# Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah



Heritage Sunday
February 13, AD 2022
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About Today's Service

On June 3, 1755, forty-three freeholders petitioned a Council in Savannah for a grant of land to be used as a site for a church meeting house. They identified themselves as "Dissenters from the Church of England and Professors of the Doctrines of the Church of Scotland, agreable (sic) to the Westminster Confession of Faith." Many were Scots. Some were probably English Presbyterians and Congregationalists. Rev. John Zubly, first pastor of the church, complained of the "Scotch Presbyterians" who "effect a Difference between Presbyterianism and my people, whom they call Dissenters" (see Splendor of Grace, p. 23). Currently "destitute of a House to meet in to worship God according to the Form of their Profession," they agreed to build such a House at their own expense if the land were given. Seven months later, on January 16, 1756, the grant was approved according to the terms to be read in the proclamation this morning, requiring that the Meeting House be erected within three years, and the payment of "one peppercorn," annually, "if demanded." This year marks the 267th anniversary of the presenting of the petition.

We note the main concern of the petitioners: the want of a place in which they might "worship God according to the form of their Profession." Such apparently was not to be found in the two existing congregations: Christ Church and the Lutheran Church of the Ascension. What is the "form" to which they refer? We have no certain knowledge of the precise form of worship employed by the "dissenting" brethren of that time. Probably the basic outline would have been that of the Westminster Assembly's Directory of Worship, with several alterations resulting from the strong current of anti-liturgicalism of the day. First, the Creed, though twice voted into the Directory, was for some reason omitted from its final form, and would not have been used. Second, the Lord's Prayer, though commended by the Directory, would probably have been omitted. Third, the Scripture reading would have been considerably reduced because of opposition to an extended "dumb reading," that is, Scripture reading unaccompanied by explanation.

The Westminster Assembly's Directory

What is the Directory of which we speak? The same assembly of Puritan divines that produced the Westminster Confession of Faith with its Larger and Shorter Catechisms also produced The Westminster Directory for the Publique Worship of God (1644). This lesser known work was designed to replace the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer (1559). "Long and sad experience," they said, had shown that the old prayer book was a constant source of trouble. Its liturgical rigidity (permitting no prayers but those given) and questionable particulars (vestiges of the Roman mass) unnecessarily burdened the conscience of many "sundry good Christians." Thus a directory, not a liturgy, was written, outlining the main headings of worship and general directions to ministers, but allowing within that framework the exercise of individual gifts, such as extemporaneous prayer. Sometimes called the only liturgy to consist entirely of rubrics, the Directory was adopted by Parliament for the kingdoms of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and by the General Assembly of the church of Scotland (both 1645). Bard Thompson calls it "a monumental effort to comprehend the virtues of form and freedom." Still today the *Directory* provides an outstanding guide to worship "according to Scripture." The service is simple, encouraging a full diet of substantial prayer, lectio continua Bible reading, confession of sin, the singing of Psalms, sequential expository Bible preaching, the Lord's Prayer (its only fixed form), and a spirit of holy reverence throughout. Charles W. Baird urged in 1855, "a more strict adherence to the prescribed order of the Directory of Worship" believing it would result in vast improvement in the Presbyterian worship of his day. What was true then remains true now.

# Proclamation

George the Second, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith and so forth, greetings:

Know ye that we of our special grace, certain knowledge, and mere motion to give and grant unto Jonathan Bryan and James Edward Powell, Esq. and Robert Bolton, James Miller, Joseph Gibbons, William Gibbons, Benjamin Farley, William Wright, David Fox the younger and John Fox, all that public lot in the town of Savannah in our Province of Georgia, known by the letter "K" and situated in Deckers Ward. To have and to hold the said privileges, and appurtenances whatsoever yielding and paying therefore unto us, our heirs and successors, yearly and every year one peppercorn if demanded. In trust, nevertheless, that a place of public worship for the service of Almighty God be thereupon erected and built for the use and benefit of such of our loving subjects now residing within the district of Savannah and are or shall be professors of the Doctrines of the Church of Scotland. Given under the Broad Seal of our Province of Georgia, the sixteenth day of January in the year of our Lord, 1756, and in the twenty-ninth year of our Reign.

