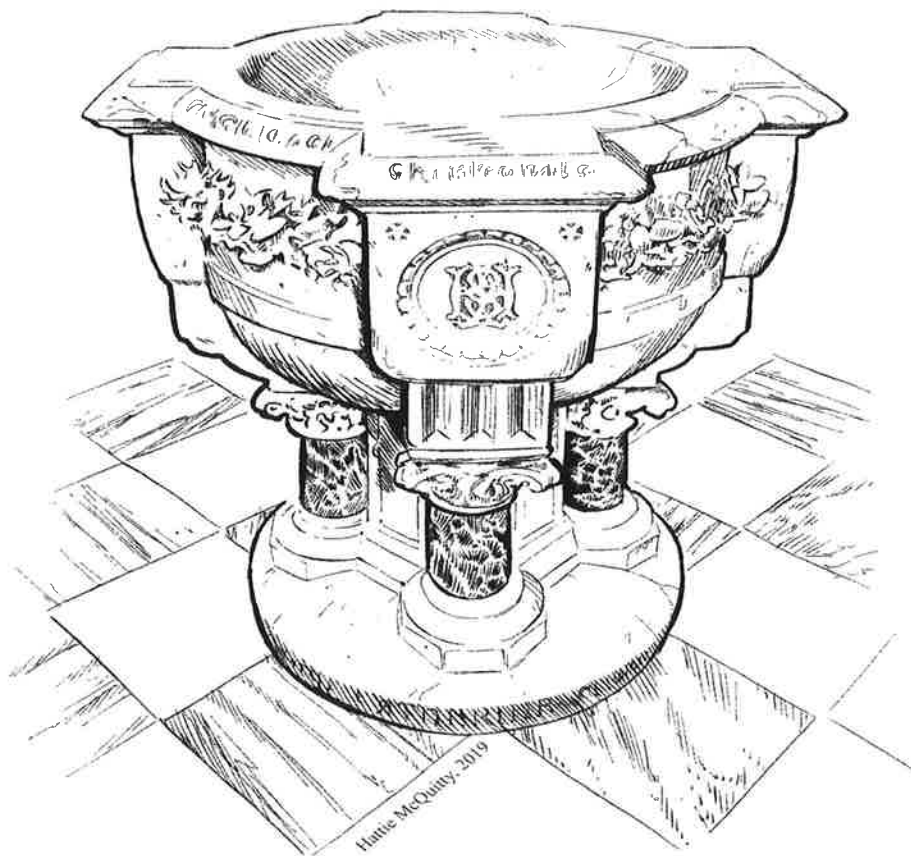


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THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

TEN O'CLOCK

"Let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service, with reverence and awe." Hebrews 12:28

The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

The Prelude - Chorale Prelude on "Puer Nobis"

Healey Willan

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, who has given us Your only-begotten Son, the brightness of Your glory, and the express image of Your person, to take our nature upon Him, and to be born of a pure Virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made Your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Your Holy Spirit; till Christ is perfectly formed in us, and we are made partakers of a Divine nature, through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Call to Worship

+* The Hymnal - #203 "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"

Mendelssohn

* The Invocation and 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.

* The Apostles' Creed

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.

* this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

** "catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

* The Gloria Patri

(Hymnal, #271)

Lyngham

All glory to the Father be, all glory to the Son, all glory to the Son,
all glory to the Spirit be while endless ages run, while endless ages run,
while endless ages run. Amen.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Proverbs 30 (31st reading, pew Bible pp. 551-552)
Acts 8:1-8 (pew Bible p. 916)

The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

- * **The Psalter** - Psalm 72:13–19 (*Psalter*, page 61) Puer Nobis
- * **The Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Collection

- * **The Doxology and Dismissal** Puer Nobis

Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service as we sing

All praise, O risen Lord, we give to thee, who, dead, again dost live;
to God the Father equal praise, and God the Holy Ghost, we raise.
Amen.

