



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

IDLEWILD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 1, 2017

8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

THE GATHERING

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

(11:00) THE REVEREND REBEKAH ABEL LAMAR

HANDBELL PEAL (11:00)

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"When you are with Jesus you are inescapably in the bread business. You need bread to share because it is the work of Jesus to feed hungry people and express compassion concretely." -Walter Brueggemann

PRELUDE

PRELUDE IN B MINOR

CÉSAR FRANCK (1822 - 1890)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Welcome to this place:

where children and seasoned citizens sit side by side,
where heaven and earth embrace in peace,
where God has been, is, and always will be.

Welcome to this place, as we gather with all of God's children:

where we find God's love,
where we hear the tender voice of Jesus,
where the Spirit teaches us new songs.

Welcome to this place, where all is made ready by our God:

where we bring our hunger, and find food;
where we bring our brokenness, and find healing;
where we bring our very selves, and find acceptance.

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.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“JOY AND WONDER, LOVE AND LONGING”

Mary Louise Bringle

IN BABILONE



1. Joy and won - der, love and long - ing, draw us to this
2. Iv - 'ry of the stone ground flo - ur, am - ber of the
3. Red of gar - nets, ru - bies, ro - ses, glis - tens in the
4. Like the co - lours of the rain - bow all re - fract - ing



fes - tive day, Ju - bi - lee of trans - form - a - tion.
grow - ing wheat, God of loaves, fresh - baked and fra - grant,
cup we lift. Wine be - comes the blood of heal - ing
from one light, Gen - ders, ra - ces, tribes, and na - tions



Op - en wide our eyes, we pray: Like dis - cip - les
where earth's bread and heav - en meet; Christ's own bo - dy,
shed as life's most pre - cious gift. Scar - let as the
ga - thers at this ho - ly rite, Where the hun - gry



gone be - fore us, grant us, gra - cious God, to see
bless'd and bro - ken, now in - vites us to the feast
pom - e - gra - nite, crim - son as the mor - ning skies,
and the thir - sting taste from God's a - bun - dant store,



In the em - blems of this ban - quet
Con - se - cra - ted on the tab - le
Christ as seed and fruit and flo - wer
And the Son's self - emp - tying splen - dor



sha - dings of your my - ste - ry.
fur - nish'd by the great High Priest.
lives to die, and dies to rise.
fills our hearts for - e - ver - more.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of every tongue and nation, have mercy on us.

When we see you as only a God-for-us, clear our clouded sight.

Give us eyes to see your presence in those much like us
and those bearing no resemblance at all.

God of every tongue and nation, have mercy on us.

When we see you as only a God-for-our-nation, clear our misguided minds.

Give us eyes to see your presence in peoples we will never meet
and lands we will never visit.

*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.*

God of every tongue and nation, have mercy on us.

Open our eyes to see that the whole world is held closely
in your loving hands.

(silent prayer and meditation)

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE



*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

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



TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH (11:00)

MS. CAITLIN C. BOMAR

THE LORD'S PRAYER

WELCOME AND CELEBRATIONS

THE REVEREND DR. STEPHEN R. MONTGOMERY

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.

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).

C3 is in the library for PK and JK children. Children in senior kindergarten and older are welcome to come up for the Time with the Younger Church, but stay in the sanctuary for the entirety of the worship service.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical materials in a mainline North American hymnal.

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

*PROCLAMATION HYMN NO. 317

"IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST"

MC KEE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

DR. MONTGOMERY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ACTS 10: 34-43

(PAGE 129, NT, PEW BIBLE)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

TAKE THE NEXT STEP:
ROOM AT THE TABLE

DR. MONTGOMERY

(Second in a sermon series on "Take the Next Step," our stewardship theme.)

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

DR. JESS WESBERRY

TAKE THE NEXT STEP

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS, TITHES, AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

(8:30)

"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

HAROLD FRIEDEL (1905 - 1958)

George Ensminger, soloist

(11:00)

"DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER"

HAROLD FRIEDEL (1905 - 1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether; for when humbly, in thy name,
Two or three are met together, thou art in the midst of them:
Alleluya! Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup,
Then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Alleluya! Alleluya! So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make us sacraments of thee,
That be caring, helping, giving, we may true disciples be.
Alleluya! Alleluya! We will serve thee faithfully.

