

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As we come to Genesis 16 this morning, we find that this is as much a Gospel passage as the previous chapter. Hopefully that is something that we are learning from every portion of God's Word: every page teaches us about the True Hero of the Bible, the God who has come to us in Jesus by the Spirit. In this passage, we find a mercy that is greater than the mess that our sin makes, a mercy that meets us in our folly and shame, and redeems us.

And so, our worship this morning picks up on these themes of mercy and joy that come to Christians who trust in Jesus Christ. Our call to worship comes from Psalm 20, a wonderful song of affirmation and trust in the God who rescues us. And our assurance of pardon reminds us that the Spirit is at work in us, transforming us into the Lord's own image and character. Sometimes we may doubt that is the case when we see the messes in our lives, but God's Word is sure and his Spirit is power — he will surely accomplish his purpose in us!

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

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"This Is My Father's World"  
*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

arr. Hobby

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 20

*The Minister:* In times of trouble, may the Lord answer your cry. May the name of the God of Jacob keep you safe from all harm.

*The Congregation:* May he send you help from his sanctuary and strengthen you from Jerusalem.

*The Minister:* May he grant your heart's desire and make all your plans succeed.

*The Congregation:* May we shout for joy when we hear your victory and raise a victory banner in the name of our God. May the Lord answer all your prayers.

*The Minister:* Now I know that the Lord rescues his anointed king. He will answer him from his holy heaven and rescue him by his great power.

*All:* Some nations boast of their chariots and horses, but we boast in the name of the Lord our God! Amen! Let us worship God!

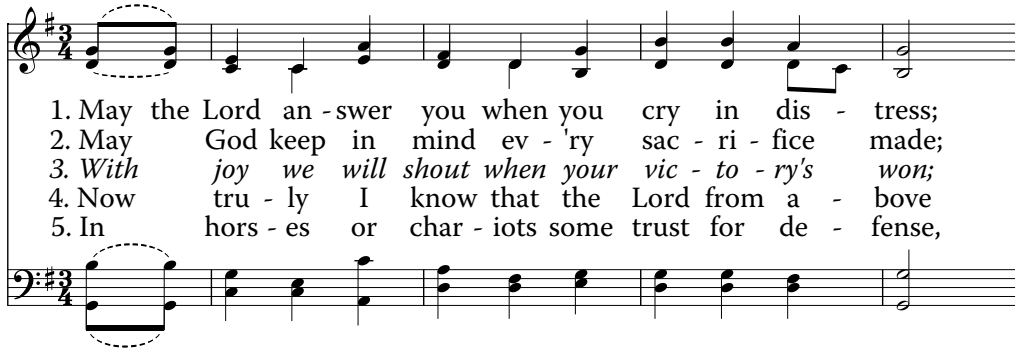
*The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

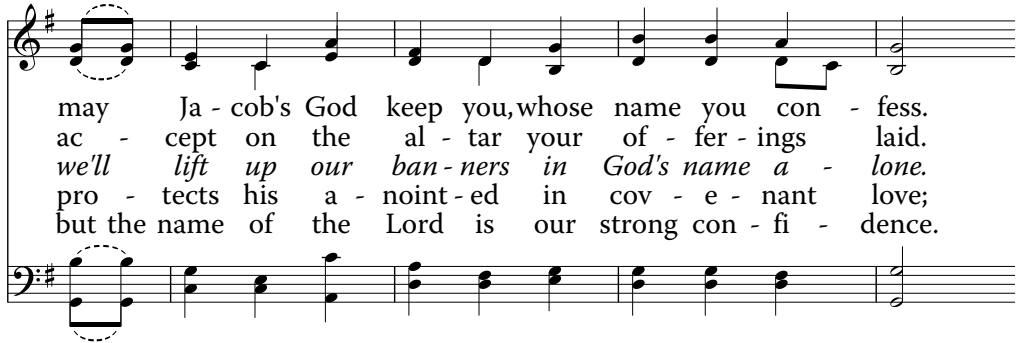
“May the Lord Answer You”

Psalm 20

St. Denio



1. May the Lord an - swer you when you cry in dis - tress;  
2. May God keep in mind ev - 'ry sac - ri - fice made;  
3. *With joy we will shout when your vic - to - ry's won;*  
4. Now tru - ly I know that the Lord from a - bove  
5. In hors - es or char - iots some trust for de - fense,



may Ja - cob's God keep you, whose name you con - fess.  
ac - cept on the al - tar your of - fer - ings laid.  
*we'll lift up our ban - ners in God's name a - lone.*  
pro - tects his a - noint - ed in cov - e - nant love;  
but the name of the Lord is our strong con - fi - dence.



