

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

One of the great Gospel texts in Genesis is found here in our passage this morning. It is not a Gospel text because Abraham necessarily connected the promises of children and land to the promise of the Redeemer of God's elect, Jesus. Rather, it is a Gospel text because it shows us how the Gospel works in our lives: we trust God to keep his promise to save those who come to him through Jesus. Faith alone in God through Christ by the Spirit is the way of salvation, the way of righteousness.

That's why our God is a God beyond all praising. As we are called to worship with Psalm 118 and as we sing our songs of praise, ask God to let your heart sing: "O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay!" We sing this morning because of the steadfast love of God in Jesus Christ. Indeed, this is our solid rock — in Jesus Christ, we find that his oath, his covenant, his blood really do support us in the overwhelming floods of our lives. Thanks be to God!

## 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](http://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 Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

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

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

“Te Deum”

Charpentier

*Ric Browning, Trumpet   Brandon Rushing, Horn  
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 118

*The Minister:* Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever.

*The Congregation:* The Lord is our strength and our defense; he has become our salvation.

*The Minister:* Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord.

*The Congregation:* The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

*The Minister:* The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

*All:* The Lord has done it this very day! Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah”

No. 613

from Psalm 118

Rendez a Dieu



1. Give thanks un - to the Lord, Je - ho - vah, for he is good, O  
 2. In a large place the Lord has set me; in my dis - tress he  
 3. I shall not die, but live, de - clar - ing the works of God, who  
 4. The stone—O Lord, it is your do - ing the stone, the build - ers



praise his name! Let Is - rael say: "The Lord be prais - ed;  
 heard my cry. I will not fear; the Lord is with me—  
 tried me sore, and chas - tened me, but in his mer - cy  
 did de - spise, is made the head - stone of the cor - ner,



his mer - cy ev - er is the same." Let Aa - ron's  
 what can man do, when God is nigh? The Lord is  
 not un - to death has giv'n me o'er. The gates of  
 and it is mar - v'lous in our eyes. This is the



house now praise Je - ho - vah; the Lord is good, O  
 chief a - mong my help - ers; and I shall see my  
 righ - teous - ness set o - pen, the gate of God! I'll  
 day, of days most glo - rious, the Lord hath made; we'll



praise his name. Let all that fear the Lord ex -  
 foes o'er - thrown: far bet - ter than in man or  
 en - ter in to praise you, Lord, who pray'r have  
 joy and sing. Send now pros - per - i - ty, we



tol him; his mer - cy ev - er is the same.  
 princ - es, my trust I place in God a - lone.  
 an - swered, and have saved me from all my sin.  
 pray, Lord; and, O our God, sal - va - tion bring!

# THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Michael Perry, 1981

Thaxted

1. O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day  
2. Then hear, O gra - cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,  
and sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;  
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our King;  
for we can on - ly won - der at ev - ery gift you send,  
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be filled with good or ill,  
at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:  
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:  
we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,  
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,  
we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.  
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Meryl Prudence Thompson (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

*Mary VanLandingham Wilhite (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we are prone to evil and lazy in doing good. All our shortcomings and offenses are against you. You alone know how often we have sinned by wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. O Lord, have pity upon us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive all our sins on account of your dear Son, our Savior. Send your purifying grace into our hearts, that we may live in your light and walk according to the commandments of Jesus Christ, our Lord. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“When God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.” — *Hebrews 6:17-18*

## THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

*James Brown, Guitar*

Words: Habershon and Merker

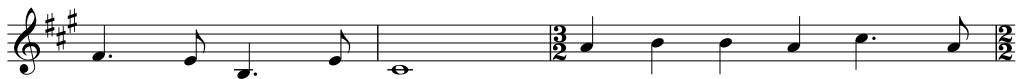
Music: Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me  
2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me  
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast. When the tempt - er would pre - vail,  
fast. Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,  
fast. Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied,



he will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my  
he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be  
he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end - less

hold through life's fear - ful path;  
lost his prom - is - es shall last;  
life, he will hold me fast;

for my love is of - ten cold, he must hold me  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me  
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at

fast. He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.  
fast.  
last.

For my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 38

*The Minister:* What is God's will for you in the fourth commandment?

