

Service for the Lord's Day

Idlewild Presbyterian Church
The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 15, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bold text is read by the congregation.

****Asterisk indicates when to rise in body or in spirit.***

Gather in God's Name

Prelude — *Great is Thy Faithfulness* — Dan Miller

***Call to Worship** (8:30) — Whitney Getman
(11:00) — Sage Scott-Jamison

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

With grateful hearts, we gather to praise the God who is faithful in every season.

We worship the One whose love sustains us
and whose grace makes us new.

Let us lift our voices in praise and open our hearts to God's presence.

God's mercies are endless, and God's love endures forever!

Let us worship God!

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*Hymn of Celebration No. 65

CWM Rhondda

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

*Prayer of Confession

The Reverend David Powers

Merciful God, you call us to lives of growing faithfulness.

We confess that we often prefer what is comfortable to what is possible.

You invite us to trust you in every season of life.

We confess that we cling to old ways,
even when they no longer bear good fruit.

You offer us the freedom of new life in Christ.

We confess that we resist the very changes your grace makes possible.

Forgive us, gracious God.

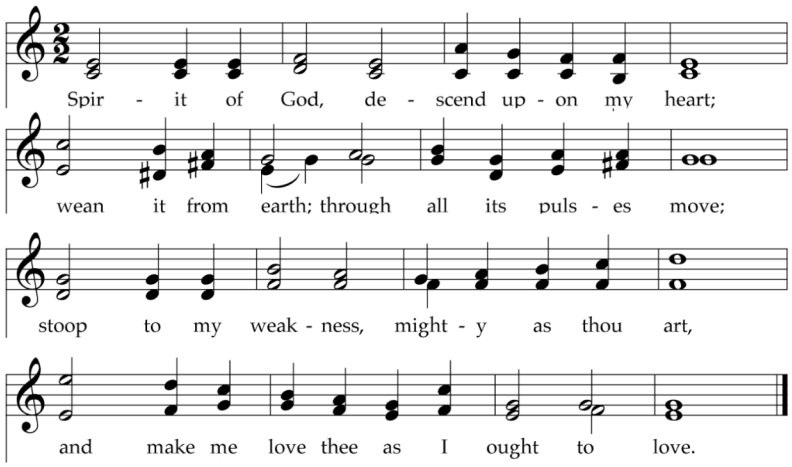
Loosen our grip on what holds us back,
renew our hearts through your love,
and give us courage to follow wherever you lead.

(Silent Confession)

*Response No. 688

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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*Assurance of Pardon

Rev. Powers

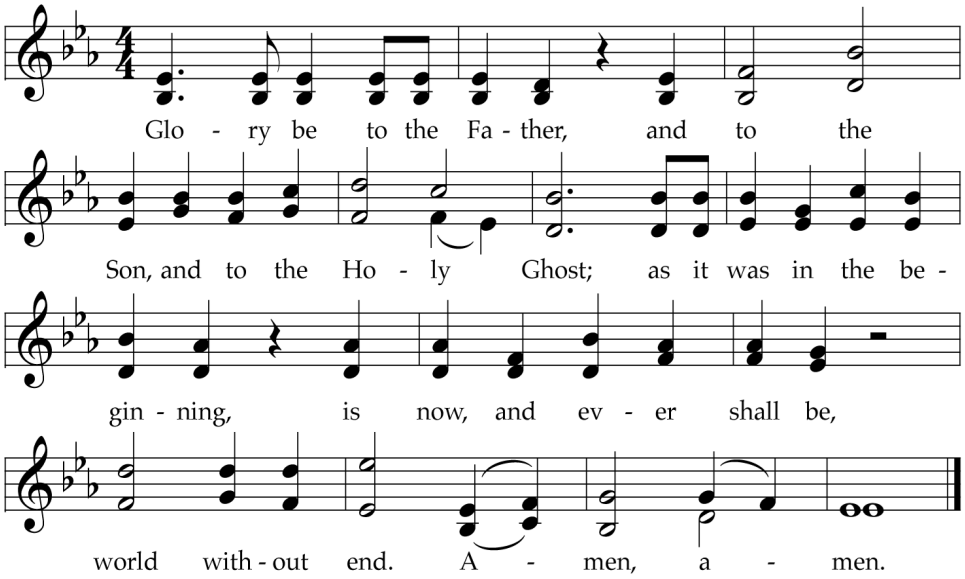
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65