May God send as - sis - tance from his ho - ly place,  
And may he ful - fil the de - sire of your heart  
*And so may the Lord hear your earn - est re - quest,*  
from heav'n in his ho - li - ness God hears his cry;  
They're brought to their knees, while in strength we a - rise,

and grant you from Zi - on sup - port by his grace.  
suc - cess to each one of your plans to im - part.  
*and an - swer your prayers as seems to him best.*  
and saves by the pow'r of his right hand on high.  
O Lord, save the king! Hear and an - swer our cries!

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

# THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

based on Psalm 104

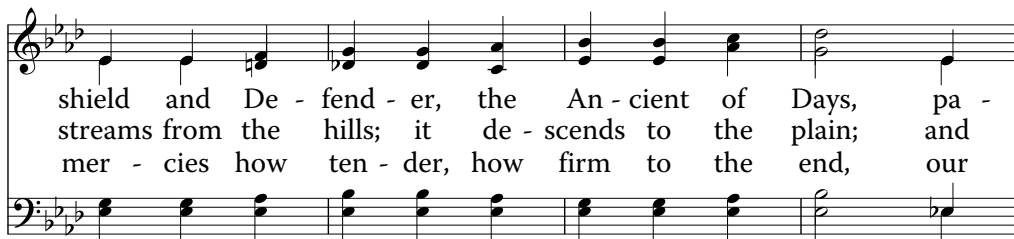
Lyons



1. O wor-ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O  
2. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It  
3. Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail, in



grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love; our  
breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it  
you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your



shield and De - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, pa -  
streams from the hills; it de - scends to the plain; and  
mer - cies how ten - der, how firm to the end, our



vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.  
Mak - er, De - fend - er, Re - deem - er, and Friend!

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Luke Allen Sykes (11:00 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 CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O gracious and gentle and condescending God, God of peace, Father of mercy, God of all comfort: we confess before you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin, and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

— *Ephesians 2:4-6*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“His Mercy Is More”

*William Fernandez, Guitar*   *Tim Keith, Bass*

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



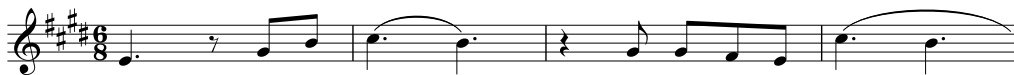
nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown  
fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He  
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We



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.



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

*The Congregation:* That I honor, love, and be loyal to my father and mother and all those in authority over me; that I submit myself with proper obedience to all their good teaching and discipline; and also that I be patient with their failings — for through them God chooses to rule us.

## 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

“Who at My Door Is Standing?”

K. Lee Scott

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Who at my door is standing, There patiently drawing near,  
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?  
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”

Within, the rooms are darkened, All filled with dust and sin;  
How shameful, how unworthy For Christ to enter in.  
Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!  
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.  
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.  
Sweetly the tones are falling; “Now open the door for me!”  
Lord God, I hear thee calling, Come now, abide with me.  
Dear Lord, abide with me!

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 16:1-16

<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. She had a female Egyptian servant whose name was Hagar. <sup>2</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, "Behold now, the Lord has prevented me from bearing children. Go in to my servant; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her servant, and gave her to Abram her husband as a wife. <sup>4</sup>And he went in to Hagar, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup>And Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my servant to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!" <sup>6</sup>But Abram said to Sarai, "Behold, your servant is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she fled from her.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am fleeing from my mistress Sarai." <sup>9</sup>The angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her." <sup>10</sup>The angel of the Lord also said to her, "I will surely multiply your offspring so that they cannot be numbered for multitude." <sup>11</sup>And the angel of the Lord said to her,

"Behold, you are pregnant  
and shall bear a son.  
You shall call his name Ishmael,  
because the Lord has listened to your affliction.  
<sup>12</sup>He shall be a wild donkey of a man,  
his hand against everyone  
and everyone's hand against him,  
and he shall dwell over against all his kinsmen."

