#### **OUR CHURCH TODAY** Sunday School Classes for all ages Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2) 9:30 a.m. 10:10 a.m. 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study, 3:45 p.m. Mr. Nick Bullock Youth Choir Rehearsal today 4:00 p.m. The Bluffton Worship Services will not meet until 2015 Evening Worship, Sanctuary Care Group #5 (Deacons: A.Brodmann & W. Wiggins) Set up/Clean up for supper 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. \$4.00 Adult, \$2.00 Children (2 years old to 8th Grade), \$3.00 high school and college; \$15.00 maximum per family Sunday evening Read-A-Loud, Amy Martin 6:45 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Grades 2-6), Choir Room

#### WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME SERVICE

SANCTUARY ~ WEDNESDAY, NOON

MESSAGE FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS

REV. TIMOTHY FOSTER

# WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT

Our Church extends a cordial welcome to all who worship with us today. Visitors receive a gold-foil badge and 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 by a friend in memory of Ben Haden, Senior Pastor, of the First Presbyterian Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. for over 31 years.

#### 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.

#### **BAPTISM**

The sacrament of covenant baptism will be administered during this morning's worship service by Mr. Johnson to *Esther Joy* and *Hannah Grace*, the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. David A. Goeser (Priya).

# POINSETTIA ORDERS & PRIMES' LUNCHEON

If you wish to order Christmas poinsettias for our Sanctuary or if you plan to attend the **PRIMES' Christmas Buffet Luncheon** on Friday, December 5, 11:30 a.m., at the Savannah Golf Club, please complete the form below and drop it into the offering plate, or contact the church office. PRIMES' reservations are due by December 2. The cost is \$12.00 per person.

Poinsettias may be ordered through December 14, and may be given in honor or memory of individuals. Please print your information below exactly as you wish it to appear in the bulletin. The cost for poinsettias is \$15.00 each.

Make your checks payable to IPC, noting either "Poinsettias" or "PRIMES" Luncheon" on the memo line.

#### **POINSETTIAS** PRIMES' CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON \_ poinsettias, at \$15 I wish to place \_\_\_\_ Yes, I wish to attend the PRIMES' each, in the Sanctuary, in HONOR of or MEMORY of Christmas Luncheon on December 5. Enclosed is my check for (circle one) \_. (\$12 per person) the following individuals: I will pay at a later date, but please make a reservation for me. (please print names clearly)

### The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson	Senior Pastor	
	Associate Minister	
Timothy P. Foster	Associate Minister	
Joshua M. Espinosa		
	Pastoral Intern	
	Director of Nursery and Women's Program	
Francis V. Daniell	Director of Camps and Missions Outreach	
	Director of Children's Program	
A. Paul Rodgers	Director of Youth and Family	
Kathryn Van Eck	Director of Music	
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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 Audio Ministry provides CDs of previous sermons in the Narthex. 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 in the back of the Sanctuary.
- · IPC uses the Trinity Hymnal and the Trinity Psalter.
- · Nurseries for children to the age of three provided on the second floor of the Axson Memorial Building. Children ages 4 and 5 are dismissed for a separate service following

# For Prayer & Participation This Week

	Mon, Dec. 1	5:30 p.m.		
			at Point Pleasant	
	Tues, Dec. 2	6:30 a.m.	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall	
		9:00 a.m.	Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs	
		10:00 a.m.	Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl.	
		10:00 a.m.	Young Women's Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 4th Fl.	
		11:30 a.m.	Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.	
		7:30 p.m.	Garmer Bible Study will not meet during December,	
		-	resumes in January 2015	
	Wed, Dec. 3	11:00 a.m.	Women's Intercessor Group, Axson Room	
		12:00 p.m.	Noon Service/Luncheon today	
		5:30 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	
		6:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room	
		6:30 p.m.	Youth Dinner, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor	
		7:00 p.m.	Youth Group, Whitaker Street Bldg., 3rd Floor	
	Thurs, Dec. 4	7:00 p.m.	Covenant/Careers, Whitaker Street Bldg., 4th Floor	
		7:00 p.m.	Veritas' Christmas Program	
	Fri, Dec. 5	11:30 a.m.	PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon, Savannah Golf Club	
		6:30 p.m.	Berean Sunday School Christmas Party, at the home of	
		_	the Jacksons, 17 Marsh Harbor Drive	
	Sat, Dec. 6	11:30 a.m.	Youth deliver shut-in baskets	
<b>Coming Events</b>				
	Dec. 7	The Lord's Supper, PM Service		
	Dec. 12	Youth Christmas Party at the Boatrights' home, 6:30 p.m.		
	Dec. 13	Lessons & Carols Rehearsal, 10:00 a.m.		
	Dec. 14	Service of Lessons & Carols , 5:30 p.m., followed by the Annual		
		Christmas Banquet		
	Cinibina Danquet			

# **FUNDRAISING UPDATE**

To date we have received 126 commitment pledges toward the "Enlarging the Place of Our Tent" Capital Campaign. The amount of funds available for the renovation projects now total \$2,971,834.

