

**OUR CHURCH TODAY**

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes for all age groups  
 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2)  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary  
 12:30 p.m. New Members' Luncheon, Fellowship Hall  
 3:45 p.m. Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Matt Mullinix  
 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades) rehearsal, Choir Rm.  
 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship Service, sanctuary  
 6:30 p.m. **Care Group #10 (R. Mullinix)** (Deacons: A. Gibson, P. Schenk and M. Mullinix) Set up/Clean up for supper  
 6:45 p.m. Thanksgiving meal, Fellowship Hall  
 \$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 Children (2 years old to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), \$4.00 High School and College; \$16.00 maximum per family  
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal (2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade), Choir Rm.  
 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 NOVEMBER 27

~ IT WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 4, 2019.

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 11:00 a.m. and ends sometime after noon.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS**

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our parents, *James and Elizabeth McIntire*, by *Cornelia Hartridge, Elizabeth Rogers, James McIntire, Jr.*, and *Lucy Hitch*.

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

During this morning's worship service, we will be receiving new members from our Fall Inquirers' class. We are delighted to have them become members of our congregation. Please extend to them your hand of greeting and fellowship. There will be a New Members' Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the morning service.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be observed this evening. The Thanksgiving theme is being included in our regular evening service and will be followed by a Thanksgiving meal. Let's remember together the blessings of God that we have received as families, as a church, and as a nation.

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. William Daniell Smith*, who were united in marriage on Wednesday, November 13. Mrs. Smith is the former Miss Laura Dantin.

**BIRTH**

The red rose in the silver trumpet today is given in honor of the birth of *Grace Verity Poppell* born Sunday, November 17, 2019, the daughter of *Mr. and Mrs. Josh W. Poppell (Elizabeth)*.

**PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 6, 11:30 a.m., at the Savannah Golf Club, 1661 E. President Street. This year our devotion will be presented by Rev. Dan Iverson, PCA missionary to Japan. Our music will be the Veritas 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, led by Mrs. Denise Winks. The cost will be \$15.00 per person (make checks payable to IPC noting "PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon" on the memo line.) The deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 1. Fill out the slip below or you can call the church office, 236-3346.

**PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

- Yes, I/we wish to attend the PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon on December 6. Enclosed is a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_. (\$15 per person)
- I will pay at a later date, but please make a reservation for me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

**The Pastoral & Educational Staff**

Terry L. Johnson.....Senior Minister.....421-8100  
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**Church Office**

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**Worship at IPC**

- Thank you for turning off cell phones during the worship service.
- 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](http://www.ipcsav.org), or at [www.SermonAudio.com/ipcsav](http://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 to 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 collection.

**For Prayer & Participation This Week**

Mon, Nov. 25 1:00 p.m. Sewing Class, Fellowship Hall  
 3:00 p.m. Smocking Class, Fellowship Hall  
 Tues, Nov. 26 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall  
 8:30 a.m. Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs  
 10:00 a.m. No Women's Bible Study today  
 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.  
 Wed, Nov. 27 10:45 a.m. No Women's Intercessor Group  
 11:45 a.m. No Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall  
 6:30 p.m. No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.  
 6:30 p.m. No High School Dinner  
 7:00 p.m. No High School Fellowship  
 9:00 p.m. No RUF  
 Thurs, Nov. 28 7:00 p.m. Church office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday  
 No Careers tonight  
 Fri, Nov. 29 Church office closed in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday;  
 reopens on Monday, December 2, at 8:30 a.m.  
 Sat, Nov 30 9:30 a.m. No College Coffee and Fellowship at the Gears' home

**Coming Events**

Dec. 1 The Lord's Supper, PM service  
 Dec. 2 Session/Diaconate Meeting and Oyster Roast at Point Pleasant  
 Dec. 6 PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon at the Savannah Golf Club, 1661 E. President St., 11:30 a.m.

**MINISTERIAL UPDATE**

Rev. Gear will be preaching at New Covenant Presbyterian Church in Richmond Hill this morning and Rev. Parrish will be preaching at Chapel-in-the-Gardens this morning.