<sup>13</sup>So she called the name of the Lord who spoke to her, "You are a God of seeing," for she said, "Truly here I have seen him who looks after me." <sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>15</sup>And Hagar bore Abram a son, and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael.

<sup>16</sup>Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram.

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

# THE SERMON

“The Mercy in Our Messes”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

### 1. The messes we make

#### A. How it happens

- Wrong timing

- Wrong solution

- Wrong pattern

#### B. What happens

- Fight

- Flight

### 2. The mercy God shows

#### A. To them

#### B. To us

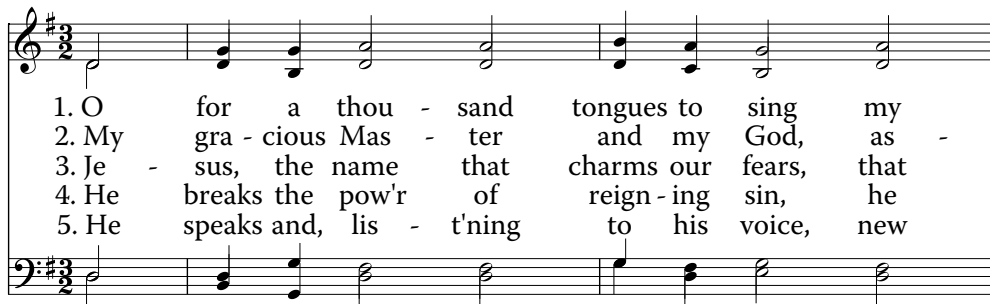
# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

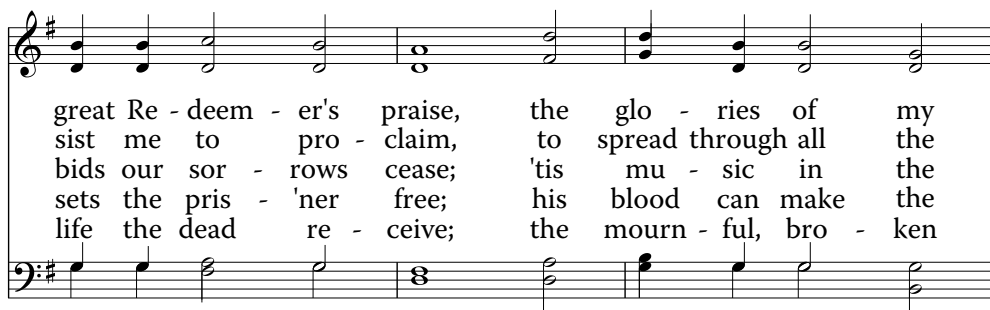
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Charles Wesley, 1739

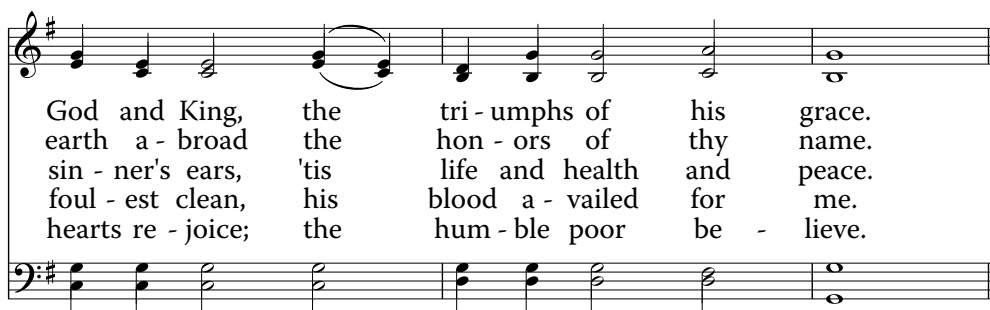
Azmon



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that  
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he  
5. He speaks and, lis - t'ning to his voice, new



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
bids our sor - rows cease; 'tis mu - sic in the  
sets the pris - 'ner free; his blood can make the  
life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful, bro - ken



God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.  
earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.  
hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

# THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Azmon

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## THE POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in F”

Brunner



# EVENING PRAISE

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 21:1-4

*Minister:* I saw a new heaven and a new earth! The old heaven and the old earth and the sea had disappeared.