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

“THE PURPOSE OF GOD IN PERSECUTION”

XXIV. Expositions of Acts of the Apostles

- * **The Hymnal** - #201 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” St. Louis
- * **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Greensleeves
So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own
Him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthrone Him.
Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for
Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #213, stanza 3)

The Postlude - *variations on Psalm 24*

Anthoni van Noordt

* Congregation Standing
+ Latecomers may be seated

** Children’s Church: Ken and Tracy Wood
Assisting: Evan Gear

GREETERS–ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR	Elder & Mrs. M. Hazeltine
NORTH SIDE	J. Garnett
SOUTH SIDE	R. Thompson

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

ELDER:	D. Gross
GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:	
FRONT DOOR	C. Rookstool
BAPTISMAL FONT	D. Brown

Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

A great company of the heavenly host [was] praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests." Luke 2:13, 14

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
 2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!
 3. Hail the heav'n - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righ - teous - ness!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
 Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that man no more may die,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them sec - ond birth.

REFRAIN

Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King."

Psalm 72:13-19

1. ¹³He'll show the poor his sym - pa - thy,
 2. ¹⁵So he shall live; a gift of gold;
 3. ¹⁶On hill - tops sown a lit - tle grain,
 4. ¹⁷Long as the sun his name shall last.
 5. ¹⁸Now bless - ed be our God a - lone.
 6. ¹⁹And bless - ed be His glor - ious name,

And save the need - y by his might;
 From She - ba they'll be - fore him lay.
 Like Le - ba - non with fruit shall bend;
 It shall en - dure through a - ges all,
 Je - ho - vah, God of Is - ra - el,
 Long as the a - ges shall en - dure.

¹⁴From fraud and force he'll set them free;
 They'll him in con - stant prayer up - hold,
 New life the ci - ty shall at - tain;
 And men shall still in him be bless'd;
 For on - ly He has won - ders done;
 O'er all the earth ex - tend His fame;

Their blood is pre - cious in his sight.
 Their bles - sings on him chant all day.
 She shall like grass grow and ex - tend.
 Bless'd all the na - tions shall him call.
 His deeds in glo - ry far ex - cel.
 A - men, a - men, for e - ver - more.

O Little Town of Bethlehem

Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small ... out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times. Mic. 5:2

1. O lit - tle town of Beth - le - hem, how still we see thee lie;
 2. For Christ is born of Mar - y; and gath - ered all a - bove,
 3. How si - lent - ly, how si - lent - ly, the won - drous gift is giv'n!
 4. O ho - ly child of Beth - le - hem, de - scend to us, we pray;

a - bove thy deep and dream - less sleep the si - lent stars go by:
 while mor - tals sleep, the an - gels keep their watch of won - d'ring love.
 So God im - parts to hu - man hearts the bless - ings of his heav'n.
 cast out our sin and en - ter in; be born in us to - day.

yet in thy dark streets shin - eth the ev - er - last - ing Light;
 O morn - ing stars, to - geth - er pro - claim the ho - ly birth!
 No ear may hear his com - ing, but in this world of sin,
 We hear the Christ - mas an - gels the great glad tid - ings tell;

the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee to - night.
 And prais - es sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
 where meek souls will re - ceive him still, the dear Christ en - ters in.
 O come to us, a - bide with us, our Lord Em - man - u - el.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ FIVE THIRTY O'CLOCK

"God is spirit, and those who worship Him must
worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24

Preparation (5:15-5:30 p.m.)

Hymn Sing - Psalm 65

Webb

(Psalm of the Month)

+ *Announcements*

Praise

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+* *Hymnal - #30 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"*

St. Anne

Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

* *Reading of the Law of God* (see back panel of hymnal)

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Affirmation of Faith - The Westminster Creed, Part I (based on the Shorter Catechism)

I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him forever;

I believe that the word of God, contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us, how to glorify and enjoy God.

I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth;

I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory;

I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Habakkuk 3 (3rd reading—pew Bible pp. 786–787)

Prayer of Intercession

* *Psalter - Psalm 90:1–9* (*Psalter*, page 78)

St. Catherine

* *Prayer of Illumination*

Scripture & Sermon - Revelation 3:14–22 (pew Bible p. 1030)

Mr. Shaw

"LETTER TO A LUKEWARM CHURCH"

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Psalter - Psalm 98:4–9* (*Psalter*, Page 83)

Desert

* *Benediction*

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one sharp (F#), indicating D major. The melody is primarily in the soprano and alto parts, with the bass part providing a harmonic foundation. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system covers the first four lines of the lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining lines. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;
 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.

