



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

“Theology is the doctrine of living to God.” So wrote English Puritan William Ames in the 1620’s. What is striking in that definition is the word ‘living.’ Theology, apparently, is not theoretical. It touches, even enables, living. One writer contrasted two types of ‘theologians.’ One is pictured seated on a balcony high above the road below. “The balconeers can overhear the travelers talk, and chat with them; they may comment critically on the way that the travelers walk; or they may discuss questions about the road, how it can exist at all or lead anywhere, what might be seen from different points along it, and so forth; but they are only onlookers and their problems are theoretical only.” Then there are the travelers. They, “by contrast, face problems which...are essentially practical-problems of the ‘*which-way-to-go*’ type and ‘*how-to-make-it*’ type...” That is, the travelers are concerned with how to live in the midst of the difficulties they face. And they are concerned to know what they SHOULD believe about God and then HOW what they do believe informs their living. In the end, what we believe about God makes all the difference. “The world becomes a strange, mad, painful place, and life in it a disappointing and unpleasant business, for those who do not know about God.”

The Psalms have been a stabilizing influence for the people of God for millennia. As we come to Psalm 68 today, we are reminded of the twin characteristics of God: that he is mighty and merciful. If only mighty, he could be terrifying; if only merciful, he would likely be pathetic. If only mighty, he would be able to save, but might not; if only merciful, he would desire to save, but could not. As it is, he is both...mighty and merciful. And so he is able to save and desires to save. May our hearts be encouraged as we continue to travel the road he has set us upon.

## 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 and still strongly recommend wearing a mask. The Fellowship Hall is also available for overflow from the Sanctuary. The Chapel, where masks are now required, 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-EIGHTH DAY OF JUNE, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"Fairest Lord Jesus" arr. Brown  
*Van Oliver, Tenor   James Brown, Baritone*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

*The Minister:*      Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

*The Congregation:* Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are  
his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

*The Minister:*      Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks  
to him; bless his name!

*All:*                    For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness  
to all generations.

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

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord”

No. 6 (stanzas 1-4)

from Psalm 103

Tidings

1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with  
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com-pas - sion, most slow to  
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and  
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der

in me, bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -  
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to  
 kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our  
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the

get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and  
 all who hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less  
 weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are  
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who

*REFRAIN*

sav - ing love pro - claim.  
 as the heav'ns a - bove. Bless him, for - ev - er, won - drous in  
 dust, he knows our frame. look to him in fear.

might, bless him, his ser - vants, that in his will de - light.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Tidings

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;  
bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus, our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. *Amen.*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." — *Isaiah 43:1, 25*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

No. 264

Brandon Rushing, Horn James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Fanny J. Crosby, 1869

Near the Cross

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,  
2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.  
help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.  
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*REFRAIN*

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the ri - ver.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 26

*The Minister:* How does holy baptism remind and assure you that Christ's one sacrifice on the cross benefits you personally?

*The Congregation:* In this way: Christ instituted this outward washing and with it promised that, as surely as water washes away the dirt from the body, so certainly his blood and his Spirit wash away my soul's impurity, that is, all my sins.

*The Minister:* What does it mean to be washed with Christ's blood and Spirit?

*The Congregation:* To be washed with Christ's blood means that God, by grace, has forgiven our sins because of Christ's blood poured out for us in his sacrifice on the cross. To be washed with Christ's Spirit means that the Holy Spirit has renewed and sanctified us to be members of Christ, so that more and more we become dead to sin and live holy and blameless lives.

*The Minister:* Where does Christ promise that we are washed with his blood and Spirit as surely as we are washed with the water of baptism?

*The Congregation:* In the institution of baptism, where he says: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." "The one who believes and is baptized will be saved; but the one who does not believe will be condemned." This promise is repeated when Scripture calls baptism "the water of rebirth" and the washing away of sins.

## 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 ANTHEM

“And Can It Be?”

Forrest

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

And can it be? And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?  
And can it be that I should gain An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me who caused his pain? For me who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be That thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above, So free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me.

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown through Christ my own.  
Amazing love! how can it be That thou my God, shouldst die for me?

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 68: 1-10; 32-35

<sup>1</sup>God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!  
<sup>2</sup>As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! <sup>3</sup>But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

<sup>4</sup>Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him! <sup>5</sup>Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his holy habitation. <sup>6</sup>God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

<sup>7</sup>O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, <sup>8</sup>the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. <sup>9</sup>Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; <sup>10</sup>your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

<sup>32</sup>O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; sing praises to the Lord, <sup>33</sup>to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice. <sup>34</sup>Ascribe power

to God whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies. <sup>35</sup>Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel — he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## THE SERMON

“The God We Serve: Mighty and Merciful”

*The Reverend Mike Malone*

*Assistant Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Mighty

2. Merciful

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

No. 535

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

Ebenezer (Ton-Y-Botel)

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un - mea - sured,  
2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread his praise from  
3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean  
shore to shore; how he lov - eth, e - ver lov - eth,  
love the best: 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,  
chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how he watch - es o'er his loved ones,  
'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

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

lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove.  
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.  
 up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee.

