



# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME; NOVEMBER 12, 2017

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

*Worship begins when the first person arrives. Please worship silently through the prelude.*

**Bold text** is read or sung by the congregation.

*\*Please stand if able.*

*Idlewild welcomes children and encourages them to participate in our entire worship service.*

*Pick up a children's worship packet at the sanctuary door.*

*The author wrote this hymn text when only 19 years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see hymn 336) as too full of conflict.*

### THE GATHERING

(8:30) THE REVEREND ANNE H.K. APPLE

(11:00) THE REVEREND DR. STEPHEN R. MONTGOMERY

### HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

It is terribly important to realize that the leap of faith is not so much a leap of thought as of action. For while in many matters it is first we must see, then we will act; in matters of faith it is first we must do then we will know, first we will be and then we will see. One must, in short, dare to act wholeheartedly without absolute certainty. *-William Sloane Coffin, Credo*

### PRELUDE

TRIO SONATA IN C MINOR: LARGO, BWV 526

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685 - 1750)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created all that is, seen and unseen.

**Created in God's image, we reflect God's goodness, wisdom, and love.**

We are the people who believe the good news about Jesus.

**By our worship, may the Spirit renew us so we may serve God in love.**

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 612

"WE PRAISE YOU, O GOD"

KREMSE

*In the presence of a holy God,  
we become aware of the ways  
we fall short of God's best  
hopes for us, and the ways we  
have hurt others. We turn to  
God in prayer, asking for  
forgiveness.*

*We express gratitude that  
through God's grace and  
Christ's giving of himself on the  
cross we are forgiven and  
restored to God and  
one another.*

*We sing in thanksgiving for the  
gifts of forgiveness  
and new life.*

*The Passing of the Peace is one  
of the most ancient  
responses in worship. Having  
received Christ's peace,  
we pass it on.*

## \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of everlasting love,  
We confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you  
and with one another.

**We have worshiped other gods:  
money, power, greed, and convenience.**

We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you  
and your people.

**We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,  
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.**

*(silent prayer and meditation)*

Forgive us, gracious God.

**Bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you  
and one another.**

In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

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

### \*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you!**

We invite children to come to the front at this time.

Each week children bring quarters to put in education sticks, so that young girls around the world might have the opportunity for an education. Just \$275 (1,100 quarters) provides scholarship, supplies, and empowerment for a young girl. As our children come forward for the Time with the Younger Church, please pass them quarters to share.

The children lead the congregation in The Lord's Prayer using "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors."

Following the Time with the Younger Church, PK and JK children (three and four-year-olds) may go to Children's Church Continued (C3). Parents, please take your children out to the hallway by the T.K. Young Room and sign them in. Helpers will escort them to the library.

Children two years old or younger may go to the nursery (Conference Room).

Children in senior kindergarten and older are welcome to come up for the Time with the Younger Church, then stay in the sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

Before we can know God, God knows us. Baptism, one of the two sacraments of the Presbyterian Church (USA), is in response to the grace of God, who calls us to be the people of God. We welcome children and adults into the fellowship of faith. Parents, the congregation, and children of the church make promises to guide, nurture and love the baptized person.

Written for the confirmation of the author's son, this hymn 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.

# PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

## GATHERING HYMN (11:00)

Leader: Though we are many, we are one fam'ly.  
We are one body in your love.  
Make us your people, people of Jesus,  
Make us your people called by love.

Bernadette Farrell

Leader: (world.) Make us a sign of love to all in the  
peace  
hope  
light  
Christ

All: Make us a sign of love to all in the world.  
peace  
hope  
light  
Christ

## TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

THE REVEREND MARGARET BURNETT

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

## BAPTISM (11:00)

MS. APPLE

MAE WHEATON CLARK, DAUGHTER OF BEN & MEGHAN CLARK  
(KIRK & MURRY MCCLINTOCK, BAPTISM BUDDIES)

### BAPTISM HYMN

"CHILD OF BLESSING, CHILD OF PROMISE" (verses 1 & 4)

Child of blessing, child of promise,	Child of God, your loving Parent,
Baptized with the Spirit's sign,	Learn to listen for God's call.
With this water God has sealed you	Grow to laugh and sing and worship,
Unto love and grace divine.	Trust and love God more than all.

