

CALENDAR

Sunday, 19 November 2023

- 9:15 AM Anchor Worship
- 9:15 AM Traditional Worship
- 10:30 AM Hope Kids Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Sunday School
- 11:30 AM Orchestra Rehearsal
- 5:00 PM God Squad
- 5:00 PM Student CORE Groups

Tuesday, 21 November 2023

- 10:00 AM Hope Arbor
- 10:15 AM Care Partner Support Group

Thursday, 23 November 2023

Church is closed - Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, 24 November 2023

Church Closed

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*The Order of Worship
for*

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:15 AM

*The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
Liturgical Color: Green*

*Our Purpose: to make disciples of
Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world*



About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the heart and minds of the gathered community from the daily struggle of life to the worship of God.

About Hymn 131

While it is most often associated with Thanksgiving in the United States, this hymn is actually a sixteenth-century expression of celebration of freedom by The Netherlands from Spanish oppression. Like many older hymns, it comes to us through a circuitous route. Although often listed as an anonymous hymn, it is also attributed to Adranus Valerious (c. 1575-1625), known for his poems on the Dutch War of Independence.

The Prelude *Now Thank We All Our God/Let All Things Now Living*
arr. Brant Adams
Kevin Vogelsang, clarinet and Nancy Vogelsang, piano

Entrance of the Light & Chiming of the Hour

The Introit Chancel Choir

What Gift Can We Bring?
What gift can we bring, what present what token?
What words can convey it the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?
Give thanks for the Past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.
Give thanks for the Now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.
Give thanks for Tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever Tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever,
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.
Jane Marshall
arr. by Jared Wilson

The Welcome & Invocation Rev. Stephen Grantham

+The Opening Hymn No. 131 TUNE: KREMSER
(+ indicates to stand in body or in spirit)
We Gather Together

+The Litany of Thanksgiving Rev. Jared Wilson
In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for us all
in Christ Jesus.

- For every breath we take for granted...**
- For every moment of insight and inspiration...**
- For every conversation that leads to reconciliation...**
- For every kind word that offers healing...**
- For every unexpected encounter of friendship...**
- For every prayer that leads to gratitude...**
- For every child who is surrounded with safety and love...**
- For every grandparent who tells the tales of the past...**
- For every teacher who reveals creativity and wonder...**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Churchwide Advent Celebration A Child's Christmas in Guatemala • On Sunday, November 26, at 5:00 pm ALL are welcome to begin the Advent Season as one church family with an authentic Guatemalan Christmas celebration! Adults will enjoy a true Central American meal, learn more about the Christ Child's Nest, and are invited to bid on beautifully decorated Christmas trees and Central American treasures or buy a Guatemalan Nativity.

Children will have their own special menu of tacos and fruit, and they will have their own seating area with covered tables, crayons, and piñatas and sparklers at the end of the night! This event is perfect for families to begin the Advent season together!

Register at our church website, iohumc.com. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$7 for children 5 and older, and under 5 are free. All profits will benefit the Christ Child's Nest. For more information, contact Beth Parr, bparr@iohumc.com.

Angel Tree for Wesley Community Center • Help brighten the holidays for a child enrolled in one of Wesley Community Center's programs. Please visit the Christmas tree in the main hallway starting Sunday, November 26. Choose an ornament with a child's name, age, and gender, and purchase a gift listed as their choosing. Return the unwrapped gift with tag to the tree in the hallway by Wednesday, December 5. Please contact Julie Vann with any questions at jvann@iohumc.com. Thank you!

Decorating for Christmas • On Tuesday, November 28th at 9:00 am, all are invited to help decorate the Church for Christmas. We will prepare the Sanctuary and other areas of the church for this season of joy. Come and join us!

On Saturday, December 2nd, at 8:00am, all are invited to come and help decorate the Ministry Center!

Feast of Lights • On Sunday, December 10, at 5:00 pm join us for this special service celebrating the joy of the Christmas season! Featuring the Isle of Hope Chancel Choir, handbell choir, children's choir, Anchor musicians, soloists, guest instrumentalists, and a live children's nativity, this is a service not to be missed!

Be Part of the Children's Nativity for Feast of Lights • All children are encouraged to be part of the Nativity for the Feast of Lights! We will have one required rehearsal on December 6 from 5:30—6:30 pm. Register to participate by visiting our church website. The following roles are available and are based primarily on age (as of September 1, 2023):

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| Ages 3-4 | Animals |
| Ages 5-7 | Shepherds |
| Ages 5-8 | Angels |
| Ages 8-10 | Wise People; Innkeeper |
| Ages 9-12 | Mary, Joseph, Gabriel |

Commitment Sunday • Hopefully, you have been present in worship the past 2 Sundays and had an opportunity to hear some personal stories about the impact that IOHUMC has had on the lives of some of our own. And hopefully you have received your Estimate of Giving card in the mail and had time as a family to consider your investment in God's kingdom through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, and to do so with a spirit of joy, knowing that in our unity lies our greatest Hope.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." I Peter 4:10

Tithes & Offerings

Year to Date	As of 11/12/23	As of 11/13/22
Total Receipts	\$1,354,018	\$1,886,384
Total Expenses	\$1,588,980	\$2,004,866
**Status	(\$234,962)	(\$118,482)

***Please note that our revenue greatly fluctuates throughout the year and is not linear. Seeing periods that appear as "overspending" is historically common, particularly during the summer months when we see a slight decrease in attendance, but have an increase in expenses.*

Ways to Give

In Person - On Sunday mornings, before or after worship, place your offering in the designated box or basket at church.