-George II, Rex

# THE LORD'S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

SANCTUARY ~ 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 Piping on the Green

Mr. David Crampton

The Silent Prayer Upon Entering the Sanctuary

The Prelude - Fugue in D minor, op. 37 no. 3.ii

The Sounding of the Hour

+ The Welcome and Announcements

The Bagpiper and Beadle Procession - "Scotland the Brave"

The Proclamation

Mr. Will Black

The Silent Prayer of Preparation

O God, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world; Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### The Call to Worship - Psalm 3:6-8

arr. from the The Psalmes of David in Prose and Meeter, 1635

Text (from the Anglo-Genevan Psalter, 1564):

If ten thousand had hemmed me in, I could not be afraid: For thou art still my Lord, my God, my Savior and mine aid. Rise up therefore, save me, my God, for now to thee I call: For thou hast broke the cheeks and teeth of these wicked men all. Salvation only doth belong to thee, O Lord, above: Thou dost bestow upon thy folk thy blessing and thy love.

+\* The Hymnal - #710 "God of Our Fathers"

National Hymn

#### \* 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.

<sup>\*</sup> this refers to the realm of the dead, not the place of punishment.

<sup>\*\* &</sup>quot;catholic" means "universal" church, the true church in all times and places.

\* The Gloria Patri

(Hymnal, #283)

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Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high; alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory; alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity. Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty. Amen.

#### The Pastoral Prayer

**The Scripture Reading** - Mark 4:1–34 (5<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible p. 839) Acts 9:1–9 (pew Bible p. 917)

\* The Psalter - Psalm 23 (Psalter, Page 17)

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\* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - "Teach Me, O Lord"

Thomas Attwood

Sanctuary Choir

Text (Psalm 119:33):

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statues;

And I shall keep it unto the end.

\* The Doxology and Dismissal

(Hymnal, #731)

Old 100th

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; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

"THE CONVERSION OF PAUL"

XXVIII. Expositions of Acts of the Apostles

\* The Recessional Hymnal - #460 "Amazing Grace!" Amazing Grace Following an introductory stanza by the piper, the piper will recess.

The congregation will join in singing the first and succeeding stanzas.

\* The Benediction

The Postlude - from Magnificat del Settimo Tuono Hans Leo Hassler

The Piping on the Green

Mr. David Crampton

\*\* Children's Church: Mark and Carol Dusek Assisting: Evan Gear

**GREETERS-ELDERS:**FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. G. Brunson

NORTH SIDE

SOUTH SIDE

D. Boatright
W. Brodmann, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:
ELDER: A. Brodmann
GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:
FRONT DOOR: J. Gift
BAPTISMAL FONT: S. Clavijo

Congregation Standing

<sup>+</sup> Latecomers may be seated

The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Ps. 46:7



Daniel C. Roberts, 1876

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10 George William Warren, 1892

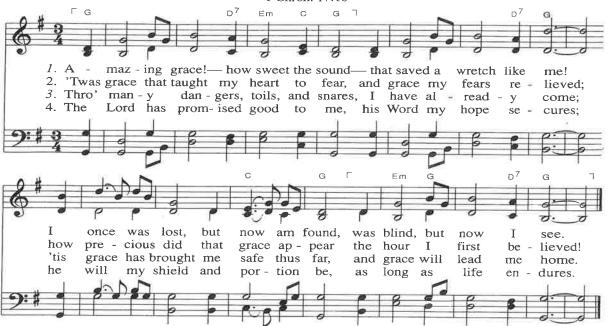
# Psalm 23



## **Amazing Grace!**

Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far?

1 Chron. 17:16



- And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease, I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.
- 6. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

St. 1–5, John Newton, 1779 St. 6, A Collection of Sacred Ballads, 1790 AMAZING GRACE C.M. Traditional American melody Arr. by Edwin O. Excell, 1900

# 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 148 (Psalter, page 124–125) (Psalm of the Month)

St. Catherine's

+ Announcements

#### **Praise**

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

+\* Hymnal - #4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" Mit Freuden Zart

## 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 III (based on the Shorter Catechism)

I believe Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king.