*The Congregation:* First, that the gospel ministry and education for it be maintained, and that, especially on the festive day of rest, I diligently attend the assembly of God's people to learn what God's Word teaches, to participate in the sacraments, to pray to God publicly, and to bring Christian offerings for the poor. Second, that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through his Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

## 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

“A Jubilant Song”

arr. Pote

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.  
Rejoice and sing and let earth be glad,  
Let the heavens be filled with joy.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia.  
Tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Shout his marv'lous works among the people.  
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.  
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,  
From age to age you are God,  
And we pray for the coming of your kingdom.  
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 15:1-21

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>And behold, the word of the Lord came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

<sup>7</sup>And he said to him, “I am the Lord who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess.” <sup>8</sup>But he said, “O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?” <sup>9</sup>He said to him, “Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.” <sup>10</sup>And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half. <sup>11</sup>And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

<sup>12</sup>As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram. And behold, dreadful and great darkness fell upon him. <sup>13</sup>Then the Lord said to Abram, “Know for certain that your offspring will be sojourners in a land that is not theirs and will be servants there, and they will be afflicted for four hundred years. <sup>14</sup>But I will bring judgment on the nation that they serve, and afterward they shall



come out with great possessions. <sup>15</sup>As for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age. <sup>16</sup>And they shall come back here in the fourth generation, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

<sup>17</sup>When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. <sup>18</sup>On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, “To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates, <sup>19</sup>the land of the Kenites, the Kenizzites, the Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup>the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, <sup>21</sup>the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites and the Jebusites.”

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## THE SERMON

“His Oath, Covenant, and Blood”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

# SERMON NOTES

1. Promise

A. Who

B. What

2. Oath

3. Response

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 521

Edward Mote, 1834

Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and  
port me in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my  
may I then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

## REFRAIN

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is  
sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## THE POSTLUDE

“Built on a Rock”

arr. Martin



# EVENING PRAISE

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 48

*Minister:* Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King!

*Congregation:* We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the end of the earth.

*Minister:* Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

*Congregation:* This is our God, our God forever and ever! He will guide us forever!

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF PRAISE

## “Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,  
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled his pard'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears;  
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.  
 he owns me for his child, I can no long - er fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne  
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned  
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O  
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence



my Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 for ev - ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 for - give," they cry, "don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"  
 I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



(men) A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

(women)

A - rise!

A - rise,

(all) a - rise, my soul, a -



A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

rise.

A - rise!

A - rise,

a - rise, my soul, a -



rise! Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

# SONG OF PRAISE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Words: Henry Lyte

Music: Christopher Miner



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en,  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor  
 3. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish,



to his feet your trib - ute bring;  
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress;  
 blows the wind and it is gone;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
 praise him still the same for - ev - er,  
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,



who, like me, his praise should sing?  
 slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on.

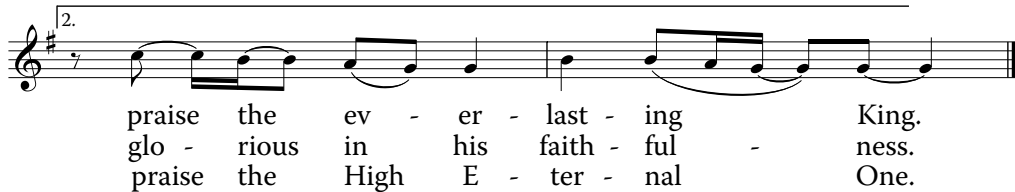


Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,  
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,



1.  
 praise the ev - er - last - ing King,  
 glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness,  
 praise the high e - ter - nal One,

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praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 praise the High E - ter - nal One.

4. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
 well our feeble frame he knows.  
 In his hands he gently bears us,  
 rescues us from all our foes.  
 Praise him, praise him,  
 praise him, praise him,  
 widely as his mercy goes.  
 Praise him, praise him,  
 praise him, praise him,  
 widely as his mercy goes.

5. Angels help us to adore him;  
 ye behold him face to face;  
 sun and moon, bow down before him,  
 dwellers all in time and space.  
 Praise him, praise him,  
 praise him, praise him,  
 praise with us the God of grace.  
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## 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

“Steadfast”

Words and Music: McCracken, Jordan,  
Silverberg (adaptions: Nouwen)



1. I will build my house, wheth-er storm or drought, on the  
2. By the word you spoke. All the star - ry host are called  
3. I will not trust in the strength of kings. On your



rock that does not move. I will set my hope in your  
out by name each night. In your watch-ful care I will  
prom - ise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will



love, O Lord; and your faith-ful -ness will prove you are  
rest se - cure as you lead us with your light. You are  
raise my voice: Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb! You are



stead - fast, stead - - fast; You are



stead - fast, stead - fast.

