

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We pick back up in Genesis this morning, and we come to this scene between Abraham and Lot. The temptation is to read this text simply about these two men — while they certainly serve as examples to us, either to follow or avoid, we always need to be on the lookout for how God is at work. Sometimes it is hard for us to see — but God is always at work, sometimes in mysterious ways, to remove obstacles to our obedience, to renew his promises, to rescue us when we are foolish.

In order to develop eyes of faith that see God in mundane decisions, as well as in spectacular deliverances, we come to worship. It is when we come to the sanctuary and behold God's glory and steadfast love that we come to understand more about him and his ways with us and his world. As we hear the call to worship our God from Psalm 27, we are confessing that the Lord is our light and salvation. As we hear the assurance of pardon, we know that God in Christ forgives our sins. As we participate in baptism and hear professions of faith, we are reminded of God's steadfastness and faithfulness to his promises. Let's ask God to open our eyes this morning to see the ways that he is at work in our midst!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or one of our greeters. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

The Sanctuary, Balcony, and Fellowship Hall are open to anyone, while we continue social distancing. *Additionally, masks are now required.* The Fellowship Hall is also available for overflow from the Sanctuary. The Chapel is reserved for people who may be at higher risk due to medications or underlying health conditions (and their families). Both morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Fellowship Hall and the Chapel.

We also livestream our 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services at ipcmemphis.org. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available the following week on our website. More opportunities for teaching can be found on our YouTube channel. Go to YouTube, and search for Independent Presbyterian Church Memphis.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information, please contact Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"The Lord Is My Light"
James A. Brown, Jr. Director

Courtney

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1,4

The Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

The Congregation: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

The Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“The Lord’s My Shining Light”

Psalm 27:1,4,6

Darwall

1. The Lord’s my shin - ing light and my sal - va - tion sure;
2. My one de - sire has been, still to the Lord I pray,
3. My head shall lift - ed be a - bove my en - e - mies.

who can fill me with fright or move my
that all my days with - in the Lord’s house
With - in his tent with glee I’ll of - fer

heart se - cure? The Lord’s my strong - hold
I may stay. The Lord’s own beau - ty
sac - ri - fice. With shouts of joy my

ev - er near of whom then shall I stand in fear?
to ad - mire, and in his tem - ple to in - quire. -
song I’ll bring there prais - es to the Lord I’ll sing.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Psalm 27:1,4,6

Darwall



1. Join all the glo - rious names of wis - dom, love, and pow'r,
2. Great Proph - et of my God, my tongue would bless thy name:
that ev - er mor - tals knew, that an - gels ev - er
by thee the joy - ful news of our sal - va - tion
bore: all are too poor to speak his worth, too
came, the joy - ful news of sins for - giv'n, of
poor hell to sub - due, set my and peace - ior with forth.
heav'n.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Mae Payne (8:30 a.m.)

Jesus loves you, this you know, for the Bible tells you so;
Little ones to him belong, they are weak but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!

Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells you so.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Helen Renee Garrett (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God our heavenly Father, how comforting to know that you declare sinners like us completely forgiven, totally accepted, and profoundly loved through faith in Jesus Christ alone. Forgive us for seeking refuge and security in other things and people rather than in your Son. Pardon us for living in the bondage of sin's dominion rather than in the security of your love. Deliver us from our unbelief of your promises and our unwillingness to love others as you have loved us. Have mercy on us for seeking our own glory rather than living for yours. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and you forgave the guilt of my sin.” —*Psalm 32:3-5*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God"

Elaine Clowers, Soprano Leah Hendrick, Violin James Brown, Guitar

Congregation, please join in singing stanzas 1-3 after the solo verse.

Getty and Townend



1. The per - fect wis - dom of our God, re - vealed in
2. The match - less wis - dom of his ways, that mark the
3. O grant me wis - dom from a - bove to pray for



all the u - ni - verse: all things cre - at - ed by his
path of right - eous - ness; his word a lamp un - to my
peace and cling to love and teach me hum - bly to re -



hand, and held to - geth - er at his com - mand. He
feet, his spir - it teach - ing and guid - ing me. And
ceive the sun and rain of your sove - reign - ty. Each



knows the mys - teries of the seas, the se - crets of the stars are
oh, the mys - tery of the cross, that God should suf - fer for the
strand of sor - row has a place with - in this tap - es - try of



his; he guides the plan - ets on their
lost so that the fool might shame the
grace. So through the trials I choose to



way, and turns the earth through an - oth - er day.
wise, and all the glo - ry might go to Christ!
say: "Your per - fect will in your per - fect way."