### BAPTISM PRAYER

## WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS

(8:30) MS. APPLE  
(11:00) DR. MONTGOMERY

## \*PROCLAMATION HYMN NO. 691

"LORD, WHEN I CAME INTO THIS LIFE"

LAND OF REST

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE REVEREND REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

**ANTHEM (11:00)**

**“HOLY IS THE TRUE LIGHT”**

WILLIAM HENRY HARRIS (1883-1973)

Holy is the true light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict. From Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia.

-from the Salisbury Diurnal

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON      ACTS 9:1-22**

(PAGE 127, NT, PEW BIBLE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP**

MS. ABEL LAMAR

(Seventh in a sermon series on “Take the Next Step,” our stewardship theme)

**RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD**

**MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP**

MR. DOUG ALRUTZ

**TAKE THE NEXT STEP**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

MS. APPLE

**PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS**

**OFFERTORY**

(8:30)

**“CARRIER”**

JARED ANDERSON

*William Compton, soloist*

(11:00)

**BEATI QUORUM VIA**

CHARLES V. STANFORD (1852-1924)

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.*

*-Psalm 119:1*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Christ, all creatures here below.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise Holy Spirit evermore;**

**Praise Triune God whom we adore.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*The sermon is a reflection on the day’s scriptures, suggesting implications for our faith and life.*

*We bring to God our celebrations and cares, praying for the world, the church and those close to us.*

*Doxology literally means “words of glory.” Doxologies have long been used by Jews and Christians to praise God. Here we honor and thank God “from whom all blessings flow.”*

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

MS. APPLE

We dedicate these offerings to you, O God.

**We pray that we will use them to serve you  
and your children in this world.**

We dedicate these pledges to you, O God.

**Guide our leaders as they prepare us financially  
for the upcoming year.**

We dedicate our lives to you, O God.

**Give us courage to follow where you lead us.**

Gracious God, you have called us to serve you fully,  
preparing ourselves for each new step of this journey of faith.

**You have entrusted us with gifts of  
time, talent, energy, and money,  
and you ask us to use them to build your kingdom.  
With thanks and praise, we respond to your call.**

We pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The invitation to the Lord's Supper is extended to all who desire to follow Christ, remembering that access to the communion table is not a right conferred upon the worthy, but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who has doubts or whose trust is wavering is invited to the table in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Christ Jesus.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION (8:30)

### WORDS OF INVITATION

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER

## \*RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 757

"TODAY WE ALL ARE CALLED TO BE DISCIPLES"

KINGSFOLD

## \*BENEDICTION

MS. ABEL LAMAR

## POSTLUDE

CHACONNE IN D MINOR

LOUIS COUPERIN (1626 - 1661)

*This hymn text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.*

## WORSHIP NOTICES

**The Sanctuary flowers** are given today to the glory of God, in memory of John and Jean Schaaf, and in honor of service members of the U.S. Armed Forces, by Daniel and Jeanette McCovel who were married here last evening.

**Camera and video** use is not allowed during the worship service. Please turn off your cell phone.

**Members and guests**, please indicate your presence on the Friendship Roster this morning.

**The 11:00 service** is live at [new.livestream.com/idlewild](http://new.livestream.com/idlewild), or search for "Idlewild" in the Livestream phone or Roku app. You can also listen on WREC-AM 600 or at [www.600wrec.com](http://www.600wrec.com), or use the iHeartRadio app.

**If you need** to step out of the sanctuary for any reason during worship, you can watch the service on Livestream in the T.K. Young Room.

**Music is printed** under Onelicense.net A-702280.

## VISITOR NOTICES

**We welcome our** visitors this morning. To learn more about Idlewild, please speak to a clergy member at the sanctuary door after the service, or call the church office during the week.

**New members are** received by the Session the 3rd Sunday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. If you are seeking a church home, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please see a minister after the service, or call the church office at 726-4681 during the week.

**Visit [www.idlewildchurch.org](http://www.idlewildchurch.org)** for news, events and more. If you're not on the web, call the church office at 726-4681.

