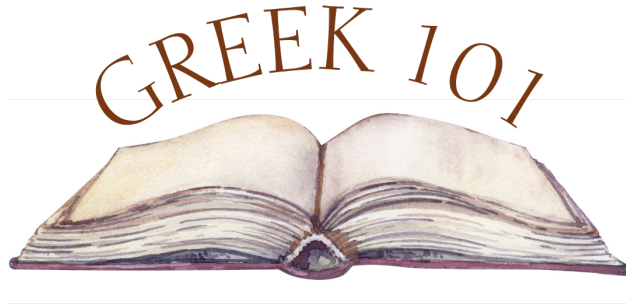




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PARAKLETOS - ADVOCATE

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 11, 2026 | 8:30 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME



PRELUDE (8:30)
(11:00)

O GOD, OUR *HELP* IN AGES PAST
ALLEGRO (SONATA IN D, K. 381)
GARY BEARD & CHRIS NEMEC, PIANISTS

ST. ANNE; ARR. BISH/CHRIS NEMEC
W.A. MOZART

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

SHANE O'CONNOR
CHAD BRADDOCK

Come, you who arrive with joy;
come, you who arrive with weariness.

We gather in the presence of God.

Come with all that is spoken
and all that remains hidden.

We gather beside one another.

Here we are joined by grace,
companions on the journey of faith.

Here we remember that we do not walk alone.

So let us open our hearts to the God who draws near
and our lives to the Christ who gathers us together.

Let us worship God.



Hymn No. 409: Commissioned for the dedication of a renovated worship space in Austin, Texas, this text is one of the few to devote attention to how customary church features facilitate worship. The tune was composed in wartime Britain to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.



*HYMN OF CELEBRATION No. 409

GOD IS HERE!

ABBOTT'S LEIGH

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

THE REVEREND LUCY CUMMINGS

Merciful God,
you promise to be with us,
yet we so often live as though we are alone.

We carry burdens we refuse to share
and fears we are afraid to name.

Forgive us for trusting only in ourselves.

You give us companions for the journey,
yet we turn inward and overlook one another.

Forgive us for withholding our presence and our care.

You draw near to us in ways seen and unseen,
yet we hurry past the signs of your grace.

Forgive us for forgetting that you are near.

Open us again to your presence.

**Teach us to receive the grace you give
and to become signs of that grace for one another.**

(Silent Confession)

*RESPONSE No. 450

BE THOU MY VISION

SLANE



*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. CUMMINGS

God Is Here!

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.

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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 hymn of 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.

*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 (8:30) (11:00)

REV. CUMMINGS
HATTIE LOGAN

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

HYMN OF GATHERING (11:00)

JESUS LOVES ME!

JESUS LOVES ME

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long. They are weak, but he is strong.
tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Following this time, three-year-olds and four-year-olds (PK & JK) are welcome to proceed to Worship and Wonder with an adult.

Please sign the friendship pad so we may take note of your presence and you may greet your neighbors by name.



Found on page 109 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.



Today's Affirmation of Faith:
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.



TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

SAGE SCOTT-JAMISON

THE LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING THE LIFE AND MINISTRIES OF THE CHURCH

REV. CUMMINGS

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

REV. CUMMINGS

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

JOHN 14:15-21

SERMON

GREEK 101 - PARAKLETOS (ADVOCATE)

REV. CUMMINGS

SILENT REFLECTION

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

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

SHANE O'CONNOR
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. CUMMINGS

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, "Wade in the Water," is said to have been used as a code song for the Underground Railroad to communicate strategies of escape. The lyrics, "God's gonna trouble the water," served as instruction for the enslaved to wade into rivers and streams to mask their scent from tracking dogs, making it harder for pursuers to follow them.



Hymn No. 741: This African American spiritual is based on the imagery of "the race that is set before us" in Hebrews 12:1-2. Its call-and-response structure allows for the improvisation and addition of stanzas related to an athletic metaphor that is as vivid today as it was centuries ago.

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

SHANE O'CONNOR
CHAD BRADDOCK

OFFERTORY (8:30)

THE CALL
JACKIE COOPER, SOPRANO

RALPH VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

(11:00)

WADE IN THE WATER
THE CHANCEL CHOIR, GARY BEARD, PIANO

SPIRITUAL; ARR. MARK HAYES

Wade in the water, children, God's gonna trouble the waters. Down in the valley, down on my knees, wade in the water. Askin' my Lord to save me please. Up on the mountain, Jehovah he spoke, Out of his mouth came fire and smoke. I heard a rumblin' up in the sky, Must-a been Jesus passin' by. You gotta wade in the water, children. God's gonna trouble the water.