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 37

The Minister: But may we swear an oath in God's name if we do it reverently?

The Congregation: Yes, when the government demands it, or when necessity requires it, in order to maintain and promote truth and trustworthiness for God's glory and our neighbor's good. Such oaths are grounded in God's Word and were rightly used by the people of God in the Old and New Testaments.

The Minister: May we also swear by saints or other creatures?

The Congregation: No. A legitimate oath means calling upon God as the only one who knows my heart to witness to my truthfulness and to punish me if I swear falsely. No creature is worthy of such honor.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

"Bright Canaan"

arr. Shaw-Parker

Harrison Howle, Director

O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan.
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see.

O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.
O, Canaan, it is my happy home.

I'll join with them who've gone before, Where sin and sorrows are no more.
Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, And higher still our joys they rise.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 13:1-14:24

So Abram went up from Egypt, he and his wife and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the Negeb.

²Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. ³And he journeyed on from the Negeb as far as Bethel to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, ⁴to the place where he had made an altar at the first. And there Abram called upon the name of the Lord. ⁵And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, ⁶so that the land could not support both of them dwelling together; for their possessions were so great that they could not dwell together, ⁷and there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's livestock and the herdsmen of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites were dwelling in the land.

⁸Then Abram said to Lot, "Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herdsmen and my herdsmen, for we are kinsmen. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right, or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left." ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw that the Jordan Valley was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar. (This was before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.) ¹¹So Lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley, and Lot journeyed east. Thus they separated from each other. ¹²Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the valley and moved his tent as far as Sodom. ¹³Now the men of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

¹⁴The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, "Lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are, northward and southward and eastward and westward, ¹⁵for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring forever. ¹⁶I will make your offspring as the dust of the earth, so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. ¹⁷Arise, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you." ¹⁸So Abram moved his tent and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron, and there he built an altar to the Lord.

¹In the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, ²these kings made war with Bera king of Sodom, Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, Shemeber king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar). ³And all these joined forces in the Valley of Siddim (that is, the Salt Sea). ⁴Twelve years they had served Chedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵In the fourteenth year Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him came and defeated the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnaim, the Zuzim in Ham, the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, ⁶and the Horites in their hill country of Seir as far as Elparan on the border of the wilderness. ⁷Then they turned back and came to En-mishpat (that is, Kadesh) and defeated all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites who were dwelling in Hazazon-tamar.

⁸Then the king of Sodom, the king of Gomorrah, the king of Admah, the king of Zeboiim, and the king of Bela (that is, Zoar) went out, and they joined battle in the Valley of Siddim ⁹with Chedorlaomer king of Elam, Tidal king of Goiim, Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar, four kings against five. ¹⁰Now the Valley of Siddim was full of bitumen pits, and as the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, some fell into them, and the rest fled to the hill country. ¹¹So the enemy took all the possessions of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their provisions, and went their way. ¹²They also took Lot, the son of Abram's brother, who was dwelling in Sodom, and his possessions, and went their way.

¹³Then one who had escaped came and told Abram the Hebrew, who was living by the oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol and of Aner. These were allies of Abram. ¹⁴When Abram heard that his kinsman had been taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, 318 of them, and went in pursuit as far as Dan. ¹⁵And he divided his forces against them by night, he and his servants, and defeated them and pursued them to Hobah, north of Damascus. ¹⁶Then he brought back all the possessions, and also brought back his kinsman Lot with his possessions, and the women and the people.

¹⁷After his return from the defeat of Chedorlaomer and the kings who were with him, the king of Sodom went out to meet him at the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸And Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. (He was priest of God Most High.) ¹⁹And he blessed him and said,

“Blessed be Abram by God Most High,
Possessor of heaven and earth;
²⁰and blessed be God Most High,
who has delivered your enemies into your hand!”

And Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, “Give me the persons, but take the goods for yourself.” ²²But Abram said to the king of Sodom, “I have lifted my hand to the Lord, God Most High, Possessor of heaven and earth, ²³that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, ‘I have made Abram rich.’ ²⁴I will take nothing but what the young men have eaten, and the share of the men who went with me. Let Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre take their share.”