- Percy Dearmer (1867 - 1936)

*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!

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

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

MS. APPLE

THE REVEREND MARGARET BURNETT

WORDS OF INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION (11:00)

ECCE QUAM BONUM

RICHARD PROULX (1937-2010)

Ecce quam bonum et quam jucundum habitare fratres in unum.

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is, when friends live together in unity.

Such unity is fragrant as the precious oil poured out upon the head

and falling down over the head of Aaron, down to the collar of his robes.

Such unity is plentiful as the dew of Mount Hermon, descending upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord bestows his blessing, and life forevermore.

-Psalm 133

PRAYER

***RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 526**

“LET US TALENTS AND TONGUES EMPLOY”

LINSTEAD

***BENEDICTION**

DR. MONTGOMERY

POSTLUDE

TRUMPET TUNE

MICHAEL MCCABE (1939 - 2015)

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.

This "communion calypso" (as the author called it) affirms the continuing presence of Christ both in the sacramental meal and in the lives of Christians. Because this hymn text was written to fit a pre-existing tune, it has a rather telegraphic style that encourages pondering.

WORSHIP NOTICES

The Sanctuary flowers are given today to the glory of God and in memory of David Ragland Davis and Scott Ragland Davis, by Adrienne Davis.

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, or search for "Idlewild" in the Livestream phone or Roku app. You can also listen on WREC-AM 600 or at www.600wrec.com, or use the iHeartRadio app.

Please know that, 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 for news, events and more. If you're not on the web, call the church office at 726-4681.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

First Sunday Lunch will be served today in the T.K. Young Room at 12:15. The cost is \$8 adult, \$5 child, \$25 family max. Visitors are invited to be our guests.

Members in the hospital as of September 27: Gladney Gray McCann and E.J. Baird.

A congregational meeting has been called for Sunday, Oct. 8, following the 11:00 service. The Nominations Committee will present the names for election for the class of 2020 to the Session and Diaconate.

Giving sanctuary flowers is a special way to honor a loved one. If you would like to give flowers, please contact Buff Adams at 818-5567, 834-0479, or mredbirds@gmail.com.

PASTORAL CARE & EVANGELISM

Unless otherwise noted, contact Anne Apple, 726-4681 ext. 18 or anne@idlewildchurch.org.

Join us for Idlewild @ Muddy's Midtown Tuesday, October 17, 6:00-7:00 p.m. for an informal gathering to discuss Idlewild and how to connect (and have cupcakes!). For more info contact Tina McMinn at tina.mcminn@gmail.com

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

"Do you love me? Tend my sheep..." (John 21:16). The next Blood Drive will be next Sunday, October 8. Lifeblood's traveling Blood Mobile will be on-site from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., allowing us to host this fall's blood drive despite the construction. Due to the limited size of the Blood Mobile, we won't be able to take walk-ups this time around. If you would like to "give back" to our community in this most vital way, please sign up in the hallway this morning, or email Julie Markham at Julie.A.Markham@gmail.com. "What can I give him, poor as I am? Give him my heart..."

CREATIVE PLAY AND RECREATION MINISTRY

Jacob Pierce, 725-4165 or jpierce@idlewildchurch.org.

Shari Gross, 725-4165 or sgross@idlewildchurch.org.

NaCoMe All-Church Camp, October 13-15, is a time to unplug from urban life—to connect deeply with God, self, others, and nature. There will be opportunities for creative play, joyful fellowship, faithful commitment to health and wholeness. Everyone is encouraged to attend—young, old, single, families. There is a sign up table in the hallway before and after the 11:00 service on Sundays. For more information please contact Shari Gross at 371-7840 or sgross@idlewildchurch.org. You can register and pay a deposit online at www.idlewildchurch.org/recreation. Today is the deadline to register.

There'll be fun and treats for kids of all ages at our Trunk or Treat Halloween Carnival on Monday, October 30, in the Evergreen parking lot. Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church is joining Idlewild in hosting this event. In addition to trunks full of candy for the little critters, there will be a cakewalk, face painting, carnival games and more! Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.; \$8 for adults and \$5 children. The Carnival is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Children should wear their Halloween costumes and bring a bag for treats.

