



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Our sermon text this morning continues to trace how the contagion spread from Adam and Eve to all humankind. Our catechism teaches us that all humankind fell in Adam's first transgression, that this fall brought us all into an estate of sin and misery, and that as a result we stand under the wrath and curse of God. This doctrinal summary charts what we find in Genesis 4-6 — from Adam and Eve to Cain to Cain's family to all humankind, resulting in God's just judgment in the flood.

But against this dark picture of physical and spiritual death, there are shafts of light: in Enoch and especially Noah, we see God's amazing grace toward human beings. God's promises will not fail: he will redeem a people for himself and through them make his world new. It is only against the backdrop of our sin that we see the grace of God clearly.

Our service this morning focuses especially on the grace of God. From the call to worship from Psalm 108 to our final hymn, we are reminded that God's grace is displayed for us in Jesus Christ and that the way of salvation is through Christ alone through faith alone by grace alone. In order for us to know this mercy, we must turn our eyes upon Jesus, the one in whom the grace and glory of God is summed. May God grant us grace to do this today!

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. 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*, August 14-15. For more information, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Highland Cathedral"

arr. Wetherald

Drew Lucas, Bagpipes

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 108

The Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being!
Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

The Congregation: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to
you among the nations. For your steadfast love is great above the heavens;
your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

The Minister: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

All: That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand
and answer us! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“God, My Heart Is Steadfast”

Psalm 108:1-6

Nicaea



1. God, my heart is stead - fast; I will sing prais - es.
2. Lord, a - mong the peo - ples I'll sing your prais - es,
3. God, a - bove the heav - ens O be ex - alt - ed,



And with all my be - ing to you my song I'll sing.
from a - mong the na - tions my praise to you will rise.
and a - bove all earth may your glo - ry lift - ed be;



Wak - en harp and psal - t'ry; dawn I will a - wak - en,
For your lov - ing - kind - ness is a - bove the heav - ens,
so that your be - lov - ed then may be de - liv - ered,



with man - y peo - ples, Lord, I thanks will bring.
your faith - ful - ness ex - tends in - to the skies.
save with your right hand; an - swer give to me.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Reginald Heber: 1783-1826

Nicea

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Emmalyn Rhea Schaefer (8:30 a.m.)

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Laurel Elizabeth Kay (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of all grace, forgive us for the ways that we have not resisted temptation. We doubt your care and succumb too often to anxiety and fear. We are wearied by the guilt and shame of our past. Give us a new resolve to run to the cross. Wash us clean with your blood so that we are more thankful for your mercies, more humble under your correction, more zealous in your service, more watchful against temptation, and more contented in our circumstances. Restore us to the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.” — *Romans 8:1*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

Lauren Griffin, Violin James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass Matthew Jung, Percussion

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.

The Minister: How does the Lord's Supper differ from the Roman Catholic Mass?

The Congregation: The Lord's Supper declares to us that all our sins are completely forgiven through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself accomplished on the cross once for all. It also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who with his true body is now in heaven at the right hand of the Father where he wants us to worship him. [But the Mass teaches that the living and the dead do not have their sins forgiven through the suffering of Christ unless Christ is still offered for them daily by the priests. It also teaches that Christ is bodily present under the form of bread and wine where Christ is therefore to be worshiped. Thus the Mass is basically nothing but a denial of the one sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ and a condemnable idolatry.]

The Minister: Who should come to the Lord's table?

The Congregation: Those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves.

The Minister: Should those be admitted to the Lord's Supper who show by what they profess and how they live that they are unbelieving and ungodly?

The Congregation: No, that would dishonor God's covenant and bring down God's wrath upon the entire congregation. Therefore, according to the instruction of Christ and his apostles, the Christian church is duty-bound to exclude such people, by the official use of the keys of the kingdom, until they reform their lives.

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

“Awake, My Heart”

Marshall

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.
Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, Will all be upward tending.
My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture, giv'n To bring me on toward heaven.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 5:1-6:8

¹This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. ²Male and female he created them, and he blessed them and named them Man when they were created. ³When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. ⁴The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters. ⁵Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

⁶When Seth had lived 105 years, he fathered Enosh. ⁷Seth lived after he fathered Enosh 807 years and had other sons and daughters. ⁸Thus all the days of Seth were 912 years, and he died.

⁹When Enosh had lived 90 years, he fathered Kenan. ¹⁰Enosh lived after he fathered Kenan 815 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹¹Thus all the days of Enosh were 905 years, and he died.

¹²When Kenan had lived 70 years, he fathered Mahalalel. ¹³Kenan lived after he fathered Mahalalel 840 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁴Thus all the days of Kenan were 910 years, and he died.

¹⁵When Mahalalel had lived 65 years, he fathered Jared. ¹⁶Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died.