## THE BENEDICTION

### THE RESPONSE

Foundation

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

### THE POSTLUDE

“Foundation”  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Cherwien



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
in loving memory of David Hal Cook, Jr., Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Knox, Sr.,  
Charles Lindbergh Cone, and Mr. and Mrs. Hershel Byron Howell  
by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Howell. Mrs. Howell is the former Miss Olivia Knox.

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*  
Mandy and Richard Powell  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Elizabeth McCaughan Powell,  
on June 12.

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*  
Coley and Robert Nicholson  
on the birth of their daughter,  
Charlotte Elizabeth Nicholson,  
on June 15.

### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*  
the family of Mildred Carruthers  
on her death on June 21.

### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Terinell Beaver-Tisdale and Robert Tisdale  
on the death of her mother, Kitty Meyers,  
on June 24.

## IPC OFFICES AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED

The offices and bookstore will be closed on Friday, July 3,  
in observance of Independence Day. We will reopen on Monday, July 6.

## IPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Summer Bible Study: *Ruth* by Kathleen B. Nielson  
Tuesdays | July 7-28 | 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m.  
For study details and online registration, visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).  
Questions? Email Beth Clark, [bclark@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:bclark@ipcmemphis.org).  
*Please note: there will be no nursery or childcare.*

## MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will return Tuesday, June 30, at 6:30 a.m., with a few  
changes for safety precautions. Come join a group of men who meet for a time of prayer  
in the Fellowship Hall and — for those who want it — enjoy a good, hot breakfast (only \$3.00).  
Since buffets and drink stations are still not allowed, breakfast will be served cafeteria-style, and  
men will distance themselves in line and seating. Disposable masks will be available, if needed.

## CURRENT COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND EVENTS

### **IDK (Jr. High) and Seniorhigh**

Sunday Summer Testimonies series

Posted Sunday mornings on YouTube and Instagram TV

### **Young Adults College**

Thursday evenings | 6:30 p.m. | Room 131

Contact Zach Hood, [zhood@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:zhood@ipcmemphis.org), for more details.

### **Young Adults Browning Community (20s-30s)**

Summer Study: The Stories of Jesus

Sunday evenings | 7:30 p.m. | via Zoom

Email Robert Browning, [rbrowning@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:rbrowning@ipcmemphis.org), for Zoom link

### **Middle Adults Tenent Community (30s-40s)**

Book of Acts, as well as interviewing people

Instagram live feed | Sunday evenings | 8:00 p.m.

Email Willa Badolato, [wbadolato@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:wbadolato@ipcmemphis.org), for more information.

### **Middle Adults Jones Community (40s-50s)**

Lunch following worship | July 12

Email with registration link will be sent to the community members.

### **Mature Adults Norton Community (50s-60s)**

Wednesday evenings | June and July | 6:30 | Fellowship Hall

*You must RSVP each week to attend (50 max)*

Bring your own dinner; socially distanced seating provided,

**or** join via Zoom or the IPC YouTube channel.

July 1 | No study this week

July 8 | Norton Community Picnic Social off campus

*You must RSVP to attend.*

Weekly emails will be sent to community members with reservation and Zoom links.

### **Mature Adults Malone Community (60s+)**

Video prepared and posted on the IPC YouTube channel by Wednesday afternoons.

The link to the video is included in Mike's weekly letter to the entire 60s+ community.

Email Willa Badolato, [wbadolato@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:wbadolato@ipcmemphis.org), for more information.

## CURRENT COMMUNITY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES AND EVENTS (CONT.)

### **The Westminster Class**

Email Jurey Howard, [jureyh@gmail.com](mailto:jureyh@gmail.com) or and Ray Wilson, [rayewilson84@gmail.com](mailto:rayewilson84@gmail.com), with questions or for details.

### **Line by Line Class**

Thursday evenings | 6/25, 7/9, 7/23 | 6:00 | Fellowship Hall

*You must RSVP each week to attend.*

Email Rankin Fowlkes, [rankin.fowlkes@musowls.org](mailto:rankin.fowlkes@musowls.org), for more information.

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## CHURCH GIVING

During this challenging time, please remember that much of IPC's support comes from giving during Sunday morning offerings. Please place your financial gift in one of the boxes marked "Tithes and Offerings" in the Lobby or in the Narthex. In addition, the church offices are open. During the week, members may drop off their financial gifts at the front desk, place them in one of the boxes, or continue to give in one of the following ways:

- Mailing to:  
Independent Presbyterian Church  
Attention: Kerrie O'Brien  
4738 Walnut Grove Road  
Memphis, TN 38117
- Using our online giving link
  - Using the IPC app
- Using your bank's bill pay service to send money electronically to IPC.

*Questions? Please email Kerrie O'Brien, [kobrien@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:kobrien@ipcmemphis.org).*

## 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  
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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. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. John R. Coates  
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Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Jay Vaughn  
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Mr. Joseph Womack

## IPC SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday-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 SUMMER HOURS

Sunday — Open between services  
Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 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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