I believe Christ as our Redeemer underwent the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross, offering up Himself as a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, and reconcile us to God; He was buried, yet He rose again from the dead on the third day, ascended up into heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father, and is coming to judge the world at the last day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection

#### Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - Hosea 7 (6th reading—pew Bible p. 754–755)

Prayer of Intercession

\* **Psalter -** Psalm 136:1–16 (Psalter, page 116)

Constance

\* Prayer of Illumination

Scripture & Sermon - Matthew 20:1–16 (pew Bible p. 825)

Mr. Shaw

"THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD LABORERS"

#### Thanksgiving and Blessing

\* Hymnal - #402 "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

Eventide

\* Benediction

+ Latecomers may be seated

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation Standing

# All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Ps. 107:15



- 5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory! Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory! All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glory!
- 6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness; to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness: Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well. To God all praise and glory!

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#### 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.

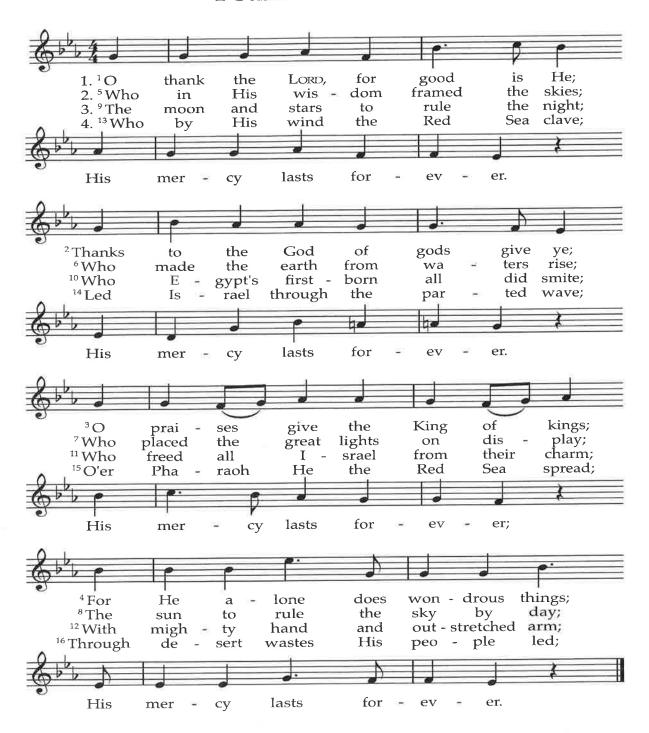
- I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
- II. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy 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 136:1-16



## Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide

This is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.

1 John 3:24



Henry F. Lyte, 1847

EVENTIDE (MONK) 10.10.10.10. William H. Monk, 1861

OUR CHURCH TODAY				
9:00 a.m.	Annual meeting, Telfair Chapel (Youth through Adults)			
10:00 a.m.	Morning Worship Service, sanctuary			
11:30 a.m.	Care Group #2 (Wallace Milling) luncheon, Fellowship Hall			
3:45 p.m.	Chatham Transitional Ministry Bible Study, Mr. Ronald Berry			
4:15 p.m.	Youth Choir Rehearsal (6th-12th grades), Choir Room			
5:30 p.m.	Evening Worship Service, sanctuary			
6:30 p.m.	Care Group #7 (S. Jackson) (Deacon: D. Wade and D. Sharpless)			
	Set up/Clean up for supper.			
6:45 p.m.	Fellowship Supper tonight, Fellowship Hall			
l .	\$5.00 Adult, \$3.00 Children (2 years old to 8th Grade),			
	\$4.00 High School and College; \$16.00 maximum per family			
6:45 p.m.	Youth eat in the Telfair Hall			
7:00 p.m.	Chapel Choir Rehearsal (1st-5th grades), Choir Room			
7:00 p.m.	Middle School Emmaus Road, 210 Whitaker Bldg., 4th Fl.			
7:00 p.m.	High School Small Groups, various locations			
7:15 p.m.	Youth Parents Prayer Meeting for Youth Winter Retreat in Telfair			
	Hall			

#### WEDNESDAY LUNCH AND BIBLE STUDY

Telfair Hall ~ Lunch at 11:45 a.m. Bible Study 12:20 p.m.

