

MORNING WORSHIP
EIGHT THIRTY AND ELEVEN O’CLOCK

Worship begins when the first worshiper arrives. Please worship silently during the prelude. Please do not photograph or videotape the worship service. Remember to turn off your cell phone.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Preparation for Worship

“Think of us in this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God’s mysteries.” (I Corinthians 4:1)

The Gathering (8:30) The Reverend Casey Thompson
(11:00) Ms. Corinne Nienhuis

Prelude *Organ Book* Louis Nicolas de Clérambault
Grand Plein Jeu (large Full Organ)
Récit de Cromhorne et de Cornet séparé en Dialogue
(Recitative for the Cromhorn and Cornet in Dialogue)

Introit (11:00) Psalm 8 “How Glorious Is Your Name” Rory Cooney
Steven Albart, cantor



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***Call to Worship**

One: O God, you summon the day to dawn,
you teach the morning to waken the earth.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: Your love and mercy shall last forever,
fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.

All: Great is your name. Great is your love.

One: Let us worship God.

***Processional Hymn** No. 263 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ST. DENIO

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

One: O God of wisdom, there are many things we do not
understand, but we always have a ready answer when asked.

**All: There are many things about us which we cannot deny,
but we are quick to defend ourselves.**

One: We speak wisely in order to appear wise.

**All: We pretend to see the big picture
in order to appear far-sighted.**

One: We masquerade as all-knowing in order to appear intelligent.

**All: Forgive our self-deception and show us wisdom
which only you can forgive.**

**Grant that your Holy Spirit will teach us
all that we need to know.**

One: Hear our private prayers of confession.

Period of silent confession.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Congregational Response Hymn** No. 466
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (stanza 3) AZMON

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ’s blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ’s blood availed for me.**

***Passing the Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you!

PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

Gathering Hymn “Tell Me the Stories of Jesus” (stanza 1)

**Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;
Scenes by the way-side, Tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, Tell them to me.**

Time with the Younger Church Ms. Elizabeth Houston

Dedication of Teachers and Disciple Bible Study Participants

Welcome and Celebrations of the Church

The Reverend Dr. Stephen R. Montgomery

***Proclamation Hymn** No. 270 “O God, in a Mysterious Way” DUNDEE

Prayer for Illumination Dr. Montgomery

New Testament Lesson: I Corinthians 4:1–5 (Page 168 NT, Pew Bible)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: What Does It Mean to be Stewards of the Mysteries of God?

Dr. Montgomery

*(Fifth in the series Questions from the Floor II,
addressing topics suggested by the congregation)*

A brief period of silence.

RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

Choral Response (11:00) “May the Mystery of God Enfold Us” Andrew Carter

*May the mystery of God enfold us,
May the wisdom of God uphold us,
May the fragrance of God be around us,
May the brightness of God surround us,
May the wonder of God renew us,
May the loving of God flow through us,
May the peace of God deeply move us,
May the moving of God
Bring us peace. (The Arohanui Blessing)*

***Affirmation of Faith** Mr. Thompson

**We believe in one true and living God.
We acknowledge one God alone,
whose demands on us are absolute,
whose help for us is sufficient.
That One is the Lord,
whom we worship, serve, and love.**

God is greater than our understanding.

We do not fully comprehend who God is or how he works.

God's reality far exceeds all our words can say.

The Lord's requirements are not always what we think is best.

The Lord's care for us is not always what we want.

God comes to us on his own terms

and is able to do far more than we ask or think.

We praise and enjoy God.

To worship God is highest joy.

To serve God is perfect freedom. (from *A Declaration of Faith*)

Prayers of the People Mr. Thompson

Presentation of Gifts, Tithes, and Offerings

Offertory

(8:30) “The Play of the Godhead” Text by Mary Louis Bringle
Steven Albart, soloist Music by William Rowan

(11:00) “Sanctus” Charles Gounod
Idlewild Adult Choir
Steven Albart, soloist

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Holy, Holy, Holy,
Domine Deus Sabaoth. Lord God of Hosts.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra Gloria tua. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna in excelsis. Hosanna in the highest.

***Doxology with Alleluias** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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!

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (8:30)

Words of Invitation

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer

***Hymn of Dedication** No. 354 “Guide My Feet” GUIDE MY FEET

Benediction Dr. Montgomery

***Choral Response** No. 432 “Song of Hope” ARGENTINA

Postlude

Organ Book Louis Nicolas de Clérambault
Dialogue sur les Grands Jeux (Dialogue on the Full Organ)

**Those who are able, please stand.*

The 11:00 service is broadcast live on WREC-AM 600 and www.wreclradio.com.

CONGREGATIONAL NOTICES

The **Sanctuary flowers** are given today to the glory of God from the members of the Arts and Theology ChristCare group.

Member in the hospital as of September 8: Adrienne Davis.

Dedication of church school teachers will take place during the 11:00 worship service today. We are grateful for all the wonderful teachers of children, youth and adults.

OWLS (*Older, Wiser, Livelier Seniors*) will gather Tuesday, September 14 at 11:30 in the T.K. Young Room. Ken Jack will speak on "I Am a Volunteer at the Memphis Union Mission." Lunch will follow. For more details call Regina Benson at 458-2970.