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TEXT: William Williams, 1762; stanza 1, trans. Peter Williams, 1771; stanzas 2–3, trans. William Williams, 1772 CWM RHONDDA
MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

*Response No. 581 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri



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) Rev. Powers
(11:00) Hanna Gray

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

Hymn of Gathering (11:00) *Jesus Loves Me!* JESUS LOVES ME



As children come forward during the time 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.*

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 9 of the New Testament in your pew Bible.



Today's Affirmation of Faith *comes from A Brief Statement of Faith.*

Time with the Younger Church (11:00) — Whitney Getman

The Lord's Prayer

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers (11:00) — Rev. Powers

Sharing the Life and Ministries of the Church — Rev. Powers

Proclaim God's Word

Prayer for Illumination — Rev. Powers

New Testament Lesson — Matthew 9:14-17

Sermon — When It's No Longer Helpful — Rev. Powers

Silent Reflection

Respond to God's Word

*Affirmation of Faith (8:30) — Whitney Getman
(11:00) — John Jones

We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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** is by composer Allen Pote, was actually written for a children's and youth choir. One may notice the language of the text seems a bit juvenile, yet the message is anything but: Lord, have mercy on us.*

***Hymn No. 694:** Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.*

Prayers of God's People (11:00) — Rev. Powers

Commissioning (11:00) Mental Health First Aid Instructors — Rev. Powers

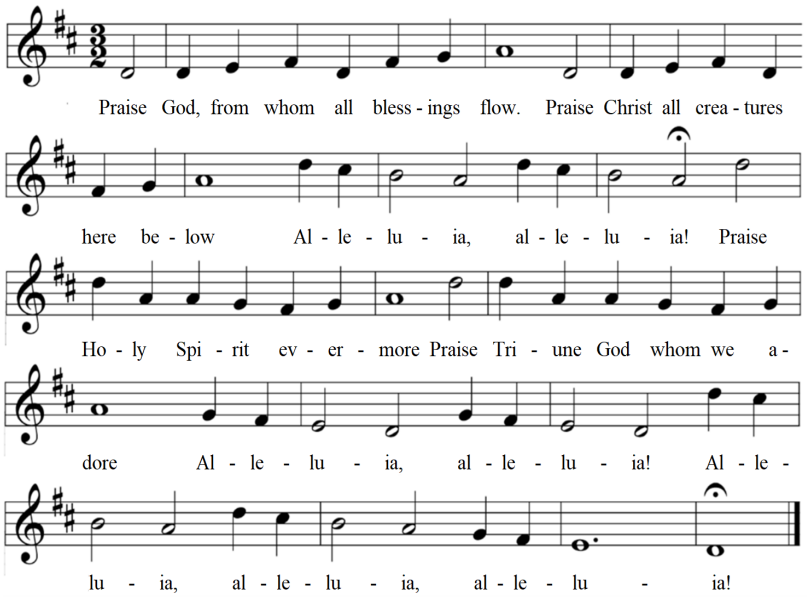
Offering our Gifts & Tithes (8:30) — Whitney Getman
(11:00) — John Jones

Offertory (8:30) — *A Prayer for Mercy - Kyrie* — Allen Pote
Pam Crosno, soprano

(11:00) — *A Prayer for Mercy - Kyrie* — Allen Pote
The Chancel Choir

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Lord, have mercy on us. When we make mistakes by doing things we should not do, O Lord forgive us, help us be true. When we make decisions and willingly choose the wrong, O Lord, forgive us, help us be strong. Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Lord, have mercy on us.