Message by Mr. Miguel D' Azevedo

#### 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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS

The Independent Presbyterian Church extends congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Z. Holmes (Abby)*, on the birth of their son, *Henry Bennett Holmes*, born Thursday, February 03, 2022, in Peachtree Corners, GA. Emily and Terry Johnson are the proud grandparents.

The Independent Presbyterian Church extends congratulations to *Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Moore* on the birth of their grandson, *Charles "Charlie" Henry Moore IV*, born January 26, 2022, in Atlanta, GA. The proud parents are *Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Moore III (Kristen)*.

#### SESSION/DIACONATE MEETING

The Session will meet Tuesday, February 15, in the Administration Office, Session Room at 5:30 p.m. The Diaconate will meet in the Administration Office in the basement at 6:00 p.m. The joint meeting will be held in Assembly Room at 7:00 p.m.

#### WOMEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

All women are invited to join us for a new book series beginning March 1 to April 26. Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. (ZOOM available) and Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. In person study can select from the following book selections: 1. Aging with Grace by Sharon Betters and Susan Hunt, 2. Hearing Jesus Speak Into Your Sorrow by Nancy Guthrie, and 3. Treasuring Christ When

Your Hands are Full by Gloria Furman. You will need to purchase your own book. ZOOM Groups can choose #1 or #2 and the evening group will be reading #1. Children's program and nursery provided. If you have any questions, contact Linda DePue at 912-547-3833. Please select your choice of book and then register via the QR code. Deadline for registration is February 20.

# is February 20. GUEST MUSICIANS

We welcome *Mr. David Crampton* as our guest bagpipe player in this morning's worship service. We are thankful for his contribution to our service today.

#### CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mrs. Bobbie Henderson* and family on the death of her son, *Allen Hunter Henderson*, who passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022, in Savannah, GA.

The	<b>Pastoral</b>	&	<b>Educational</b>	Staff
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Francis V. Daniell	Director of Missions Outreach	421-8118
Kenneth C. Crowe	Director of Camps	912-659-6877
Jacob H. Fuhrman	.Director of Music	605-290-2014
A. Paul Rodgers, Jr	Director of Youth and Family	421-8116
Barbara L. Rustine	.Director of Children's Sunday School	912-306-9876

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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

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	Tues, Feb. 15	6:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall Church Staff meeting Women's Bible Study, Telfair Hall Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin Bldg., upstairs Session Meeting, Administration Bldg., 2nd Fl. Diaconate Meeting, Admin. Bldg. (meet jointly at 7:00 p.m.) iPRIMES Bible Study (older adults) (via ZOOM only)
	Wed, Feb. 16	11:45 a.m. 6:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:15 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	Noon Luncheon/Bible Study, Telfair Hall Women's Evening Bible Study, Whitaker Street Bldg., 1st Floor, 1A High School Dinner, Fellowship Hall High School Fellowship, 210 Whitaker Street Bldg., 3st Floor RUF
	Thurs, Feb. 17	7:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.	Careers, Telfair Hall College Bible Study (location TBA) Women's ZOOM Book Study/Reading Group. Call Tamara Thompson for information at 912-856-5540
	Fri, Feb. 18 to Sun, Feb. 20		Youth Winter Retreat, Camp Glisson, Dahlonega, GA

### YOUTH WINTER RETREAT

Mr. Rodgers, plus 48 students and 8 adult chaperones, will be attending the Youth Winter Retreat at Camp Glisson in Dahlonega, GA, February 18–20. Please pray for God's blessing upon this retreat and for their safe travel.

## The Record of Our Faithfulness

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