**The Record of Our Faithfulness**

Wednesday Noon Service on 11/13/19 – 40

**November 17, 2019**

SS – 297 AM – 525 PM – 286

Historic  
**Independent Presbyterian Church**  
 of Savannah



Jennie Brownscombe's 1925 painting "Thanksgiving at Plymouth"

*By this time harvest was come, and in stead of famine, now God gave them plentie, and ye face of things was changed, to ye rejoycing of ye harts of many, for which they blessed God. And ye effect of their particuler planting was well seene, for all had, one way and other, pretty well to bring ye year aboute, and some of ye abler sorte and more industrious had to spare, and sell to oth-ers, so as any generall wante or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day."*

— William Bradford

**November 24, AD 2019**

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# THE LORD’S DAY MORNING WORSHIP ELEVEN 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

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give You humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and lovingkindness to us, and to all men. We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

## The Prelude - “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Call to Worship - “Thanks Be To Thee”

G. F. Handel

*Soloist: Dr. Timothy Foster*

Thanks be to Thee, Lord God of Hosts;  
Thou broughtest forth with mighty hand Israel safe through the sea.  
Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.  
Lord, with Thine hand tenderly in ages past Thy people hath led.  
Thanks be to Thee.

### +\* The Hymnal - #715 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

St. George’s, Windsor

### \* 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*, #98, stanza 3)

Nun Danket

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. Amen.

## The Pastoral Prayer

**The Scripture Reading** - Acts 28:1–16 (41<sup>st</sup> reading—pew Bible p. 937)  
John 15:21–25 (pew Bible p. 902)

## The Reception of New Members

### \* The Psalter - Psalm 130 (*Psalter*, p. 113)

Martyrdom

## The Prayer of Thanksgiving

## The Collection

### The Anthem - “Thanks Be to You”

Russell Nagy

(Text from Psalm 106:1, Matthew 11:28–29)

*Sanctuary Choir*

Thanks be to You, gracious Lord, for Your love forever endures.

You are good, and Your love forever endures.

Lord, surely Your love endures forever.

Seeking my way I had gone astray,

I was burdened, betrayed by my wandering heart, weighed down.

Then my Lord said, “Come to Me, all you weak and heavy-hearted,

For I am your rest, your refuge.

Take my yoke and learn of Me: I am meek and humble-hearted.

And you will find rest, will find my rest.”

Thanks be to You, gracious Lord, merciful.

You are good, and Your love forevermore endures.

Gracious Lord!

Mighty Lord!

Thanks be to You.

### \* The Doxology & Dismissal

(*Hymnal*, #733)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

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

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia! Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

“CHRISTIAN MISSION IN A HOSTILE WORLD” –2

*XCVI. Expositions of the Gospel of John*

### \* The Hymnal - #116 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dix

### \* The Benediction and Response

(sung by all)

Ein’ Feste Burg

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth. Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still; His kingdom is forever. (*Trinity Hymnal*, #92, stanza 4)

## The Postlude - “Now Thank We All Our God”

Paul Manz

\* Congregation Standing

\*\* Children’s Church: Frankie and Judy Daniell

+ Latecomers may be seated

**GREETERS–ELDERS:**

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. F. Daniell

NORTH SIDE D. Boatright

SOUTH SIDE S. Jackson

**SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:**

ELDER: S. Jackson

**GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:**

FRONT DOOR T. MacMillan

BAPTISMAL FONT D. Brown

# THE LORD’S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

## FIVE THIRTY O’CLOCK THANKSGIVING SERVICE

“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 - Hymns of Thanksgiving (see handout)*

*Announcements*

## Praise

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise*

### \* *Hymnal* - #660 “O God beyond All Praising”

Thaxted

## Confession of Sin, Pardon, and Thanksgiving

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

*Confession of National Sin*

*Assurance of Pardon*

“If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8,9)

“If my people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray, and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

*Affirmation of Faith - The Heidelberg Catechism* (1563) – Lord’s Day 7

### Q. 21 What is true faith?

True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His Word; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit works in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These gifts are purely of grace, only because of Christ’s merit. (*Psalter Hymnal*, p. 875).

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*Collection* - “Come Ye Thankful, Gather Together”

Sondra Tucker

*Handbell Choir*

## Provision for Life and Growth

*Intercessory Prayer*

### \* *Hymnal* - #714 “We Plow the Fields”

Wir Pflügen

### \* *Prayer of Illumination*

*Scripture & Sermon* - Genesis 1–3 (pew Bible pp. 1–3)

Mr. Shaw

“THANKSGIVING”

## Thanksgiving and Blessing

### \* *Psalter* - Psalm 115:1–5, 12–18 (*Psalter*, p. 98-99)

Dix

### \* *Benediction and Response*

(*sung by all*)

Materna

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress

A thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!

America, America! God mend thine every flaw

Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

*Postlude*

\* Congregation Standing