*"I am the resurrection and the life ..."*

**WINFRED H. SHARP**

June 20, 1922 – November 1, 2017

**JOHN KIMBROUGH JOHNSON**

June 26, 1942 – November 7, 2017

## CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

**Refreshments are served** in the T.K. Young Room after the 11:00 service. Please join in this time of fellowship.

**There are no members** in the hospital as of November 7.

**Ding dong merrily!** Please mark your calendars for next Sunday, November 19, at 12:30 in the T.K. Young Room. For the first time ever, the carillon and the handbell choir will be performing together during the Youth's Soup to Go. David Caudill and Peggy McClure will be visible via live video feed on the screen over the stage with the handbell choir performing from the floor in front of the stage. The concert will feature classical and modern works on the carillon, Bach's *Wachet auf* for handbells and carillon, and familiar hymns for you to sing along with all the bells we can muster. The concert should not run beyond 1:15. Please make it a point to come support your ringers after the 11:00 service November 19.

**Join Idlewild in cheering**, running, or walking during the St. Jude Memphis Marathon weekend on Saturday, Dec. 2. We'll gather at a cheering station beginning around 8:15 a.m. Contact Shari Gross at [sgross@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:sgross@idlewildchurch.org) for more details. Idlewild also has a running team. You can still register for the 5K and join the Idlewild team on the St. Jude website. Already registered for any distance? Contact Alicia Powers at [adpowers@uwalumni.com](mailto:adpowers@uwalumni.com) to join the Idlewild team.

**The finance department** recently received a stock donation that is without donor information. We would like to ensure that proper credit is given to the donor. If you donated New Perspective shares on 9/29, please contact Tonya Moses at [tmoses@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:tmoses@idlewildchurch.org).

**The Hanging of the Greens** is Monday, November 27, at 9:00 a.m. All ages are welcome to help decorate the church for the holidays. Come join the fun.

**Sanctuary flowers are needed** for Sundays in January 2018. If you would like to give flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, contact Buff Adams, 818-5567, 834-0479, or [mredbirds@gmail.com](mailto:mredbirds@gmail.com).

## PASTORAL CARE & EVANGELISM

*Unless otherwise noted, contact Anne Apple, 726-4681 ext. 18 or [anne@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:anne@idlewildchurch.org).*

**Are you in the Sandwich Generation?** The Sandwich Generation group meets Wednesdays, November 15 and 29, 6:30–8:00 p.m. at Pyro's on Union. Come and be in community with others experiencing some of the joys, sorrows, challenges and opportunities that occur when taking care of aging parents and children/teenagers. The hope is to find a common chord by sharing meaningful, profound and holy moments experienced in the midst of mundane and difficult situations. This week's topic: Self Care for the Caregiver. Feel free to come a few minutes early to get dinner or a beverage before each night's discussion starts.

**Confidential prayer requests** can be made by calling the prayer chain, 683-6578, or by filling out a card from the literature rack.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE

"Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing." (1 Thessalonians 5: 11) Thank you to the communion fellowship team who, along with clergy staff, provides members a worship experience at area retirement communities.

## CREATIVE PLAY AND RECREATION MINISTRY

*Jacob Pierce, 725-4165 or [jpierce@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:jpierce@idlewildchurch.org).  
Shari Gross, 725-4165 or [sgross@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:sgross@idlewildchurch.org).*

**Register your child** now for Mini-Jammers basketball, for 4-5 year old girls and boys. The season is January 14–February 25, with games on Sundays at 3:00 at Lindenwood Christian Church (2400 Union). Cost is \$55 (includes jersey). Scholarships available. Registration deadline is December 22. Visit [www.idlewildchurch.org/registrations](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/registrations) or register at the church office.

**We are looking** for coaches for Mini Jammers now! It is very easy and super fun. If you would like to coach or help coach a team or would like more information, please contact Jacob Pierce at [jpierce@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:jpierce@idlewildchurch.org) or 901-726-4681.

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or [rlamar@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:rlamar@idlewildchurch.org).

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Frank Kelly, 337-0159 or [fkelly@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:fkelly@idlewildchurch.org).

**QUEST** (grades 6-8) and **BASIC** (grades 9-12) will meet today from 6:00 to 7:30. Both groups will meet in the T.K. Young Room from 6:00 to 6:30 for dinner, then split up for individual programs.

**Soup to Go** is Sunday, November 19. Youth Ministry will be selling some yummy soups cooked by our kitchen staff. Choices are taco chili, tomato bisque, and chicken gumbo. Cost is \$12 for a 32 oz. container. All funds help support youth ministry activities.

## ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or [rlamar@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:rlamar@idlewildchurch.org).

**Advent devotional booklets** will be available beginning November 26. The booklets are designed to enrich your experience of the Advent season with daily devotions written by members of the congregation. We hope you find them meaningful and share them with your friends.

## IDLEWILD MEN'S GROUP

**Tuesdays through December 12  
9:00-10:00 a.m., T.K. Young Room**

A new men's Bible study began last week, and all men of the church (and friends!) are invited to participate. Full breakfast (\$8) is available with a reservation. The group is studying the gospel of Mark using N.T. Wright's book, *Mark: 20 Studies for Individuals and Groups*. Contact Brenda Harris at 726-4681 or [brenda@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:brenda@idlewildchurch.org) to let her know you would like to attend. She will also order a book for you for \$9 if you would like. If you have questions or need transportation, please contact Ted Meador at 687-4764 or [wt.meador@aol.com](mailto:wt.meador@aol.com).

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—NOVEMBER 19

If you would like more detailed information on Sunday morning church school please visit [www.idlewildchurch.org](http://www.idlewildchurch.org).

**Christian Parenting of Young Children: Nurturing the Soul of Your Family** (T.K. Young) Parables: Thinking Beyond Allegory: The Parable of the Servants, Luke 12:32-48 (Led by Rebekah Abel Lamar)

**20/20** (CAFE, 2nd Floor) The Medieval Church Between St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas (John Boughter, Dan Dunaway and Scott Moore)

**Covenanters Class** (Parlor) Feasting on the Word (Led by Ben Bledsoe and Charles Key)

**Faith and Function & Timothy** (Harlan Rm) The Bible and the Future: the Most Comprehensive Scripture Texts of Christian Hope, and Why They Matter (Led by Dr. Jim McClanahan, retired pastor & professor)

**Praying with Scripture:** The Practice of Lectio Divina (Samaritan Counseling Center) (Mary McIntosh)

**Stephen** (Session Room) *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck (Facilitated by Stephanie Rodda)

**Young Adults** (Steve Montgomery's office, 31M) Practicing Our Faith: Healing (Sarah Wolf) Coffee at 9:40, discussion begins at 10:00.

## YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Sarah Wolf, 726-4681 ext. 43 or [swolf@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:swolf@idlewildchurch.org).

**Young Adults will** go to the Memphis Escape Room (East Memphis) Saturday, November 18, at 4:00 p.m. Signing up for these rooms can be tricky, so Idlewild will reserve at least one room, which can hold between 8-10 people. If you are planning on going, please email Sarah to RSVP as soon as possible. If there are more than ten signed up, we will do our best to reserve another room. The cost is \$20. If people are up for it, the group will get dinner afterward.

**Young Presbyterian Women's** group Dine-01 is at Sekisui Midtown (25 S. Belvedere Blvd.) Monday, November 20, at 6:30 p.m. For information contact Kristen Murphy at 816-896-5707 or [kristendmurphy@gmail.com](mailto:kristendmurphy@gmail.com).

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Caitlin C. Bomar, 726-4681 ext. 33 or [cbomar@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:cbomar@idlewildchurch.org).

## Sunday School Class Locations

Two-Year-Old Class: Conference Room (Nursery)

PK/JK Class: Library

SK-2nd Grade Class: Strock Room

3rd-5th Grade Class: Starts with music in Choir Room, then moves to the Christian Formation Suite for class

**Monthly Fellowship Opportunities:** Fellowship gatherings are held every month for both JK and under families, and SK-5th grade families. There is no agenda for these evenings other than to enjoy each other's company and grow in community through the challenge and joy of raising children.

**Fellowship for JK and Under Families:** This month's gathering will be hosted on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. by Tyler and Lauren Cannon at 440 Goodwyn Street, 38111. Older siblings are welcome. Kindly RSVP by Nov. 13.

**Fellowship for SK-5th Families:** This month's gathering will be hosted by John Feild on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 1291 E Winchester Blvd., Collierville 38017. Kindly RSVP by Nov. 13.

**Children's Leadership in Worship:** As a church that strives to have an intergenerational approach to ministry, we believe that children's participation in worship is vital to the health of our congregation, and helps tremendously in the way of giving children a sense of purpose and belonging in worship.