Donations of bagged candy would be appreciated for Trunk or Treat, as well as cakes for the cakewalk. Volunteers are needed for setup, carnival games, and cleanup. Sign-up sheets will be available on Sundays in the T.K. Young hallway throughout October. For more information contact Katie McLeod at kmcleod901@gmail.com.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Times and locations of the next circle meetings:

Abigail: 12:00 p.m., Oct. 3, Pat Neely, host
(2891 Garden Lane, 38111)

Lydia Ruth: 10:30 a.m., Oct. 3, Lisa Street, host
(1060 Island Dr. 38103)

Mary Magdalene: 11:00 a.m., Oct. 3,
(Church Parlor)

Rebekah: 10:30 a.m., Oct. 3, Mary Lou McCaa, host
(5394 Collingwood Cv., 38120)

Hope Circle: 4:30 p.m., Oct. 3, 10, 17, 14
(Church Session Room)

Trezevant Circle: 10:30 a.m., Thurs., Oct.5

Join the Hope Circle (a pop-up circle for Presbyterian Women) on Tuesdays in October, beginning on October 3, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Session Room. Explore a spiritual discussion of "Being in the Now," led by Katie Cole and Stephanie Rodda. Please contact Katie Cole with questions or to sign-up at katielxs@aol.com or 371-7951.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or rlamar@idlewildchurch.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Frank Kelly, 337-0159 or fkelly@idlewildchurch.org.

QUEST (grades 6-8) will meet at Idlewild today from 6:00 to 7:30. "You scream! I scream! We all scream for ice cream!" Youth will eat ice cream for dinner (yes, you read that correctly) with a program following dinner. Youth, please bring your favorite ice cream topping to share with the group.

BASIC (grades 9-12) will meet today at the home of Frank and Angela Kelly (19 So. Century St.) from 6:00 to 7:30 for a cookout and bonfire. Look for a balloon tied to the railing on their front porch.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Caitlin C. Bomar, 726-4681 ext. 33 or cbomar@idlewildchurch.org.

NaCoMe - Last day to register!

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

MIFA Fall Family Service Day—Come to MIFA on Saturday, October 21, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to help pack food for our elderly neighbors in need. The service day is geared towards families with children ages 6-13, but older and younger children are of course welcome.

Many of the elderly neighbors MIFA serves through Meals on Wheels lack either access to transportation or the resources to shop for groceries to keep on hand at home. Beyond the weekday hot meals MIFA serves those seniors, they also periodically deliver shelf stable supplemental meals for them to have as backup or in case of inclement weather. Please RSVP to Dorothy McClure at dmclure@mifa.org.

Monthly Fellowship Opportunity for Families of SK-5th Graders—A fellowship opportunity for families with at least one child in SK-5th grade is held every month. This month's gathering will be hosted by John Feild on Saturday, October 21, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at 1291 E Winchester Blvd., Collierville 38017. There is no agenda other than to build community with one another amidst the busyness of raising children. Please RSVP by October 16. (If you would like to host in March, please let Caitlin know!)

Monthly Fellowship Opportunity for Young Families

A fellowship opportunity for families with at least one child who is JK (4 yrs. old) or younger is held every month. This month's gathering will be hosted by Whitney and Kevin Getman on Saturday, October 28, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at 5665 Redding Road, 38120. This is a Halloween-themed gathering, so come dressed in your favorite costume! Older siblings are welcome. Kindly RSVP by October 23.

Children's Choir—The SK-2nd grade children's choir led by Mary Jane Claassen will be singing in worship on Sunday, October 22. We hope you can come to show your support to these children as they help lead us in worship by making a joyful noise!

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ADULT MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Rebekah Abel Lamar, 726-4681 ext. 46 or rlamar@idlewildchurch.org.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES—OCTOBER 8

If you would like more detailed information on Sunday morning church school please visit www.idlewildchurch.org.

Christian Parenting of Young Children: Nurturing the Soul of Your Family (T.K. Young, Stage) Nurturing Your Marriage (Led by Jim and Anne H.K. Apple)

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) Exodus (Led by Dr. Steven Parrish, Professor of Old Testament, Memphis Theological Seminary)

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

Stephen (Session Room) *March*, by Geraldine Brooks (Facilitated by Susan Callison)

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

OUTREACH MINISTRY

Unless otherwise noted, contact Sara Dorrien-Christians, 726-4681 ext. 42 or 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.

