



INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

the old stone church of independence

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187TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

5th Sunday after Pentecost ~ June 23, 2024



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Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

June 24, 1837: Church formed ~ June 25, 1837: First service held

~ *GATHERING* ~

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*1 Corinthians 1:30*)

God is why you are in Christ Jesus,
who became for us our wisdom, righteousness, and redemption.

***LITANY OF THANKSGIVING** (*for the Celebration of a Congregational Anniversary*)

For the Church universal, and for this congregation of your people,
We give you thanks, O God.

For this place in which we gather for praise and prayer,
witness and service, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord,
We give you thanks, O God.

For your presence among us whenever your word has been proclaimed,
your sacramental gifts of bread and wine shared,
We give you thanks, O God.

For your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were buried
with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raise to new and eternal life,
We give you thanks, O God.

For disciples, young and old who have been nurtured here in faith,
We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have come here asking your blessing in marriage,
seeking to love with your love,
We give you thanks, O God.

For deacons, elders, and pastors who have led and loved us,
and by the offering of their gifts, equipped us for the work of ministry,
We give thanks, O God.

For all the saints who have stood among us,
whose memory still enlivens our faith and emboldens our witness,
We give thanks, O God.

For the ministries of worship and mission, nurture and fellowship,
and for all whose lives have been touched by them,
We give thanks, O God.

***HYMN**

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST
by Isaac Watts

GTG #687
ST. ANNE

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(taken from a 1987 worship service of IPC)*

Faithful God, we admit our failure to be your faithful people. You speak but we listen to others. When you demand justice, we hear threats to our privileges; when you cry out for peace, we worry about profits, power and security; and when you address our need for brotherhood, we respond with excuses. Forgive our failures, and reward our sincere attempts at discipleship by granting us the gift of hearing. And after hearing your will, may we be empowered to share it with our world. Through Christ we pray. Amen. *[Silent Confession.]*

***RESPONSE**

LORD, HAVE MERCY
American folk melody

GTG #551
LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Believe the good news of the gospel: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

~ ***THE WORD*** ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 CORINTHIANS 1:25-31

(NRSV)

HYMN

THOUGH I MAY SPEAK
by Hal H. Hopson

GTG #693
GIFT OF LOVE

HEBREW BIBLE

1 SAMUEL 15-16

(Select Verses)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

IN EVERYTHING WE BELONG TO GOD

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from the Theological Declaration of Barmen, 8.13-8.15*)

...we confess the following evangelical truths:

“Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom, our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.” (1 Cor. 1:30).

As Jesus Christ is God’s assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God’s mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.

We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords—areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ **SENDING** ~

HYMN

GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

GTG #716

by Robert L. Edwards

BEACH SPRING

BENEDICTION

***SENDING**

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

GTG #541

by Jeremiah Eames Rankin (RANDOLPH)

Verse 1

POSTLUDE