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“God at Work”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. God removes obstacles (13:1-13)
2. God reaffirms his promises (13:14-18)
3. God rescues the foolish (14:1-16)
4. God receives the honor (14:17-24)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

No. 535

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

Hyfrydol

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un -
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of

mea - sured, bound - less, free; roll - ing as a
praise from shore to shore; how he lov - eth,
ev - 'ry love the best: 'tis an o - cean

might - y o - cean in its full - ness o - ver
e - ver lov - eth, chang - eth nev - er, nev - er -
vast of bless - ing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of

me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,
rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of thy love; lead ing
died to call them all his own; how for
'tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it

on - ward, lead - ing home - ward,
them he in - ter - ced - - eth,
lifts me up to glo - - ry,

to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
for it lifts me up to thee.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Darwall

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,
thy scepter and thy sword, thy reigning grace, I sing:
Thine is the pow'r, behold I sit in willing bonds beneath thy feet.

THE POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Willan



EVENING PRAISE

THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 84

Minister: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Congregation: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

Minister: For the Lord is a sun and a shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Better Is One Day”

Words and Music by Matt Redman

1. How love - ly is your dwell - ing place,
O Lord Al - might - y, my soul longs and
e - ven faints for you. For here my heart is
thing I ask and
sat - is - fied with - in your pres - ence. I
I would seek; to see your beau - ty, to
sing be - neath the shad - ow of your wings.
find you in the place your glo - ry dwells.
Bet - ter is one day in your courts, bet - ter is
one day in your house, bet - ter is one day in your courts than thou - sands
else - where. Bet - ter is one day in your courts, bet - ter is
one day in your house bet - ter is one day in your courts than thou - sands

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1. else-where. Than thou-sands else-where.

2. One else - where.

My flesh and heart cry out

for you, the liv-ing God. Your Word is wa-ter to my

soul. I've tast-ed and I've seen,

come once a-gain to me. I will draw near to you,

I will draw near to you.

Bet-ter is one day, bet-ter is

one day, bet-ter is one day than thou-sands else-

1. - where. Bet - ter is

2. where, than thou-sands else - where.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle



1. Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.



Ho - ly, ho - ly is he.



Sing a new song to him who sits on

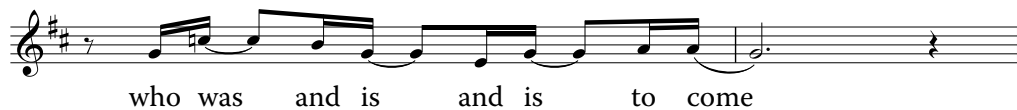


heav - en's mer - cy seat.

REFRAIN




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y



who was and is and is to come



With all cre - a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings.



You are my ev - ery - thing and I will a - dore you.

2. Clothed in rain - bows of liv - ing col - or,

flash - es of light - ning rolls of thun - der,

bless - ing and hon - or, strength and glo - ry and pow - er be

to you the on - ly wise king. (to REFRAIN)

3. Filled with won - der awe - struck won - der

at the men - tion of your name.

Je - sus your name is pow - er, breath and liv - ing wa - ter;

such a mar - v'lous mys - ter - y. (to REFRAIN)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

SONG OF PRAISE

“God Be Merciful to Me”

The Psalter, 1912

Miner



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I
 2. My trans-gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est
 4. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
 soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
 truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,
 right and true. Cast me not a - way from thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
 and pro - voked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy
 teach thy wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, thy
 let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

SONG OF PRAISE

“His Mercy Is More”

Words and Music:
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is



more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more
more.
more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our



sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

GRACE MOMENT

Mrs. Nell Womack, IPC Member

SONG OF PREPARATION "What Wondrous Love Is This"

American Folk Hymn

Music: Southern Harmony, 1835

arr. Matthew S. Smith



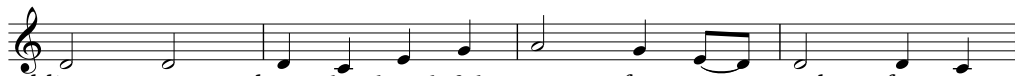
1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul! O my
2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing
3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will
4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!
down, when I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down,
sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.
on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.