Our clean water mission team is in Ghana until October 3, to install a water purification system. This will be the eighth system installed by a group from Idlewild since 2006—a long-term project that has involved a total of 21 Idlewild members. Members of this year's team are Forrest and Shari Gross, Jim Levernier, and Steve and Chalmers Valentine.

This trip is especially poignant for the team, as they will be joined by instructors from Living Waters for the World and tasked with training their Ghanaian partners to train others. The shift will not only empower the communities we work with in Ghana but will make the systems more sustainable, ultimately granting clean water access to more people.

This is sacred work, sustained not only by those who will be traveling to Ghana, but by those who pray for them, our Ghanaian partners, and the fruit of their labor. Please join us in prayer. You can follow Steve Valentine's blog (Valentinepw2017.blogspot.com) as he chronicles the team's experiences.

Midtown Legal Clinic – On Saturday, Oct., 21, from 10:00 a.m. until noon, Idlewild will be hosting the Midtown civil legal clinic in collaboration with Memphis Area Legal Services. Volunteer attorneys and paralegals will offer advice and counsel to members of our community who need assistance with civil (not criminal) legal problems. What this means in practical terms is that individuals with civil, but not criminal, legal problems will come in to Idlewild to meet with attorneys and paralegals for help. Common areas for legal advice include housing issues, veterans issues, child support, child custody, driver's license revocations, expungements, debt collection issues, wills, powers of attorney, debt collection judgments, bankruptcy, and consumer issues such as title/payday loans. If you are an attorney or paralegal and want to volunteer, please let us know soon! This does qualify for CLE hours. Volunteer hours are 9:00 to 1:00 Saturday, October, 21. Attorneys and paralegals contact David Bell, midtownlegalclinic@gmail.com; lay volunteers contact Minna Glenn, minnat@comcast.net; all other questions contact Bruce Webber, brucewebber@earthlink.net. Spread the word! For more details about the clinic and how it works, visit www.idlewildchurch.org/specialevents. This is not an evangelical event. People of all faiths are welcome.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Over 80 years ago, on November 1, 1936, World-Wide Communion Day was born. A group of ministers had met the previous winter to study the spiritual needs and possibilities of the church during the dark days of the Great Depression. In the Lord's Supper they saw a great opportunity to unite Christians. In 1937 the date of World-Wide Communion Sunday was changed to the first Sunday in October, where it has remained. The word "wide" has since been dropped from the name, giving us the present observance of World Communion Sunday. The day remains as it began: "A great opportunity to unite the membership in dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ." People from the four corners of the world gather together to answer Christ's invitation, "This do in remembrance of me."

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

During this Season of Peace, our thoughts turn to the meaning of peace and how, through Christ, we can nurture it inside ourselves and out in the world. Yet, to understand the value of peace, we must also understand the cost of conflict, and the many forms it can take.

Conflict can be individual: 1 in 4 U.S. students reports being bullied at school.

Conflict can be collective: Up to 70% of women experience violence in their lifetimes.

Conflict can be domestic: 1 in 3 women has been the victim of violence at the hands of an intimate partner; 1 in 4 children have been physically abused.

Conflict can be international: Conflict and political violence is on the rise in 48 countries.

Conflict can be historical: Structural racism creates long-term deficits of opportunity.

Conflict can be contemporary: Human trafficking and forced labor affect 3 of every 1,000 people in the world today.

To help address these diverse challenges, the Peace & Global Witness Offering supports a range of ministries devoted to peacemaking and reconciliation. This includes bearing witness in communities of conflict around the world, hosting education programs to raise awareness, driving local peacemaking efforts, offering catalyst support to our mission co-workers, and much more.

When you give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering your true gift is the peace of Christ, for all of God's children. With each gift, we can begin to create a world of peace—together. Please give generously through your congregation, text PEACE to 20222 to give \$10, presbyterianmission.org/give/peace-global.

KEEP OUR CHURCH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Each week we invite you to pray for our church.

This week's prayers are for...