6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD thy God, which have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

- I. ***Thou shalt have no other gods before me.***
- II. ***Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,***
or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.
- III. ***Thou shalt not take the Name of the LORD thy God in vain;***
for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his Name in vain.
- IV. ***Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.***
Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.
- V. ***Honor thy father and thy mother:***
that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.
- VI. ***Thou shalt not kill.****
- VII. ***Thou shalt not commit adultery.***
- VIII. ***Thou shalt not steal.***
- IX. ***Thou shalt not bear false witness***
against thy neighbor.
- X. ***Thou shalt not covet***
thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's.

Hear also the words of our Lord Jesus, how he saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

* The 6th Commandment forbids not all forms of killing, but specifically unjust killing, that is, murder.

Psalm 90:1-9

1. ¹Lord, Thou hast been our dwell - ing place Through all the a - ges
 2. ²Thou turn - est man to dust a - gain, And say'st, "Re - turn, ye
 3. ³Thou with a flood hast swept men on; They like a sleep are
 4. ⁴For by Thine an - ger we're con - sumed, And by Thy wrath to

of our race. ⁵Be - fore the moun - tains had their birth,
 sons of men." ⁶As yes - ter - day when past ap - pears,
 quick - ly gone. They are like grass which grows each morn;
 ter - ror doomed. ⁷Our sins Thou in Thy sight dost place,

Or e - ver Thou hadst formed the earth, From years which no be -
 So are to Thee a thou - sand years; They like a day are
⁸Its blades of green the fields a - dorn. At morn its sprouts and
 Our se - cret faults be - fore Thy face; ⁹So in Thy wrath our

gin - ning had To years un - end - ing, Thou art God.
 in Thy sight, Yes, like a pas - sing watch by night.
 blossoms rise; At eve, cut down, it with - ered lies.
 days we end, And like a sigh our years we spend.

Psalm 98:4-9

1. ⁴O all the earth, sing to the LORD And
 2. ⁵With harp make mu - sic to the LORD; With
 3. ⁷Let seas in all their vast - ness roar, The
 4. ⁹Be - cause He comes, He sure - ly comes The

make a joy - ful sound, And make a joy - ful
 harp a psalm O sing! With harp a psalm O
 world, its liv - ing horde, The world, its liv - ing
 judge of earth to be! The judge of earth to

sound. Lift up your voice a - loud to Him;
 sing! ⁶With horn and trum - pet raise a shout
 horde. ⁸Let ri - vers clap, let moun - tains sing
 be! With jus - tice he will judge the world

Sing psalms! Let joy re - sound!
 Be - fore the LORD, the King,
 Their joy be - fore the LORD!
 All men with e - qui - ty,

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 the LORD! Their joy be - fore the LORD!
 qui - ty, All men with e - qui - ty.

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:00 a.m.	Sunday School classes for all ages
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Miguel D' Azevedo
4:15 p.m.	No Youth Choir rehearsal today
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary
6:45 p.m.	No Evening Fellowship meal will be served tonight
7:00 p.m.	No Chapel Choir rehearsal tonight
7:00 p.m.	No Middle School Emmaus Road tonight
7:00 p.m.	No High School Small Groups tonight

NO WEDNESDAY LUNCHEON OR BIBLE STUDY

ON DECEMBER 29

~ IT WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 5, 2022.

REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT

Our Church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. Visitors are asked to complete a Friendship Card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Both visitors and members are encouraged to use the back of the card to request information, make comments, or write prayer needs. We are delighted to have you with us this Lord's Day. The bulletin is your guide to the service. A more thorough explanation of our "Order of Service" is available at the front doors. Our service begins at 10:00 a.m. and ends sometime after eleven o'clock.

SUNDAY EVENING MEAL

The Sunday evening meal will not be served tonight. Meals will resume on Sunday, January 2, 2022.