Come, gather at the WELL! All Wednesday Evenings Living and Learning (WELL) programs begin on September 15, with something for everyone and all ages. WELL dinner is served 5:30–6:15 in the T.K. Young Room. Dinner cost is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children, maximum of \$20 per family. Primary and Junior Choirs are at 5:00. All programs last until 7:30. Call the church office, 726-4681, to make dinner reservations for you and your family. (See the WELL brochure for program information and schedules.)

Chimes deadline for the October issue is Thursday, September 16. Submit church news to Ginny Moore, gmoore@idlewildchurch.org.

New members will be received by the Session next Sunday, September 19, at 10:40 a.m. in the Chapel. If you would like to become a member of Idlewild Presbyterian Church, please see the minister standing by the piano in the front of the Sanctuary after today's service and inform him/her of your wish to join. If you have questions or need more information call Jo Ann Acuff, membership secretary, at 726-4681.

Inquirers Class is for persons who want to know more about Idlewild Presbyterian Church or may be considering membership. The four-week series begins September 19, with Sunday morning classes, 9:40–10:40, in Room 301W. To sign up contact Josh and Lisa Lawhead at 251-6808 or llawhead@gmail.com.

Come join Melanie and Sam Stewart September 15, as they lead the Wednesday evening WELL ChristCare Movie Group in the ChristCare room from 6:15 to 7:30. The first meeting will be a brainstorming session - bring your creativity and imagination!

NaCoMe Family Camp is October 8-10. Enjoy a play-filled weekend for the child in all of us—shaped by wildly creative Dr. Seuss stories! Come see what the Grinch, Truffala Trees, and Horton can teach us all about being disciples. Sign up this morning outside the T.K. Young Room. Registration continues through Sept. 26. For more details please call Katherine Baldwin, 780-5389.

Join the choir! Adult Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00. Contact Ted Gibboney at gibboney@idlewildchurch.org or 726-4681 ext 12.

Sanctuary flowers are needed. If you would like to give flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact Buff Adams, mredbirds@bellsouth.net or 818-5567.

We are connected in the Holy Spirit when we pray for our brothers and sisters in our presbytery, our communities, and our world. This week, please remember Living Waters for the World and the Presbyterian Black Caucus.

Confidential prayer requests can be made by calling the church prayer chain at 683-6578, or by filling out the card from the pew rack.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN GATHERING

The **Presbyterian Women** fall gathering is Tuesday, September 21. This year's Bible study will be introduced by Mary Allison Cates. Journeys Through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today by Barbara R. Rossing will lead us to a new understanding of this New Testament book. The gathering begins at 10:30 in the T.K. Young Room, with lunch to follow.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Helpers are needed for Children's Church Continued, the program for preschool age children during the 11:00 worship service. There will be sign up sheets in the hallway on Sunday, September 12 and 19.

Primary and Junior Choirs (grades 1-6) begin rehearsals this Wednesday at 5:00. In addition to leading us in worship monthly, the group will have a project for the new Memphis Symphony Orchestra conductor, Mei-Ann Chen. It looks to be a great year!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Contact Frank Kelly, 337-0159 or fkelly@idlewildchurch.org for information.

Junior High (QUEST grades 7-8) meet 4:30-6:15 today in the Wrenn Room. Please bring shoes to run around in. (Parents: Please do not bring your child to the church prior to 4:30 p.m. All QUEST youth must be picked up promptly at 6:15.)

Senior High (BASIC grades 9-12) meet 6:00-7:30 today in the Wrenn Room for the very first session of Win It in A Minute—yes, it's very much like the TV show (but with other prizes, not money). Let's see what kind of skills folks have!

Attention, parents! If you are the parent of a junior or senior high youth, please find Frank Kelly in the T.K. Young Room today to sign up to serve dinners this semester. If you're not a youth parent but would like to help, let Frank know. We are always looking for folks to provide our youth with good food!

NEXT WEEK'S ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

September 19, 9:40–10:40 a.m.

A Covenant Conversation (302W) Jesus in Context: A Focus on Mark (Kendra Hotz).

Covenanters (106W) *Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: What We Have in Common and How We Differ* (Denton McLellan).

John Knox (Conf. Room) *Standing on the Promises or Sitting on the Premises?* by James W. Moore (Christy Hasselle and Ken Pfohl).

LeMaster (114E) The Book of Ephesians (Lewis Donelson).

Pathfinders (303W) Family Caregivers and the Bible: It's Not Just Inspirational.

Peacemakers (Harlan Room) Same-Sex Marriage in a Christian Context (Walt Tennyson, Rhodes College).

Stephen (306W) Dostoevsky, *Crime and Punishment* (Jim Cole).

Timothy (Strock Room) Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today (Mitzi Minor, Memphis Theological Seminary).



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Questions from the Floor

“WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD?”



Idlewild Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We welcome our visitors this morning. If you are without a church home in Memphis, we invite you to join the Idlewild family. Please indicate your presence on the Friendship Roster. For more information about the life and ministries of Idlewild Church please come to the front of the church following the eleven o'clock service to visit with Idlewild clergy, and then join us for coffee in the T.K. Young Room. For your convenience, cards with information about us are also located in the pew racks.

Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in our entire worship service. Worship packs for children are available at the west Sanctuary door. Time with the Younger Church is a special part of our service during which young children are invited to come to the front of the Sanctuary. Following the Time with the Younger Church in the 11:00 service, children kindergarten age and younger may go to Children's Church Continued. During the Welcome and Celebrations of the Church, parents may escort their children to the second floor of the Jones Building and sign them in. Children are to be picked up immediately following the service.

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.