**First Sunday Bulletin Greeters:** Children in SK-5th grade are given the opportunity every first Sunday of the month to help pass out bulletins by the entrances to the sanctuary. If your child would like to be a bulletin greeter, please contact Caitlin.

**Third Sunday Ushering:** Children in 3rd-5th grade are given the opportunity once a month to help usher during worship. If your child would like to usher, please contact Caitlin.

**Family Christmas Eve Service:** Please note that this year's family Christmas Eve service will be at 11:00 a.m. If you have a child in 5th grade or below who would like to participate in the service, please contact Caitlin. We will also have a 5:00 p.m. Lessons and Carols service, as well as an 11:00 p.m. youth-led candlelight communion service.

## OUTREACH MINISTRY

*Unless otherwise noted, contact Sara Dorrien-Christians, 726-4681 ext. 42 or [sdorrien@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:sdorrien@idlewildchurch.org).*

**Outreach opportunities** abound as we seek to reflect Christ's love in Memphis and beyond. Volunteers worship and enjoy a hot meal with many who are homeless in our community at MTAM every Thursday evening; tutors assist students with reading and math at Idlewild Elementary School; helpers stuff backpacks with weekend meals for students at Brewster; gardeners work with neighborhood children to tend the McMerton Gardens in Binghampton; mission leaders work with partners in Ghana and Cuba to install and sustain clean water systems and learn about one another; and a hospitality team offers compassionate care to those seeking assistance and prayer on Sunday morning. And this is just a sampling!

These ministries are sustained by those who present the offering of their hearts and time. If you feel called to join in, or are simply curious and want to learn more, don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to plug you in somewhere or discern where and how your gifts and passions can best be used.

**Join us at the McMerton Gardens** on Saturday, November 18, at 11:00 a.m. We are nearing the end of another abundant season in the community garden. We will celebrate the harvest, dedicate the bug hotels created by the kids, and ritually "put the garden to bed." We'll enjoy a tour, cider, donuts, and one another's company. We hope you'll join us! The gardens are in the Binghampton neighborhood, on the corner of Merton and McAdoo.

**This year's MTAM turkey dinner** will be on November 16, the week before Thanksgiving. On Thanksgiving Day, More Than A Meal dinner will be a simple soup and sandwich meal, because there are so many big Thanksgiving dinners in the city. More Than A Meal is held every Thursday: worship is at 5:00, and dinner is at 5:30. Dinner is always free—and all are welcome!

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY ENRICHMENT AT IDLEWILD

*For more information contact Margaret Burnett at 746-9341 or [margaret@idlewildchurch.org](mailto:margaret@idlewildchurch.org) or check out the CAFE website at [CAFEMEMPHIS.ORG](http://CAFEMEMPHIS.ORG)*

**Since early July, CAFE** has opened its doors and welcome church groups, Sunday School classes, counseling clients for the Center for Good Grief, and more. This hospitality has been made possible by a great group of church volunteers serving as receptionists. Many, many thanks to Debbie Brooks and Maizie Rhea for organizing the CAFE volunteer team, and to all those who have given so generously of their time: Katie Cole, Virginia Dunaway, Kathy James, Diane Meess, Pat Neely, Julie Raines, Mary Lee Schaefer, Anne Shaw, and Lucy Townsend.

## ORDER POINSETTIAS FOR THE SANCTUARY

**Christmas poinsettias** will be in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 17, given in memory or in honor of friends and family. The names will be printed in the bulletin. Individual acknowledgements cannot be sent. Order deadline is Dec. 11, and payment must be received with the order. Pick up an order form at church or order poinsettias at [www.idlewildchurch.org/registrations](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/registrations). (There's a \$3.50 processing fee for online orders.)

## PRESBYTERY NEWS

**Enjoy Thanksgiving Day** at Pinecrest. Lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Cost: Adults \$22, children 4-10 years \$15, and children 4 and under free. Gather with families and friends at beautiful Pinecrest Retreat Center in LaGrange for a traditional feast and outdoor fun. RSVP to 878-1247 or [pinecrestrc@wildblue.net](mailto:pinecrestrc@wildblue.net) by Nov. 15. By reservation only.