SONG OF PRAISE

“I’ll Not Be Shaken (Psalm 62)”

Wendell Kimbrough

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1. For God a-lone, I wait in  
 2. Put not your hope in gain of  
 3. Pour out your heart to God our

si-lence; my soul is still be-fore the Lord. He is my  
 rich-es; seek not your rest in emp-ty wealth. The rich are  
 re-fuge and trust in him to hear you cry. No oth-er

rock and my sal-va-tion, my for-tres strong; I trust in  
 weak; the poor are might-y, who turn to God a-lone for  
 hope will nev-er fail you; no oth-er love will not run

him. I'll not be shak-en! I'll not be shak-en, for all my  
 help.  
 dry.

hope is in his love. From God a-lone comes my sal-va-tion; I wait and

1.2. 3.  
 trust his stead-fast love! love; I'll wait and trust his stead-fast love.

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:22-31

<sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—  
<sup>23</sup>this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup>God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

“I saw the Lord always before me,  
for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken;  
<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
my flesh also will dwell in hope.  
<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,  
or let your Holy One see corruption.  
<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the paths of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup>“Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup>he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption.”

*Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“He Descended into Hell”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## NOTES

1. What it doesn't mean
  - A. Jesus went to the place called hell to experience torment
  - B. Jesus went to the place called hell to declare his victory over the powers/his enemies
2. What it does mean
  - A. The summary of humiliation
  - B. The agony and power of death
3. Why it's important
  - A. Fullness of identification
  - B. Fullness of redemption

# PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

## “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Isaac Watts

Folk tune



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross  
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of glo - ry died,  
save in the death of Christ my God:  
sor - row and love flow min - gled down:  
that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss,  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,  
love so a - maz - - ing, so di - vine,

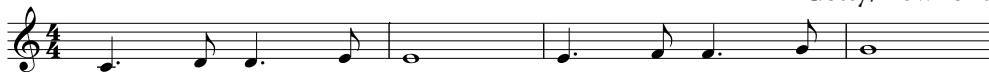


and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?  
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

# DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

“The Power of the Cross”

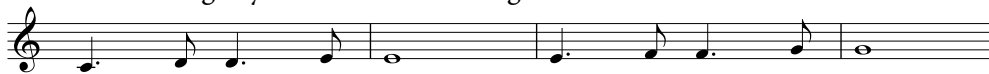
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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:  
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,  
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath  
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.  
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head.  
for through your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then  
Ev' - ry bit - ter thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed  
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;  
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. This, the  
crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This, the  
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This, the  
won through your self - less love! This, the



pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came  
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came  
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came  
pow'r of the cross: Son of God,



sin for us; took the blame, bore the  
sin for us; took the blame, bore the  
sin for us; took the blame, bore the  
slain for us; what a love! What a

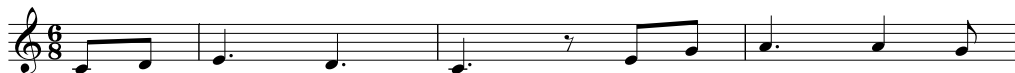


wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Oh How Good It Is”

Words and Music by Getty,  
Getty, Holmes, Townend



1. Oh how good it is when the fam - 'ly of  
 2. Oh how good it is on this jour - ney we  
 3. Oh how good it is to em - brace his com -



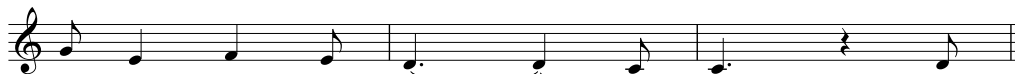
God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it in  
 share, to re - joice with the hap - py and  
 mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er, for -



faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of  
 weep with those who mourn. For the weak find  
 give as he for - gives. When we live as



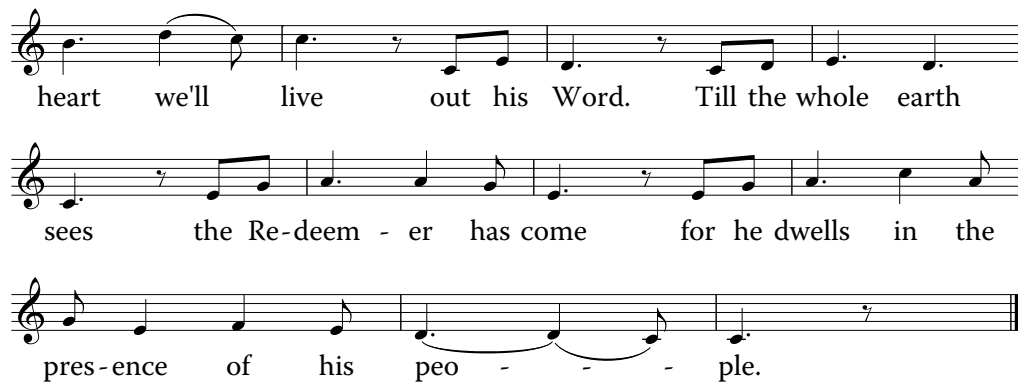
peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the fruit of his  
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pres - ence here a - mong us.  
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with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one



heart we'll live out his Word. Till the whole earth  
sees the Re-deem - er has come for he dwells in the  
pres-ence of his peo - - - ple.