*Congregation:* Then I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, descending from God.

*Minister:* Out of heaven, beautiful as a bride adorned for her husband. God will live with them. They will be God's people.

*Congregation:* God will wipe every tear from their eyes.

## INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

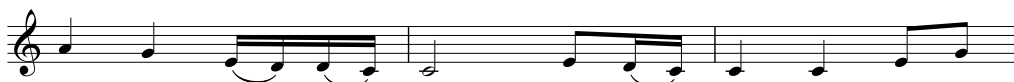
“Come, Thou Fount”

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

Nettleton



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



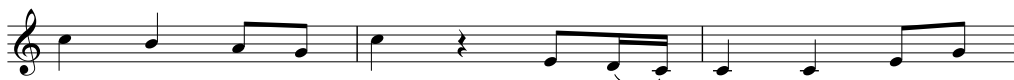
heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er  
 by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be; let that grace now, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to



some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring  
 wan - der Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up -  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and



on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

# SONG OF PRAISE

“For All the Saints”

Words: William H. How 1874, 1875

Music: Christopher Miner



1. For all the saints who from their  
 2. *Thou wast their rock,* *their for - tress,*  
 3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful,  
 4. *The gold - en eve - ning* *bright - ens*  
 5. But lo! There breaks a yet more  
 6. *From earth's wide bounds,* *from o - cean's*



la - bors rest who thee by faith be - fore the  
*and their might; thou, Lord, their Cap - tain* *in the*  
 true, and bold, fight as the saints who no - bly  
*in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful* *war - riors*  
 glo - rious day; the saints tri - um - phant rise in  
*far - thest coast through gates of pearl* *streams in the*



world con - fessed, thy name O Je - sus  
*well - fought fight; thou, in the dark - ness*  
 fought of old, and win with them the  
*comes their rest; sweet is the calm of*  
 bright ar - ray; the King of glo - ry  
*count - less host, sing - ing to Fath - er,*



be for - ev - er blessed, Al - le - lu - ia.  
*drear, their one true light, Al - le - lu - ia.*  
 vic - tor's crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia.  
*par - a - dise the blest, Al - le - lu - ia.*  
 pass - es on his way, Al - le - lu - ia.  
*Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Al - le - lu - ia.*



Al - le - lu.  
 Al - le - lu.  
 Al - le - lu.  
 Al - le - lu.  
 Al - le - lu.



## 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

“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!

SONG OF PRAISE

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787

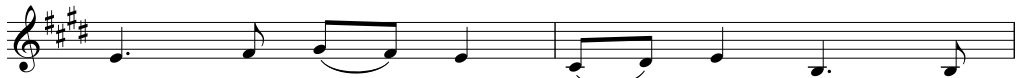
Music: Christopher Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and  
 (2.) o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, shines  
 (3.) chill - ing winds nor poi - sonous breath, can  
 (4.) shall I reach that hap - py place, and



cast a wish - ful eye to  
 one e - ter - nal day. There  
 reach that health - ful shore, where  
 be for - ev - er blessed. When



Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where  
 God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, and  
 sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are  
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and



my pos - ses - sions lie 2. All way. I am  
 scat - ters night a - more. I am  
 felt and feared no more.  
 in his bos - om rest.



bound I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised



Land. I am bound, I am bound, I am



bound for Prom - ised Land. 3. No  
 4. When

## SONG OF PREPARATION

## "Be Thou My Vision"

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century

Slane



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. *Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;*  
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
*be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,*  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
*thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;*  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
*raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*  
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 23:50-24:12

<sup>50</sup>Now there was a man named Joseph, from the Jewish town of Arimathea. He was a member of the council, a good and righteous man, <sup>51</sup>who had not consented to their decision and action; and he was looking for the kingdom of God. <sup>52</sup>This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. <sup>53</sup>Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone, where no one had ever yet been laid. <sup>54</sup>It was the day of Preparation, and the Sabbath was beginning. <sup>55</sup>The women who had come with him from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid. <sup>56</sup>Then they returned and prepared spices and ointments.