***Response** — *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* — Lasst Uns Erfreuen



***Prayer of Dedication** (8:30) — Whitney Getman
(11:00) — John Jones

The Sacrament of Communion (8:30) — Rev. Powers

Send in God's Spirit

***Hymn of Sending No. 694** — AURELIA
Great God of Every Blessing

***Charge and Benediction** — Rev. Powers

Postlude — *Chaconne* — François Couperin

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

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MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864
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Church-Wide

Make Your Commitment Today! During generosity season, we look to the year ahead and dream together about what God will author. We need everyone who calls Idlewild home, who values her mission and presence in the community, to dedicate themselves to generously supporting the ministries of the church. Make your 2027 commitment by filling out a Growing in Gratitude card, found in your pew, or in Realm. We will show our gratitude to all who have made commitments on Sunday, December 6.

Poinsettia Orders are made in honor or in memory of a loved one. This could be a family member, a friend, or one who dedicates themselves to the life and ministries of the church. This dedication will help us adorn our sanctuary as we head into the Christmas season. You can give online at the QR code or pick up a paper form in the hallway. The price this year is $22, and orders are due end of day Wednesday, December 9.

Youth Ministry

Movie Night (Sunday, November 15, 5 - 7:30pm, CAFE House at Idlewild): Bring a blanket or chair and a snack to share as we enjoy a cozy evening of movies, laughter, and fellowship. Also, please bring a nonperishable food item to support the Immigrant Food Pantry. Dress for the weather—and if it rains, we'll move the fun to the Idlewild gym. Please RSVP to Sage Scott-Jamison (sage@idlewildchurch.org).

Confirmation 2027: Interested in Confirmation? Idlewild's 2027 confirmation process is open to youth in 8th or 9th grade, as well as older youth who may have missed out. Confirmation is a meaningful opportunity to explore faith, ask questions, learn about the church, and consider what it means to claim faith in Jesus Christ for themselves. If your youth is interested, please contact sage@idlewildchurch.org to register or learn more.

Children's Ministry

Family Movie Night (Sunday, November 22, 4pm, Rm 323): Children of all ages and their families are invited to join us for a cozy afternoon of fun as we gather to enjoy Disney's Frozen together! We'll have festive snacks and sweet treats, along with an activity or two to add a little extra magic to the afternoon. Come dressed in your favorite jammies, bring a snuggly blanket, and settle in for a wonderful time with friends and family. Please RSVP through Realm by November 18 so we can be sure to have plenty of treats and supplies for everyone. We can't wait to share a little winter magic with you!

Refugee Empowerment Program Toy Drive (Sunday, November 29-Sunday, December 13): Share the joy of Christmas with a child this season! Idlewild's Children's Ministry is once again collecting toys to benefit the Refugee Empowerment Program (REP). Beginning Sunday, November 29, we invite you to bring a new, unwrapped, toy to help make Christmas a little brighter for children and families in our community. Toys may be dropped off in the **designated collection area in the lobby of the Jones Building through Sunday, December 13**. Together, we can share God's love through the simple gifts of generosity and joy.

Fellowship & Recreation Ministry

Waiting in Wonder - Intergenerational Advent Gathering (Wednesday, December 2, 5:15pm, Montgomery Hall, TK Young, Sanctuary, and the Garth): The evening will bring together fellowship, creativity, service, and reflection as we prepare for Christmas for the entire Idlewild congregation.

Music Ministry

Festival of Christmas (Sunday, December 13, 6:30pm, Sanctuary): Save the date for our fourth annual Christmas Concert – a festive holiday celebration, featuring a special performance by the Idlewild Chancel Choir, Festival Orchestra, and Narrator. This is a free, non-ticketed concert. We can't wait to see you there!

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 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.**

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.

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