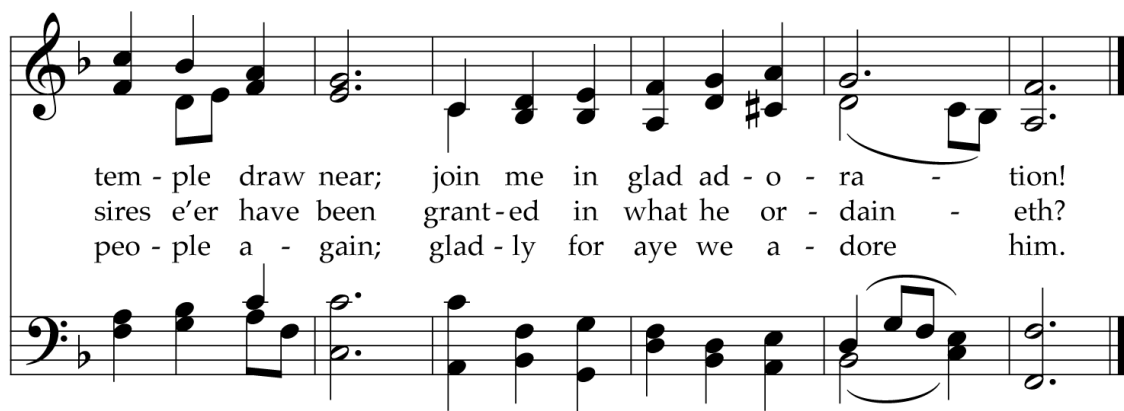
1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
sires e'er have been grant-ed in what he or - dain - eth?
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND DAVID POWERS

Righteous and merciful God,
you call us to love what is good and to seek justice.

**Yet we often prefer comforting words to difficult truth
and inspiring promises to costly faithfulness.**

We celebrate the blessings of our nation,
but overlook those who have been denied their share in them.

**We praise liberty while tolerating oppression,
proclaim equality while preserving inequality,
and speak of justice while resisting the changes justice requires.**

We have mistaken ceremony for faithfulness
and good intentions for obedience.

**We have remained silent when neighbors were demeaned
and accepted the distance between our ideals and our reality.**

Forgive us, O God.

**Make our worship truthful,
our gratitude honest,
our repentance courageous,
and our lives instruments of repair.**

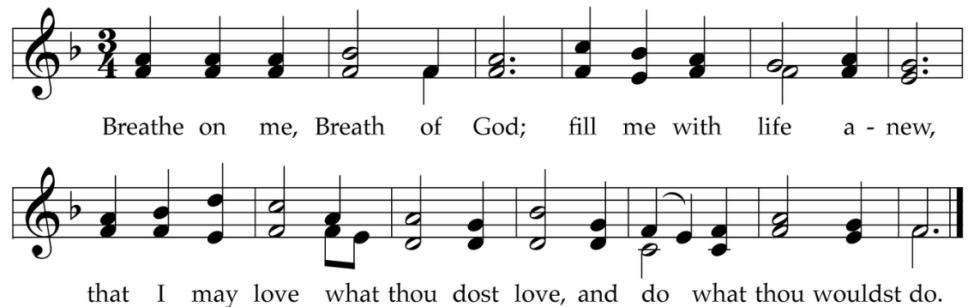
(Silent Confession)



*RESPONSE No. 286

BREATHE ON ME, BREATH OF GOD

TRENTHAM



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. POWERS



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.

*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

DAVIS CLARK

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!



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.

HYMN OF GATHERING No. 409

GOD IS HERE!

ABBOT'S LEIGH



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an



of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful



full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.



Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we



var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not



of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

WHITNEY GETMAN, THE REVEREND MARY NEWBERG GALE,
REV. POWERS, AND SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. POWERS



Found on page 854 of the Old Testament in your pew Bible.



Adopted amid the civil rights movement, the Confession of 1967 called the church to confront racial discrimination and participate in God's work of reconciliation. It reminded Presbyterians that Christian faith requires us to labor for justice, equality, and healed relationships in both the church and society.



PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. POWERS

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

AMOS 5:18-24

SERMON

I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE - WORTHY OF ITS PROMISES

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

WHITNEY GETMAN

To be reconciled to God
is to be sent into the world
as God's reconciling community.

This community, the church universal,
is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation
and shares God's labor of healing the enmities
which separate people from God
and from each other.

Christ has called the church to this mission
and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The church maintains continuity
with the apostles by faithful obedience to his call.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

REV. GALE

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.



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.



This morning's offertory anthem was composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the coronation of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, in Westminster Abbey, June 2, 1953.