BAPTISM

The sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered on behalf of Redeemer Presbyterian Church of Newport Beach, CA (PCA) during this morning's worship service by Mr. Johnson to *Eleanor "Nora" Annette Johnson*, daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Samuel L. Johnson (Molly)*.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Andrew Wood* who were united in marriage on Sunday, December 19, 2021, in Perry, GA. Mrs. Wood is the former Miss Madison Mays Harden.

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will meet on Tuesday, December 28. All men are invited to join us for our weekly Prayer Breakfast on Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. Make a new commitment in 2022 to be here each Tuesday.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, December 27 and Friday, December 31, in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays. It will reopen on Monday, January 3.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2021 need to be in the office by December 30, or postmarked by Friday, December 31.

2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Generic blank offering envelopes for the year of 2022 are available to be picked up in Telfair Hall. If you want a packet mailed to you, please contact Maria Martinez at 912-421-8104 or email her at mariam@ipsav.org. If you want credit on your giving record, please fill out the information on the envelope for the Finance Office.

MINISTERIAL UPDATE

Mr. Foster will be preaching at First Presbyterian Pooler this morning.

The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson.....	Senior Minister.....	421-8100
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Timothy D. Shaw.....	Associate Minister.....	570-439-2275
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Miguel D'Azevedo.....	Pastoral Intern.....	864-353-0667
Joshua M. Espinosa.....	Director of Administration.....	421-8111
Jane H. Boatright.....	Director of Nursery.....	706-207-4288
Francis V. Daniell.....	Director of Camps and Missions Outreach.....	421-8118
Jacob H. Fuhrman.....	Director of Music.....	605-290-2014
A. Paul Rodgers, Jr.....	Director of Youth and Family.....	421-8116
Tracy G. Wood.....	Director of Children's Program.....	912-667-9222

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Financial Secretary.....	421-8104
Senior Minister's Secretary.....	421-8100
IPC Sexton:.....	421-8112

Worship at IPC

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service or placing them on "airplane mode."
- Please leave any food or drink outside of the Sanctuary.
- Those arriving late are asked to take their place either during the first hymn or the Psalm.
- Our Sunday services are now available as a Live Webcast for those who are unable to join their local congregation. You can join the service at ipcsav.org/webcast.
- The Audio Ministry provides CDs of previous sermons by calling the church office. All sermons preached by our ministers can be accessed from the church website at www.ipcsav.org, or at www.SermonAudio.com/ipcsav
- If able, please make room in your pews for others. This helps the ushers as they seat people.
- Sound amplification devices are available by asking a deacon at the front doors.
- IPC uses the *Trinity Hymnal*, *Trinity Psalter* and the *Trinity Psalter Hymnal*.
- Nurseries for children through the age of three are provided on the second floor of the Axson Memorial Building. Children ages 4 through Kindergarten are dismissed for a separate service following the Choir Anthem.

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Mon, Dec. 27	Church office closed; reopens on Tuesday, December 28	
Tues, Dec. 28	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
	8:30 a.m.	Church Staff meeting
	9:30 a.m.	No Women's Bible Study; resumes January 11, 2022
	11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Administration Building
	7:00 p.m.	No iPRIMES Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.	College Bible Study at 602 E. 57 th Street
Wed, Dec. 29	11:45 a.m.	No Noon Luncheon/Bible Study today
	6:30 p.m.	No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 p.m.	No Women's Evening Bible Study, resumes January 12, 2022
	6:30 p.m.	No High School Dinner
	7:15 p.m.	No High School Fellowship
Thurs, Dec. 30	7:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall
	8:00 p.m.	No Women's ZOOM Book Study/Reading Group.
Fri, Dec. 31	Church office closed in observance of the New Year's holiday; reopens on Monday, January 3	

Coming Events

Jan. 9	The Lord's Supper, AM service; Youth Parents' meeting at 7:00 p.m. in Telfair Hall
Jan. 13	College Big Bon Event in Oglethorpe Lane
Jan. 14	Officers and Wives Supper
Jan. 21	High School Lock-In
Jan. 22	Savannah River Presbytery, Grace Church of the Islands
Jan. 28-29	WOC Retreat with Megan Hill

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service did not meet on 12/22/2021

December 19, 2021

S. S. – 300 AM – 476 PM – 256