

OUR CHURCH TODAY

9:30 a.m. Sunday School Classes for all ages
 10:10 a.m. Cherub/Seraph Choir (Grades 1-2)
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service, sanctuary
 3:45 p.m. Coastal Jail Ministry Transitional Program Bible Study,
 Rev. Ron Parrish
 4:00 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal today
 5:30 p.m. Bluffton Worship Service will not meet today. They will meet
 here at Independent.
 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Care Group #4 (Deacons: T. MacMillan, R. Moody, and
 M. Thomas) Set up/Clean up for supper
 6:45 p.m. Fellowship Supper tonight
 \$4.00 Adult, \$2.00 Children (2 years old to 8th Grade),
 \$3.00 high school and college; \$15.00 maximum per family
 7:00 p.m. Sunday evening Read-A-Loud, Frank and Amy Orellana
 7:00 p.m. Chapel Choir Rehearsal (Grades 2-6), Choir Room
 7:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups, Whitaker Building, 3rd Floor

**NO WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE OR LUNCHEON
 ON NOVEMBER 26 ~ IT WILL RESUME ON DECEMBER 3.
 ALL REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET
 DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**

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 and in memory of *Katherine Royster Burgin* in celebration of her birthday by *Mr. and Mrs. Wilson D. Saleeby*.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

This morning we will be installing the following into leadership positions in the church. **Elders:** William M. Austin, Richard B. Mullinix, Jr., William D. Brodman, Jr.; **Deacons:** William J. Black, Michael D. Hazeltine, G. Clay Nolen; and **Trustee:** Mr. William D. Brodman, Sr.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Our annual Thanksgiving Service will be observed tonight. 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. Neal Davis* who were united in marriage on Saturday, November 15, 2014 by Rev. Terry Johnson at the Harper Fowlkes House, Savannah, GA. *Mrs. Davis* is the former Miss Katie Dean.

CHURCH IN BEREAVEMENT

The congregation of Independent Presbyterian Church extends sincere sympathy to *Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Bell* and family on the death of his father, *Richard Bell*, who entered the Lord's presence on Thursday, November 13, 2014 in Asheville, NC; to *Mrs. Robert T. Henderson, Sr. (Bobbie)* and family on the death of her husband, *Robert T. Henderson, Sr.*, who entered the Lord's presence on Saturday, November 15, 2014, in Savannah, GA; and to *Mr. and Mrs. Robert Breer* and family on the death of Murle's sister-in-law, *Nancy MacKenzie*, who entered the Lord's presence on Monday, November 17, 2014 in Florida.

MINISTERIAL UPDATE

Mr. Parrish is on vacation November 24 through December 3 Mr. Rodgers is on vacation November 25 through December 2.

The Pastoral & Educational Staff

Terry L. Johnson Senior Pastor
 Ronald H. Parrish Associate Minister
 Timothy P. Foster Associate Minister
 Joshua M. Espinosa Director of Administration
 Nicholas S. Bullock Pastoral Intern
 Jane H. Boatright Director of Nursery and Women's Program
 Francis V. Daniell Director of Camps and Missions Outreach
 Amy R. Martin Director of Children's Program
 A. Paul Rodgers Director of Youth and Family
 Kathryn Van Eck Director of Music

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.
- 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.ipsav.org, or at www.SermonAudio.com/ipsav
- 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 the collection.

For Prayer & Participation This Week

Tues, Nov. 25 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall
 9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
 10:00 a.m. No Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Whitaker Bldg., 3rd Fl.
 10:00 a.m. No 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 November and December, resumes in January 2015

Wed, Nov. 26 No regular Wednesday activities today

Thur, Nov. 27 Church Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Fri, Nov. 28 Church Office Closed in observance of Thanksgiving holiday, reopens December 1, at 8:30 a.m.

Coming Events

Dec. 1 Session/Diaconate Oyster Roast at Point Pleasant, 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 4 Veritas' Christmas Program, 7:00 p.m.
 Dec. 5 PRIMES' Christmas Luncheon, Savannah Golf Club, 11:30 a.m.
 Dec. 6 Youth deliver shut-in baskets, 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 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
 Dec. 19 College Christmas Party at the Martins' home, 6:30 p.m.
 Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service, sanctuary, 5:30 p.m.
 Dec. 26-Jan. 3 Peru Day Camp Mission Trip

The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 11/12/14 – 43

November 23, 2014

SS – 279 AM – 451 PM – 280

Historic Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah



“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 rejoysing 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 others, so as any generall wante or famine hath not been amongst them since to this day.”

–William Bradford

Thanksgiving Service
 November 23, AD 2014

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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 - “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Robert Hobby

+ 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 - #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*, #735) Greatorex
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 - 2 Corinthians 4:1

The Ordination and Installation of Officers

* **The Psalter - Psalm 130** (*Psalter*, Page 113) Marytrdom

* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Collection

The Anthem - “Thanks Be to You” Russell Nagy
Text: 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 Dismissal** *Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service*

The Sermon Mr. Johnson

“WE HAVE THIS MINISTRY”

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

* **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 - “Let All Things Now Living” Dale Wood

* Congregation Standing ** Children’s Church: Dennis and Caroline Boatright

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS–ELDERS:

FRONT DOOR Elder & Mrs. D. Gross

NORTH SIDE B. Brodmann

CENTER AISLE J. Garnett

SOUTH SIDE F. Daniell

WOC GREETER: B. Hale

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:

ELDER: J. Garnett

GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:

FRONT DOOR R. Thompson

INNER DOOR W. Brodmann Jr.

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)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Collection - “Now Thank We All Our God” J. S. Bach
arr. Martha Thompson

Handbell Choir

Provision for Life and Growth

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

Intercessory Prayer

* *Psalter* - Psalm 115:1–5, 12–18 (*Psalter*, Page 98–99) Dix

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture & Sermon - Phil. 4:10-13; 1 Thess. 5:18; 1 Tim. 6:6-10

Mr. Johnson

“IN EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS”

Thanksgiving and Blessing

* *Hymnal* - #714 “We Plow the Fields” Wir Pflügen

* *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