

# A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

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My dear Friends:

I need to let you know about a number of good things that are happening in the life of our church. One thing about which I'm very excited is happening this Sunday: we will be having the installation service for Robert Browning during the 11:00 a.m. service with a reception following the service to welcome the Browning family. Please make your plans to be with us to celebrate God's goodness in bringing the Brownings to us. Along that line of staffing changes, we also want to welcome Emiliee Garrett to our worship and music ministries staff, who is working with us as Children's Choir Coordinator. Pam Brown will continue to oversee children's choirs and a range of other matters as our Assistant Director of Worship and Music Ministries. We are glad that Harrison Howle is also back helping us as a Choral Assistant, working with James Brown in a number of areas in worship and music.

Another thing to mention also will happen this Sunday: a few weeks ago, our session voted to add another communion service to our regular monthly schedule. Not only will we have the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday morning each month, but also on the third Sunday evening—which means that this Sunday, as part of our Sunday Evening Praise, we will celebrate the Lord's Supper together. I hope you will rejoice with me in the opportunity to have the sacrament twice a month! The Presbyterian and Reformed tradition has long recognized the spiritual and even emotional value of having the Lord's Supper more frequently; I'm grateful that we will be able to do this twice a month at IPC going forward.

Finally, I want to call your attention to a new ministry that launched this past Friday night. Working with a ministry called 99 Balloons, which has its origin in a PCA congregation in Fayetteville, Arkansas, we have started Recess, which is geared toward ministering to families who care for special needs children. Under the leadership of Carol Stokes and her team, we ministered to five special needs families, seeking to give the parents a night out and to care for both the special needs child and his or her sibling in a safe, Christian environment. If you want more information about Recess, you can find it at our website: <http://www.ipcmemphis.org/ministries/recess/>.

It is exciting to see how God is at work here at IPC, forming us as new people for a new Memphis. Please continue to pray as God moves in our midst for his glory!

In the grip of God's grace,



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