Hymn No. 772: This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS & TITHES

WHITNEY GETMAN

OFFERTORY

THE OLD HUNDREDTH PSALM
THE SUMMER CHOIR

ARR. RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

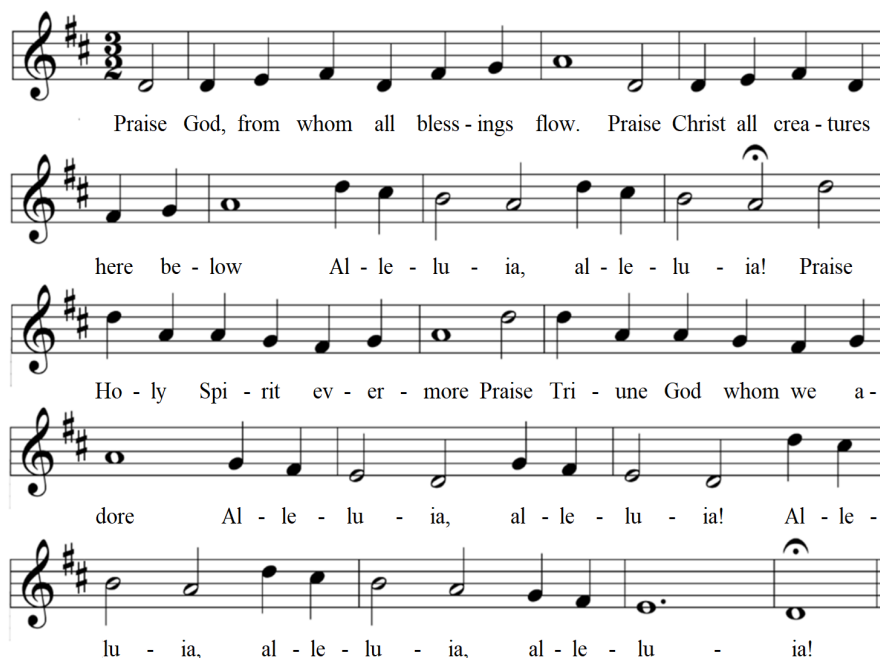
For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.

*RESPONSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

LASST UNS ERFREUEN



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WHITNEY GETMAN

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 772

TRURO

LIVE INTO HOPE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

REV. POWERS

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. POWERS

*POSTLUDE

GRAND PROCESSIONAL ON 'PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY'

SHAW; ARR. DALE WOOD

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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♦ *this week in print* ♦

Church-Wide

The Nominations Committee will soon begin discerning who God is calling to help lead Idlewild over the next three years. If you or someone you know has gifts in leadership, service, or care, please email the Nominations Committee at nominations@idlewildchurch.org with their name. The committee appreciates all nominations and will work together to create a slate for elders, deacons, and committee members. If you are nominating yourself and feel called to a particular place of service, please include that in the email.

Our Diaconate Connections Team helps to coordinate meals for our church family in times of joy and of sorrow. If you'd like to be added to the list of potential volunteers, or if you know of an individual or family in need, you can reach out to Carol Fields (carol.s.fields@gmail.com).

Adult Ministry

Summer Forums (9 am Sundays - Room 303): Join us Sunday, August 16 to hear from the Right Reverend Phoebe Roaf, Episcopal Bishop of West Tennessee.

The Art of Reading (Tuesdays, 2 pm, Parlor): This month we're continuing our conversation of *Blue Highways: A Journey into America* by William Least-Heat Moon. Published in 1982, it follows his 13,000-mile journey around the US "down back roads and through small, forgotten towns." Contact stephanierodda@gmail.com for more information.

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

Sunday School Volunteers Needed: The Children's Ministry committee is looking for volunteers to teach and help with Sunday School this fall. Contact Whitney Getman (whitney@idlewildchurch.org) for more details.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group: Our first Youth Group of the semester will be held this evening. With the new semester comes a more dedicated programming schedule. Middle Schoolers will meet from 5:30-7:00 p.m. High Schoolers will meet from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All students will share dinner together. Middle Schoolers will begin in 305W - Jones Building, and High Schoolers will begin in Montgomery Hall.

Prayer Breakfast - Middle and high school youth are invited to join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a brief devotion before school. August prayer breakfast dates are Thursdays, August 13, and 27 at Chick-fil-a (4916 Poplar Avenue) from 6:30 - 7:30 am.

Volunteers Needed - We're looking for caring adults to join our Sunday School teaching team this year. You don't need to be a Bible expert, just someone willing to listen, learn alongside our youth, and help create a warm, welcoming place where they can grow.

Fellowship and Recreation

Community & Connection at BVO - August 22 at 10 am - Join us as we explore Baron Von Opperbean at Mud Island's historic Mississippi River Museum. We will move through interconnected realms that blend art, light, sound, projection mapping, and interactive technology. Tickets are \$15, and parking is available on Mud Island. You will receive more details via email once tickets are purchased! Sign up on Realm.

Presbyqueerians and Allies Meeting (Today): We will meet after worship to discuss and plan the November 8 Lunch and Learn. Newcomers are always welcome!



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

The sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God.

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 10:00 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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