## BENEDICTION



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Marilyn Sanford Garey  
by Berl Garey and Vicki and Chuck Halford.*

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### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*

Ellison and Justin Huber and grandparents Julia and Richard Howle  
on the birth Ruth “Ruthie” Jackson Huber, on September 10.

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### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES

Registration is required for both Sunday School and Wednesday night.  
Registration links will be open each Thursday at 12:01 a.m. for the following week’s classes;  
Sunday School registration closes at noon on Saturday, and Wednesday registration closes at  
noon on Tuesday. For more details, visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org), and click on  
“Welcome Back Sunday School and Wednesday Night.”

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 today

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

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



## CHILDREN'S AND NURSERY MINISTRY

### Sunday School and Nursery

The Nursery and Children's Sunday School continue to reopen in phases, beginning with only the 8:30 a.m. worship service and Sunday school hour. Children must arrive at 8:30 to remain through Sunday School. The schedule for opening Nursery and Sunday School is as follows:

September 20 — Nursery, Pre-K, JK, 3rd-5th Grades (No Kindergarten-2nd)

September 27 — Nursery-5th Grade

Registration is required for Nursery and Children's Sunday School; although, the entire family can register at the same time, with the same link. For more details, go to [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org), and click on "Welcome Back Sunday School and Wednesday Night."

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### THAT THING!

Join the Children's and Music Ministries on Wednesday evenings for "That Thing!" Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will play games, study catechism, create music (not singing, but rhythm instruments such as boomwhackers, choir chimes, and xylophones), and complete service projects. The Nursery (ages 0-JK) has also reopened on Wednesday nights. Due to health guidelines, space is limited for That Thing! and the Nursery. Registration is required, and will open up each Thursday at 12:01 a.m. For FAQ's and other details, visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

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### STUDENT MINISTRY

IDK (Middle School) Sunday School | Avon Lawn

Seniorhigh Sunday School | Gym Parking Lot

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

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### 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. | Fellowship Hall

Junior High Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

## COFFEE IS NOW SERVED AGAIN

Coffee is now being served from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sunday by specially trained staff, who are adhering to strict health guidelines.

Masks and social distancing are required in the coffee bar area.

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### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesdays*

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

(No childcare at this time.)

### IN THE WORD:

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

led by Dr. Sean Lucas

*Thursdays* | 6:30 a.m.

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall | \$3.00\*

*\*For those who want to eat, breakfast is served cafeteria-style, with social distancing in place, both in line and in seating.*

*Disposable masks will be available, if needed.*

## 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*  
Rev. Brad Robson  
*Pastor of Student Ministries*  
Rev. Parker Tenent  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.  
*Senior Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Bill Hogan  
*Assistant Pastor Emeritus*

## RULING ELDERS

Mr. Cannon F. Allen  
Mr. Matthew G. Buyer  
Mr. David Caldwell  
Mr. Richard M. Carter  
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.  
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove  
Mr. Rankin Fowlkes  
Dr. Hugh Francis III  
Mr. Samuel N. Graham II  
Mr. J. Lee Greene Jr.  
Mr. Stephen Guenther  
Dr. Charles R. Halford  
Mr. Holt Hall  
Mr. Bryan A. Hawkins  
Mr. John Jurey Howard III  
Mr. Ralph Janikowsky  
Mr. George G. Leavell  
Mr. William Martin  
Mr. Dan McEwan  
Dr. James R. Mitchum  
Mr. William R. Mitchum Jr.  
Mr. David R. Neubert  
Mr. Matthew J. Olson  
Dr. Melvin P. Payne III  
Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.  
Mr. John W. Stokes III  
Mr. Scott Suddoth  
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn

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Mr. David Butler  
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. John R. Coates  
Dr. Colton Cockrum  
Mr. John Dorrill  
Mr. John Edwards  
Mr. Hugh Francis IV  
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi  
Dr. Kevin Garrett  
Mr. Robert E. Hicks  
Mr. Jay Jacks  
Mr. Corky Jones  
Dr. John G. Kakales  
Mr. William Kay  
Mr. James McDonald  
Mr. William G. Mueller IV  
Mr. Jeff Payne  
Mr. Calvin Purcell  
Mr. Timothy Rainey  
Mr. Alex Ransone  
Mr. Chris W. Rogers  
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.  
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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