Online - Visit our website to make a one-time donation or recurring gift.

Text GIVE to 855-712-6960

Automated - Have your donation given automatically by setting up electronic bill pay with your bank.

Mail - Mail your gift to Isle of Hope UMC, c/o Marla Grady, 412 Parkersburg Road, Savannah, Georgia 31406.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church-Wide Advent Study • Beginning Sunday, November 26, join our Sunday School classes at 10:30 am as we begin a new study for Advent, *Light of the World*. Author Amy-Jill (AJ) Levine will lead us on a journey tracing the Christmas narrative through stories of Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, the journey to Bethlehem and the visit from the Magi.

You may pick up a book from the front office. The books are \$10.

A Conversation with AJ Levine • Sunday, December 17 at 4:00 pm, we will have the rare opportunity to spend time with *Light of the World* author, Amy-Jill (AJ) Levine, via Zoom in the Ministry Center. We will have a time of conversation and to answer questions as we complete her book.

Following our time with AJ Levine, you are invited to stay for Chili and Grilled Cheese in the Ministry Center. Prepared by some of the finest cooks around, you won't want to miss this!

**For every worker who better the landscape of our lives...
 For every sentence that is whispered against violence...
 For every meal that is served among people
 who do not have the basics of life...
 For every family table that brings forgiveness...
 For every shelter that houses people from the cold
 and violent streets...
 For every word that harvests peace within us...
 For every moment of prayer...
 For every act of hope...
 For every breath today...**

We give our thanks and praise, O God. Amen.

+The Gloria Patri

TUNE: MEINEKE

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
 Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

+The Greeting

Rev. Wilson

A Moment for Reflection

Pam Usher

The Morning Prayer

Rev. Wilson

The Lord's Prayer

About the Litany

A Litany is a series of petitions for use in church services, usually recited by the people and including a communal response.

This Litany of Thanksgiving was written by Father Ronald Raab, who serves as religious superior at Holy Cross House, a medical and retirement home for the Congregation of Holy Cross (Roman Catholic Church), Notre Dame, Indiana. It has been altered to its present form by Rev. Jared Wilson.

The Gloria Patri

A Gloria Patri is a short acclamation of praise sung to the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Children's Moment

This time is devoted to connecting with our younger members. We invite our children to learn more about today's message and to know they are part of God's family. Those up to 5th grade are welcome to the altar rail. At the close of the Moment, those ages 3 - 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.

About the Offertory

John Rutter is an English composer and conductor, associated mainly with choral music and active internationally for many years. His *For the Beauty of the Earth* is considered a standard of the choral repertoire. Rutter established the Collegium record label in 1983 as a vehicle for recordings with his professional chamber choir, the Cambridge Singers. They have made over 50 recordings.

The Children's Moment

Dr. Frank Parr

As the children make their way to the front of the Sanctuary, all are invited to sing:

What is im - por - tant? What real - ly mat - ters?
 What is im - por - tant to God? To love, to learn, to
 wor - ship, to serve: this is im - por - tant to God.

The Hymn of Response No. 400

TUNE: NETTLETON

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Offertory Prayer

Rev. Grantham

The Offertory

Chancel Choir

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies,
 For the love which from our birth, Over and around us lies,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
 Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
 Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race so freely given
 Graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.
 John Rutter

+The Doxology

TUNE: OLD 100th

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;
 praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

+The Scripture Lesson

Rev. Grantham

John 9:1-41

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Message

Rev. Grantham

Seeing Is Believing

+The Hymn of Commitment No. 140

TUNE: FAITHFULNESS

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to bring their Estimates of Giving and pause for a time of prayer at the altar. For any who desire a longer time of prayer, you are welcome to remain in the sanctuary following the benediction.

+The Benediction

Rev. Grantham

Music for Prayer and Reflection

Rev. Wilson

The Prayer Room in the Tabby House is always available. The code is 1110.

Sympathy

Sympathy to Paul Childers and family on the death of Paul's mother,
 Julia Childers, who died on November 11.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of our church member, Louis Young,
 who died on November 14.

Flowers

The flowers on the altar on in honor of Grace and Bob Arnold's
 72nd wedding anniversary.

The Doxology

A Doxology is an expression of praise to God and serves as a way for Christians to express their love and thankfulness for what God has done in their lives.

About Hymn 140

This hymn was written by Thomas Obediah Chisholm (1866-1960), who was born in the small Kentucky town of Franklin. In 1893, Chisholm became a Christian through the ministry of Henry Clay Morrison, the founder of Asbury College and Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky. Morrison persuaded Chisholm to move to Louisville where he became editor of the *Pentecostal Herald*. Though he was ordained a Methodist minister in 1903, he served only a single, brief appointment at Scottsville, Kentucky, due to ill health. By the time of his death, he had written more than 1,200 poems, 800 of which were published.