What won-drous love is this, that caused the Lord of
when I was sink-ing down, be - neath God's right-eous
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great "I
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my
frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my
Am." While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul.
soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on. And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 1 Peter 3:18

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY “Suffered Under Pontius Pilate, Was Crucified, Died, and Was Buried”

The Reverend Mike Malone

Assistant Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“In Christ Alone”

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner -
 God in help - less Babe! This Gift of
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first

stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
 forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace when fears are
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

BENEDICTION



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
with love and in honor of the memory of their father, Clinton M. Early, Sr.,
by Clint Early, Jr., and Dorothy Early Bryant.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:
Ashley and Andrew Ginn

OUTDOOR SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE TONIGHT!

Weather permitting, we are planning to enjoy Sunday Evening Praise outdoors in the north parking lot **tonight** at 6:00 p.m.! Bring your own chairs and your families, and join us as we praise the Lord, pray together, and hear God's Word on what should be a beautiful end-of-summer evening. Masks will be optional tonight, and there will be plenty of opportunity to visit with one another prior to and after the worship service.

If you have been nervous about gathering indoors to sing and praise, here is a great opportunity to come and worship Jesus our King!

WELCOME BACK SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT

It's been six months since IPC Sunday school classes could meet in person at church, and this morning is our first opportunity to do so! Because classrooms must be kept at 50% capacity to meet local health guidelines, most communities are offering Sunday school lessons twice in a given week: once during the 9:45-10:45 a.m. Sunday School hour and a second time on Wednesday from 6:15-7:15 p.m. Registration is required each week; sign-up starts at 12:01 a.m. Thursday for both Sunday and Wednesday classes. If your class is only meeting on Sunday morning, you can register for another class on Wednesday nights. ***For more details, class options, or to register, please go to ipcmemphis.org, and click on "Welcome Back Sunday School and Wednesday Night."***

The coffee bar will also reopen this morning; however, a barista will serve your coffee and social distancing guidelines will be in effect for those in line. Masks will be required inside the building.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

College | Zach Hood | Room 131 | Sunday only

Young Adults | Robert Browning | Room 222/220 | Sunday and Wednesday

Mid 30s-40s | Parker Tenent | Fellowship Hall South | Sunday and Wednesday

Mid 40s-50s | Jeremy Jones | Fellowship Hall North | Sunday and Wednesday

Mid 50s-60s | Ed Norton | Chapel | Sunday and Wednesday

Line by Line Class | Rankin Fowlkes | Room 132 | Sunday only; starts September 20

Westminster Class | Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson | Room 233 | Sunday only

60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237 | Sunday and Wednesday

STUDENT MINISTRY

IDK (Middle School) and Seniorhigh Sunday Schools start today.

Wednesdays on the Lawn | IDK (Middle School) 6:15-7:15 p.m. | Senior High 7:30-8:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S AND NURSERY MINISTRY

Sunday School and Nursery

Nursery, Pre-Kindergarten, and Junior Kindergarten (0-4 years old) start today.

3rd-5th grades start September 20; Kindergarten-2nd grade start September 27

Join the Children's and Music Ministries on Wednesday evenings this fall for "That Thing!" Starting this Wednesday, September 16, Kindergarten through 5th grade will play games, study catechism, create music (not singing, but rhythm instruments such as boomwhackers, choir chimes, and xylophones), and complete service projects. Registration is required. *IPC families should watch their email weekly for protocol details and registration links.*

IPC CHOIRS ARE BACK FOR THE FALL

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Senior High Choir Rehearsal — Sundays, 5:00 p.m. (starting today) | Fellowship Hall

Junior High Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. (starting September 16) | Sanctuary

TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor
Rev. Robert Browning
Associate Pastor
Rev. Edward Norton
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Jones
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor
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Mr. Rick Smith
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg
Mr. Chris Thornton
Mr. Jay Vaughn
Mr. Jim Wilder

IPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Church's Main Office	901-685-8206
Music Office	901-685-9707
Recreation Office	901-763-3857

COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sunday — Open between services and after 11:00 service

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

(Open Wednesday until 6:30 p.m.)

Friday and Saturday — Closed

901-763-3932

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Independent Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for worship, growing in community, and going out in love.



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