

### 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. Timothy Foster
- 5:30 p.m. Bluffton Worship Services will not meet until 2015
- 5:30 p.m. Evening Worship, Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Care Group #7 (Deacons: D. Goeser, J. Rigby, and R. Thompson) 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, Beverly Van Grouw

### NO WEDNESDAY NOON SERVICE OR LUNCHEON

ON DECEMBER 24 ~ IT WILL RESUME ON JANUARY 7, 2015.

ALL REGULAR WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES WILL NOT MEET

JOIN US FOR OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE ~ 5:30 PM

### 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 as we celebrate the birth of our *Lord and Savior Jesus Christ* by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Meng.

### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will begin at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 24. It will include a message by Mr. Johnson, a children's story-sermon by Mr. Parrish, and candlelight carol singing on the lawn. We hope you will make plans to join us for this important service of worship.

### PERU MISSION TRIP

Mr. Daniell, along with a group of seven individuals, are leaving Friday, December 26 for Trujillo, Peru. Please pray for safety as they travel and for their ministry. They will return on Saturday, January 3.

### CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed December 24 and 25, in observance of Christ's birth. The office will reopen on Friday, December 26, at 8:30 a.m. and close at noon.

### SUNDAY EVENING MEALS

The Sunday evening meal will not be served December 28 or January 4. Meals will resume on January 11.

### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join us for our weekly Prayer Breakfast in Olmstead Hall on Tuesday, December 23 and December 30, at 6:30 a.m.

### YEAR-END CONTRIBUTIONS

All contributions for 2014 need to be in the church office by Wednesday, December 31.

### 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

- Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. .... 236-3346
- Fax: ..... 236-3676
- E-Mail: ..... info@ipsav.org
- Website: ..... www.ipsav.org
- IPC Kitchen: ..... 238-0088

### 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](http://www.ipsav.org), or at [www.SermonAudio.com/ipsav](http://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, Dec. 23 6:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Olmstead Hall
- 9:00 a.m. Church Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg., upstairs
- 11:30 a.m. Pastoral Staff Meeting, Admin. Bldg.
- 6:30 p.m. Garmer Tuesday Night Bible Study resumes on January 6
- Wed, Dec. 24 5:30 p.m. Church Office closed for the Christmas holiday  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, sanctuary
- Thurs, Dec. 25 Church office closed in observance of Christ's birth
- Fri, Dec. 26 Church Office will close at noon
- Fri, Dec. 26 - Jan. 3 Peru Day Camp Mission Trip to Trujillo

### Coming Events

- Jan. 1 Church office closed in observance of New Year's Day
- Jan. 4 The Lord's Supper, AM Service; no evening meal
- Jan. 10 I.P.C. Officers' Retreat, Whitaker Bldg., 8:30 a.m.
- Jan. 16 Agape Post-Christmas Party, Point Pleasant, 6:00 p.m.
- Jan. 17 WOC New Members' Brunch, at the home of Mrs. Ernest Mitchell, 133 East 50<sup>th</sup> Street, 9:00 a.m.
- Jan. 21-23 March for Life Trip, Washington, D.C.
- Jan. 23-24 Savannah River Presbytery, Evans, GA
- Jan. 25 Veritas Q & A meeting for perspective I.P.C. families, 7:00 p.m., AxsonBldg., Room 30

### The Record of Our Faithfulness

Wednesday Noon Service 12/10/14 - 47

December 14, 2014

SS - 331 AM - 532 PM - 543

# Historic Independent Presbyterian Church of Savannah



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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

O Lord, who has given us cause for perpetual joy by the coming of Your Son our Savior among us; Raise up Your power, we pray, and possess us with a mighty sense of Your wonderful love; that whereas through the cares of this life we are sorely impeded and hindered in running the race that is set before us, we may be anxious for nothing, but thankfully commending ourselves in everything to Your bountiful grace and mercy, the peace of You our God, which passes all understanding, may keep our hearts and minds; through the satisfaction of Your Son our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**The Prelude** - *variations on* “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Raymond Haan

### + The Welcome and Announcements

#### The Call to Worship

O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild, Your Father’s will You have fulfilled. From heav’n above to earth You came, and born as man You took our name. O Jesus sweet, O Jesus mild.

(*Trinity Hymnal* #232, stanza 1)

+\* **The Hymnal** - #203 “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn

#### \* 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 Christmas Gloria Patri** Regent Square

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son; evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One: Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King. Amen.

### The Pastoral Prayer

**The Scripture Reading** - Matthew 1:18–24; 3:17–20

\* **The Psalter** - Psalm 72:1–12 (*Psalter*, Page 60-61) *Puer Nobis*

### \* The Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Collection

**The Anthem** - “Magnificat” Orlando Gibbons

*The Sanctuary Choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord,  
And my spirit rejoiceth in God my Savior.  
For He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For He that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is His Name.  
And His mercy is on them that fear Him throughout all generations.

He hath showed strength with His arm;  
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
And hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things,  
And the rich He hath sent empty away;  
He rememb’ring His mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,  
As He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His seed, forever.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be world without end.  
Amen.

\* **The Christmas Doxology** Lasst Uns Erfreuen

O Lord, the Virgin-Born, to Thee, eternal praise and glory be. Alleluia!  
Whom with the Father we adore, and Holy Ghost forevermore.  
Alleluia!

\*\* **The Dismissal** *Children ages 4 & 5 may leave for a separate service*

**The Sermon** Mr. Johnson

“WHAT JESUS CAME TO DO”

\* **The Hymnal** - #211 “God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen”  
God Rest You Merry

\* **The Benediction and Response** (sung by all) Greensleeves

So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, peasant, king, to own Him; the King of kings salvation brings, let loving hearts enthroned Him. Raise, raise the song on high, the virgin sings her lullaby: joy, joy for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary. (*Trinity Hymnal* #213, last stanza)

**The Postlude** - “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” David Johnson

\* Congregation Standing \*\* Children’s Church: Kim and Ashley Lanier

+ Latecomers may be seated

GREETERS–ELDERS:		SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER:	
FRONT DOOR	Elder & Mrs.	ELDER:	G. Brunson
NORTH SIDE	G. Brunson	<b>GREETERS–USHERS/DEACONS:</b>	
CENTER AISLE	D. Gross	FRONT DOOR	D. Goeser
SOUTH SIDE	J. Lanier	INNER DOOR	W. Oliver
<b>WOC GREETER:</b>	L. Helmly		

# 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** - “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” Mendelssohn

(*Hymn of the Month*)

**Announcements**  
**Commissioning of Peru Mission Team**

### Praise

**Call to Worship and Prayer of Praise**

\* **Hymnal** - “The First Noel” (*see handout*) arr. John Stainer  
Traditional Englis Carol (W. Sandys’ *Christmas Carol*)

### 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** - 2 Samuel 23 (30<sup>th</sup> reading—pew Bible pp. 275–276)

**Intercessory Prayer**

\* **Psalter** - Psalm 98:5–9 (*Psalter*, Page 83) Desert

\* **Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture & Sermon** - Ephesians 2:1–10 Mr. Johnson

“THE MERCY AND GRACE OF GOD”

*XXIX. The Identity and Attributes of God*

### Thanksgiving and Blessing

\* **Hymnal** - #201 “O Little Town of Bethlehem” St. Louis

\* **Benediction**

\* Congregation Standing