- Prayers for our connections with our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world on this World Communion Sunday. In particular, we pray for our sister churches with whom we are in mission in Ghana, Cuba, and New Mexico.
- Prayers for all those who help to prepare, set, and serve communion weekly at 8:30 a.m. and monthly at 11:00 a.m. so that we all may be nourished by this meal and prepared to serve Christ in the world.
- Thanksgiving for the new building plans and the work that has been done to reconcile the scope and budget.
- Thanksgiving for a smooth transition of staff, programs, and equipment into the sanctuary building during the renovation.

2017 DEACONS

Class of 2017

*Buff Adams
Delois Cunningham
Andrew Falls
Will Gibbons
Forrest Gross
Kathy James
Catie Jane Myers
Bob Spencer
Joellyn Sullivan
Nancy Toma
Cheryl Westlake*

Class of 2018

*Will Adams
Debbie Brooks
Alan Glenn
Katie McLeod
Julie Markham
Jamie Moore
Kristen Murphy
Mary Muscari
Betty Nelson
Julie Raines
Nate Taylor
Ben Wescott*

Class of 2019

*Mills Barbee
Jeanne Marie Cummings
Sarah Haygood
Adam Henson
Catherine Higdon
Melissa Peeler
Alicia Powers
Jay Tayloe
Mike West
Mike Willimas
Gib Wilson
Anna Witte*

2017 RULING ELDERS

Class of 2017

*Lynda Freeland
Dennis Higdon
Bob Llewellyn
Cindy Moore
Sarah Prosser
Mitchell Redd
Tom Roehm
Anne Bradley Thomas
Jess Wesberry
D.C. Cummings, youth
Jenna Joshi, youth*

Class of 2018

*Doug Alrutz
Jeff Emerson
Alyce Haynes
Karen Matthews
Pat Neely
John Pickens
Thad Rodda
Jan Wardle
Bruce Webber*

Class of 2019

*Ed Apple
Richard Baer
Barron Boyd
Mac Coffield
Lane Faughnan
Ellis Haddad
Nicole Joshi
Elizabeth Rouse
Nancy Thompson*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

The calendar is online at www.idlewildchurch.org/fullcalendar.

World Communion Sunday October 1

Peace and Global Witness Offering
Ghana Mission Trip
8:30am *Worship Service, Chapel*
8:30am *Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*
9:40am *Sunday School*
11am *Worship Service, Sanctuary*
12pm *First Sunday Lunch, TK Young*
12:30pm *SK & First Grade Communion Workshop, CE Office/Strock Rm*
6pm *BASIC Cookout, Away*
6pm *QUEST, TK Young*

Monday October 2

Ghana Mission Trip
6pm *Congregational Care, Conf. Rm*

Tuesday October 3

Ghana Mission Trip
6:30am *BASIC Prayer Breakfast, Panera Bread*
10:30am *Lydia Ruth Circle, Away*
10:30am *Rebekah Circle, Away*
11am *Mary Magdalene Circle, Parlor*
4:30pm *Hope Circle, Session Rm*
5:30pm *Girl Scouts*
6:30pm *NA, TK Young*

Wednesday October 4

8:30am *OLT, CAFE*
9:30am *Wednesday Morning Class, Harlan Rm*
5pm *Nominations, Session Rm*
5:30pm *Stewardship, Parlor*
6:15pm *Choir Section Rehearsal, Choir Rm*
6:30pm *Men in Mid-Life, Session Rm*
6:30pm *Women's ChristCare Group, Away*
7pm *Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm*

Thursday October 5

10am *Thursday Morning Bible Study, Trezevant*
10:30am *Trezevant Circle*
2pm *Idlewild Book Club, Parlor*
5pm *More Than A Meal Worship, Chapel*
5:30pm *More Than A Meal, TK Young*
6:30pm *AA Meeting, Conf. Rm*

Sunday October 8

8am *Blood Drive*
8:30am *Worship Service, Chapel*
8:30am *Handbell Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary*
9:40am *Sunday School*
11am *Worship Service, Sanctuary*
12pm *Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary*
1:30pm *Spiritual Leadership Group (Barron Boyd), Session Rm*

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 and be our guest at First Sunday Lunch. 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 ...

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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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.

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