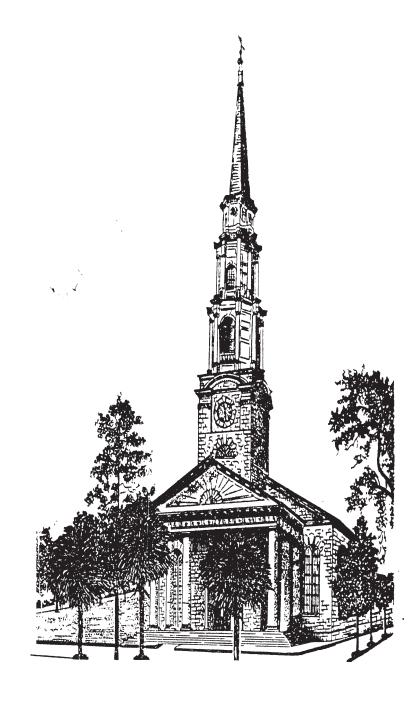
#### The Record of Our Faithfulness

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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, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

**The Prelude -** "As With Gladness, Men of Old"

William Harris/John Leavitt

#### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise; with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise! By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love. (Trinity Hymnal #716, stanza 1)

+\* The Hymnal - #196 "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" Hyfrydol

#### \* 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, #735)

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

# The Pastoral Prayer

The Scripture Reading - Psalm 38 (pew Bible p. 467); Luke 16:19-31

#### The Reception of New Members

#### The Sacrament of Covenant Baptism

\* **The Psalter -** Psalm 136:1–16 (*Psalter*, Page 113)

Constance

# \* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

#### The Collection

**The Anthem -** "Prepare the Royal Highway" arr. Timothy Shaw Tune: Swedish, 17th Century

Sanctuary Choir

Prepare the royal highway; the King of kings is near! Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear! Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story; Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised king! Your king, yet ev'ry nation its tribute to may bring. All lands will bow before him; their voices join your singing; Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above. His rule is peace; and freedom and justice, truth, and love. So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's word!

#### \*\* The Dismissal

Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service

#### The Sermon

Mr. Johnson

"THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS" – 2 CXXVIII. Expositions of the Gospel According to Luke

- \* The Hymnal #194 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" Veni Emmanuel
- \* The Benediction and Response (sung by all) 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. (Trinity Hymnal #98, last stanza)

The Postlude - "Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing"

Healey Willan

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

FRONT DOOR R. Thompson

**GREETERS-USHERS/DEACONS:** 

INNER DOOR W. Brodmann Jr.

J. Garnett

ELDER:

\* Congregation Standing \*\* Children's Church: C. Sutlive, A.Sutlive & C. Sutlive + Latecomers may be seated

#### **GREETERS-ELDERS:** FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. E. Robyn NORTH SIDE T. Barrett CENTER AISLE D. Boatright SOUTH SIDE J.Van Puffelen WOC GREETER:

J. Nease

# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

#### 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 146 (Psalm of the Month) Announcements

Ripley

#### **Praise**

Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise

\* Hymnal - #221 "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming"

Es Ist Ein' Ros' Entsprungen

#### 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 I (based on the Shorter Catechism)

I believe man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy Him

I believe that the word of God. contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule given to direct us, how to glorify and enjoy

God.

I believe God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth; I believe there is but one true and living God; that there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory; I believe God's purpose is eternal, having foreordained whatever comes to pass; that God made all things of nothing, by the word of His power, in the space of six days, and all very good; and that God preserves and governs all His creatures and all their actions. and all their actions.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection - "O Holy Night"

Soloist: Miss Ashleigh Sutlive

#### Provision for Life and Growth

Scripture Reading - 2 Samuel 22:26–51 (29th reading—pew Bible pp. 275) Intercessory Prayer

\* Psalter - Psalm 128 (Psalter, Page 96)

Nettleton

\* Prayer of Illumination

Scripture & Sermon - 2 Samuel 9:1-13 "TENDER MERCY" Mr. Foster

### Thanksgiving and Blessing

- Hymnal #229 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" Tempus Adest Floridum
- Benediction

<sup>\*</sup> Congregation Standing