*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)

SHANE O'CONNOR
CHAD BRADDOCK

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION (8:30)

REV. CUMMINGS

SEND IN GOD'S SPIRIT

*HYMN OF SENDING No. 741

GUIDE MY FEET

GUIDE MY FEET

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

REV. CUMMINGS

POSTLUDE

LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL

LANCASHIRE

Guide My Feet

741

1 Guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race;
(yes, my Lord!)

guide my feet while I run this race, for I

don't want to run this race in vain! (race in vain!)

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|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 Hold my hand ... | 5 Search my heart ... |
| 3 Stand by me ... | 6 Guide my feet ... |
| 4 I'm your child ... | |

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♦ *this week in print* ♦

Church-Wide

Growing in Gratitude (Commitment Sunday is October 25): During generosity season, we look to the year ahead and dream together about what God will author. You can make your 2027 commitment online or by filling out a Growing in Gratitude card, found in the church pews.

Adult Ministry

Woven Together Wednesdays (5:15pm, Montgomery Hall): Join us for a meal and discussion of the video series *Living the Questions*. Pastor Mary and her husband James are team-teach this fall, and we'd love for you to join us. You can register your attendance on Realm each week.

Hope Circle (Tuesdays in October, 4:30-5:30pm, Parlor): The group will be discussing the book *Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knows*, by James Bryan Smith. No need to register. Come and share the spirit of hope! For info please contact Ginny Moore at ginmooxo@yahoo.com or Katie Cole at katielxs@aol.com.

Covenant Conversation: Mid-South -- An Open Table: Living Into Who We Claim to Be (Saturday, October 17, 9am-4pm, Chapel, Montgomery Hall, and Third floor adult classrooms): It's a time of worship, learning, fellowship, and honest conversation about deepening the church's welcome of LGBTQIA+ people. Whether you have been at this work for decades or just beginning to ask the questions, come and join us: there is a place for you at this table. Registration is \$25 which includes lunch (free for students and anyone with financial need, using discount code FREE) with childcare available upon request.

Children Ministry

Fourth Grade Stewardship Milestone (Sunday, October 18, during Sunday School): Led by adult volunteers, fourth graders will explore stewardship as caring for and sharing the gifts God has given us: time, talents, and resources. The milestone will include a brief recognition and congregational blessing during worship. Children will not be asked to make a pledge or share information about their family's giving.

Youth Ministry

Youth Kickball Tournament (Sunday, October 18, 5:30-7:30pm, Grace St. Luke's Gym): Middle and high school youth from Idlewild and Grace-St. Luke's will meet for an evening of kickball, teamwork, and community. No athletic experience is required—enthusiastic players, sideline encouragers, and friends are all welcome. Sign up on tinyurl.com/kickballyouth.

Fellowship & Recreation Ministry

Halloween Dinner & Carnival (Wednesday, October 28, 5:15-7:15pm, Gym): Join us for a fun-filled evening of games, trick or treats, cake walks, and more! Starting at 5:15pm we'll share a meal then the party begins at 5:45pm. We're looking for candy donations and volunteers to help make our Halloween Carnival a fun and memorable event for everyone! If you can donate a bag (or two!) of wrapped candy or lend a hand during the carnival, we'd love your help. Every donation and every helping hand makes a difference! Please contact Shari Gross, sgross@idlewildchurch.org to see how you can help.

All Saints' Potluck (Sunday, November 1, 12pm, Gym): Immediately following the sanctuary worship service, come and feast with the Idlewild family as we celebrate our connections to each other and to the Communion of Saints. Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert that reminds you of a loved one, and the church will make sure we have plenty of fried chicken for the main course. During the luncheon, enjoy our annual **Pottery and Craft Sale** and check a few items off your holiday shopping list with be some beautiful creations from Idlewild's Pottery Studio and other creative friends of the church.



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 and 4 years (PK & JK) may go to *Worship and Wonder* on the third floor of the Sanctuary 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, and in memory of Julia Wellford Allen, from Ray, Louise and Sam Allen, Bill and Julie Berger, Richard Page and Katherine Allen.

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 afternoon, we welcome soprano saxophonist Kyle Jones and Juilliard pianist Matthieu Cognet at 2pm. They will present a free 45-minute recital in the Sanctuary. This is a preview of this same recital they will present Monday at Vanderbilt University.

This morning, the piano is being used for the sanctuary service due to an organ malfunction. Organ technicians can get to the needed repairs the week of October 12.



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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.