**One of Many Encounters with God** is a half-day contemplative retreat on Friday, December 1, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Pinecrest Camp and Retreat Center. Both laity and clergy are welcome. Think about how hard you work, how many hours you give to others, and consider taking just one Friday morning to come to Pinecrest and be filled with the power of silence and worship. Folks spend their silence in all sorts of ways: hiking various trails and roads, reading, coloring, walking the labyrinth, studying, knitting, praying, reflecting. We always say we will do these things at home, but it is hard to set the time aside. Cost is \$25 (includes lunch). Single rooms are available on Thursday nights (\$55). RSVP to [pinecrestrc@wildblue.net](mailto:pinecrestrc@wildblue.net) or 878-1247.



## **KEEP OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS**

*Each week we invite you to pray for our church.*

*This week's prayers are...*

- For the newly elected officers as they offer their faith statements to the current elders and deacons after worship today.
- For our More Than A Meal guests and their prayer concerns, posted on the bulletin board on the ramp to the Jones Building across from the main office.
- For the Stewardship Committee, chaired by Doug Alrutz, for all it has done during the stewardship season and the work that will continue after today.
- For all the ChristCare groups, as they grow in faith and support one another.

## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

The calendar is online at [www.idlewildchurch.org/fullcalendar](http://www.idlewildchurch.org/fullcalendar).

### **Sunday November 12**

Stewardship Dedication Sunday  
8:30am Worship Service, Chapel  
8:30am Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
9:40am Sunday School  
11am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12:45pm New Officer Faith Statements, Chapel  
6pm QUEST/ BASIC, TK Young

### **Monday November 13**

2pm PW Bible Moderators, Parlor  
6:30pm Evangelism, Parlor  
6:30pm Spiritual Leadership Group (Julie Markham),  
Session Rm

### **Tuesday November 14**

6:30am BASIC Prayer Breakfast, Panera Bread  
9am Men's Fellowship & Breakfast, TK Young  
9:30am Presbytery Meeting, Pinecrest  
5pm Spiritual Leadership Group, (Dennis Higdon),  
Session Rm  
5pm Worship & Music, Parlor  
6:30pm NA, TK Young  
7pm Adult Ministry, CF Suite

### **Wednesday November 15**

8am Building Committee, Harlan Rm  
9:30am Wednesday Morning Class, Harlan Rm  
5pm Spiritual Leadership Group, (Mac Coffield), Parlor  
5pm Budget & Finance, Strock Rm  
6:15pm Choir Section Rehearsal, Choir Rm  
6:30pm Men in Mid-Life, Session Rm  
6:30pm Sandwich Generation Group, Pyro's  
6:30pm Session, Harlan Rm  
7pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm

### **Thursday November 16**

5pm More Than A Meal Worship, Chapel  
5:30pm More Than A Meal, TK Young  
6:30pm AA Meeting, Conf. Rm

### **Friday November 17**

6pm Waltzing, TK Young

### **Saturday November 18**

11am Putting the Garden to Bed, Away  
1pm Carillon Concert Rehearsal, TK Young  
4pm YA, Memphis Escape Rooms  
5pm Fellowship for Young Families, Away

### **Sunday November 19**

Youth Soup-to-Go Sale  
8:30am Worship Service, Chapel  
8:30am Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
9:40am Sunday School  
10:30am New Members, Chapel  
11am Worship Service, Sanctuary  
12pm YA Lunch, Away  
12:30pm Carillon Concert  
12:30pm Children's Ministry, CF Suite  
12:30pm Spiritual Leadership Group (Julie Markham), Parlor  
4pm SK-5th Grade Gathering, Away  
5pm QUEST/ BASIC, Pump It Up

## WELCOME TO IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

You will notice that our vision statement begins and ends with “Idlewild Presbyterian Church is a community in which....all who enter might find a home.”

We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian!) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yes, in our preaching and our prayers, (and many of our newer hymns!) we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the 8:30 service, join us for Sunday School. There are lots of options. After the 11:00 service, stick around. Come to the fellowship hall for refreshments in the T.K. Young Room. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy.

There are tons of opportunities here to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

*Joyfully,*

*Pastor Steve Montgomery*

# 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.



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The mission of Idlewild Presbyterian Church is to pursue, personify, and practice as Presbyterians the good news of reconciliation and salvation in Christ through worship, education, fellowship, and outreach.

## MINISTERIAL AND PROGRAM STAFF

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