¹⁸When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. ¹⁹Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

²¹When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²²Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

²⁵When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ²⁶Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

²⁸When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.” ³⁰Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³²After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

¹When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, ²the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. ³Then the Lord said, “My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years.” ⁴The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord regretted that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. ⁷So the Lord said, “I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens, for I am sorry that I have made them.” ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“The Tragedy of the Fall, Part 2”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Death

A. Physical

B. Social

C. Spiritual

2. Judgment

3. Grace

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Amazing Grace!”

No. 460

John Newton, 1779

Amazing Grace

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first three lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next three lines. The third system contains the next three lines. The fourth system contains the final three lines of the hymn. The music features various note values, rests, and phrasing slurs.

1. A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I
saved a wretch like me! I
grace my fears re - lieved; how
have al - read - y come; 'tis
once was lost, but now am
pre - cious did that grace ap -
grace has brought me safe thus
found, was blind, but now I see.
pear, the hour I first be - lieved!
far, and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,
his Word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
a life of joy and peace.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

THE POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Fount"

arr. Haan



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The flowers in the Sanctuary are presented to the glory of God
by Brigid and Bill Kay in honor of
the profession of faith of their daughter, Laurel Kay.

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BIRTH

Congratulations to
Halley and Ford Williams on the birth of their daughter,
Louise Caldwell Williams, on July 19.

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DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to
Carolyn and Bob Hicks on the death of her father,
George Deviney, on July 16.

We extend our sympathy to
Jana and Doug Kearney on the death of his mother,
Katherine Kearney, on July 17.

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | AUGUST 16

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 16, 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary, for the purposes of electing Deacons for the class of 2026 and hearing ministry reports. The men who have been certified to stand for election as Deacon are: John Dorrill, Hugh Francis IV, Odie "Corky" Jones, Jeff Payne, Dudley Schaefer, Rick Smith, and Chris Thornton. ***You must be present at the meeting to vote.*** Communing members may vote for as few or as many of these men as they wish; in order to be elected, a candidate must receive fifty percent of the total eligible ballots cast.

COVENANTERS' CORNER CHRISTMAS IN JULY — AND AUGUST!

Covenanters' Corner is 30 years old, and we are celebrating! Beginning today, stop by the bookstore sale table and take advantage of great bargains on gifts, including jewelry, home accessories, pottery, Christmas decor, and more. Each week you'll find bigger discounts — but don't let your selections get away.

30% off July 26-30

40% off August 2-6

50% off August 9-13

60% off August 16

Bookstore hours: Sundays between services and immediately following 11:00 a.m. service;
Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Beginning August 5, open Wednesday until 6:30 p.m.

PATHWAY WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Taught by Dr. Sean Lucas

Friday, August 14 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Sessions 1 & 2

Saturday, August 15 | 9:00 a.m.-noon | Sessions 3 & 4

If you've been visiting IPC and want to know more about what we believe, please join us for the next *Pathway Weekend*, Friday night and Saturday morning, August 14-15. To register, email Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org; or call the church, 901-685-8206. You may want to purchase the book *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Sean Lucas, available at our bookstore; however, the book is not mandatory.

WOMEN'S EVENT

Tuesday, August 18 | 11:30 a.m. Lunch OR 6:00 p.m. Dinner

IPC Fellowship Hall | \$7

Guest Speaker: Anna Duggan, Certified Enneagram Teacher and Coach

Due to safety requirements, seating at each session is limited to 50. Reservations are taken on first-come basis. Payment is required at the time you register. Visit ipcmemphis.org for more details or to make your reservation.

SIMPLY TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY | FALL 2020

Women's Bible study kicks off Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.,

with everyone studying the Book of James, using Courtney Doctor's book *Steadfast*.

After fall break, groups will resume the study they prematurely stopped in mid-March due to COVID-19. Watch your mail in the coming weeks for more details. If public health directives prevent groups from meeting in person, we will provide resources to study together from home via videoconferencing. Whether we can offer childcare is still undetermined.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE | AUGUST 2020 | SANCTUARY

Parenting and Grandparenting by God's Grace for God's Glory is the theme of our Christian Life Conference, beginning August 5. Please note that conference events, including our Wednesday night speakers and Saturday seminar, will take place in the Sanctuary to allow more space for social distancing. There will be no Wednesday dinners. Registration is encouraged for Saturday's seminar, but not required to attend; childcare is provided with reservations. Visit ipcmemphis.org to view the complete conference schedule and to make reservations for the Saturday morning seminar with Mark and Beth Dalbey. Conference talks will also be livestreamed for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

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 by mail, using our online giving link, using the IPC app, or using your bank's bill pay service to send money electronically. *Questions? Please email Kerrie O'Brien, kobrien@ipcmemphis.org.*



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