On the Sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

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

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“The Third Day He Rose Again from the Dead”

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton*

*Associate Pastor*

# SONG OF PRAISE

## “Satisfied”

Words: Clara T. Williams, 1875

Music: Karl Digerness, 1997

1. All my life long I had pant - ed  
 2. Feed - ing on the filth a - round me,  
 3. Poor I was, and sought for rich - es,  
 4. Well of wa - ter, ev - er spring - ing,

s. for a drink from some cold spring,  
 till my strength was al - most gone.  
 some - thing that would sat - is - fy,  
 bread of life so rich and free,

s. that I hoped would quench the burn - ing  
 Longed my soul for some - thing bet - ter,  
 but the dust I gath - ered round me,  
 un - told wealth that nev - er fail - eth,

s. of the thirst I felt with - in,  
 on - ly still to hun - ger on.  
 on - ly mocked my soul's sad cry.  
 my Re - deem - er is to me.

s. Hal - le - lu - jah, he has found me,  
 the One my soul so long has craved.  
 Je - sus sat - is - fies all my long - ings.  
 Through his blood I now am saved.

### BENEDICTION

## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
in loving memory of Arie Cooper and Drew Cooper,  
Sara Jane Scott Greenlee and Dr. Daniel J. Scott, Jr., and Roy Scott  
by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Scott, and Will, Charlie, and Daniel Scott.

— Last Time This Fall —

### SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE OUTDOORS

October 4 | 6:00 p.m. | Avon Parking Lot

Weather permitting on October 4, we will have one more opportunity this fall to worship together outdoors at Sunday Evening Praise! Bring your own chairs and your families, and join us in the north parking lot as we praise the Lord, pray together, and hear God's Word. Masks will be optional, 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 wonderful time to come and worship Jesus our King!

## BIRTHS

*Congratulations to*

Anne Morgan and Sebron Miller on the birth  
of their daughter, Anne Carlisle Miller, on September 16.

*Congratulations to*

Jessica and Andy Johnston on the birth  
of their son, James Robinson Johnston, on September 19.

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## DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*

Marion Dalton on the death  
of her husband, Mike, on September 17.

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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

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

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school classes all meet today. Nursery, Pre-K, and JK are also open, but children must arrive at 8:30 a.m. to remain through Sunday school.

Since Children’s Church has not yet resumed, kindergarteners may attend either service with their parents. All children must register by each Saturday at noon. (Please remember that nursery spots are limited and fill quickly.) For more details, visit [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

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary  
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.)

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### IN THE WORD: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

led by Dr. Sean Lucas  
*Thursdays* | 6:30 a.m.

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### 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.*

## PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Rev. Robert Browning	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. Edward Norton	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. Jeremy Jones	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Mike Malone	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Brad Robson	<i>Pastor, Student Ministries</i>
Rev. Parker Tenent	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.	<i>Pastoral Associate</i>
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.	<i>Senior Pastor Emeritus</i>
Rev. Bill Hogan	<i>Assistant Pastor Emeritus</i>

## MINISTRY STAFF

Alison Barger	<i>Director, Communications</i>
James A. Brown, Jr.	<i>Director, Worship &amp; Music Ministries</i>
Pam Brown	<i>Assistant Director, Worship &amp; Music Ministries</i>
Gwen Carpenter	<i>Food Services Manager</i>
Ben Ervin	<i>Audio Visual Coordinator</i>
Mary Virginia Felker	<i>Assistant Director, Senior High Ministry</i>
Stephen Felker	<i>Student Ministry Associate</i>
Leigh Fox	<i>Hospitality Consultant</i>
Emilee Garrett	<i>Children's Choirs Coordinator</i>
Lucy Green	<i>Director, Children's Ministry</i>
Paul Halford, Sr.	<i>Director, Operations</i>
Rachel Himebook	<i>Director, IPC Ballet</i>
Zach Hood	<i>Director, College Ministry</i>
Rob Howard	<i>Director, Recreation Ministries</i>
Harrison Howle	<i>Choral Assistant</i>
Andrew Ginn	<i>Covenanters' Corner Bookstore</i>
Maryanna Story	<i>Assistant Director, Student Ministry</i>
Lisa Turner	<i>Director, Women's Ministry</i>
Jennifer Velázquez	<i>Associate Director, Worship &amp; Music Ministries   Organist</i>
Scott Walker	<i>Worship Assistant</i>
Suellen Warren	<i>Business Administrator</i>

## 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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