



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

It seems to me that the redemptive truths of Christmas are often kept to the blistery and gloomy days of December. The reality is, that for the Christian, the truths we celebrate, the joys we find, and the promises that are ours through the coming of Jesus need to be clung to every month, week, day, hour, and second of the year. Jesus' entrance into the world was good news then, and it still is good news now; it brought great joy to the people then, and it should bring great joy to us now. The Savior has come, and he has defeated the power of sin, death, and the devil! He comes to make his blessings flow, far as the curse is found! He saves sinners, and gives new life to all who come to him in faith! He brings healing to the hurting and will restore all that has been broken! Jesus is Immanuel — God with us. Are you finding your joy in Jesus even though these days are hard and wearisome? Is he your only hope in life and in death? As we sing some of the favorite songs of Christmas, and read the familiar gospel passages, worship Jesus today with great joy, for he has done great things for you and for me!

## 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*, August 14-15. For more information, please contact Tamera 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 FIFTH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

“Glory to God” from *Messiah for Young Voices*

Handel/arr. Stevens and Landes

Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth, goodwill towards men.

*Ric Browning, Trumpet*

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 1:30-33; 2:10-11

*The Minister:* And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

*The Congregation:* And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us worship our God and Savior!

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

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

No. 208

Latin hymn

Adeste Fideles

1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O  
 2. God of God, Light of Light;  
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem; come and be -  
 lo, he ab - hors not the Vir - gin's womb: ver - y  
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove; glo - ry to

hold him born the King of an - gels; O  
 God, be - got - ten, not cre - a - ted;  
 God in the high - est;

*REFRAIN*

come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him, O

come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord.

# THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Traditional French carol

Gloria

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing  
2. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the

o'er the plains, and the moun-tains in re - ply  
an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee

ech - o back their joy - ous strains.  
Christ the Lord, the new - born King.

Glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Charles Minter Page (8:30 a.m.)*

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open us to a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. *Amen. — The Worship Sourcebook*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. — *Isaiah 53:4-6*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Long-Exepcted Jesus”

*William Fernandez, Guitar James Brown, Bass*

Words: Wesley, Psalm 146

Music: Jordan



1. Come, thou long-ex-pect-ed Je-sus, born to set thy  
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day-spring from on  
3. Born thy peo-ple to de-liv-er, born a child and



peo-ple free: from our fears and sins re-lease us:  
high, ap-pear; come, thou prom-ised Rod of Jes-se,  
yet a king, born to reign in us for-ev-er,



let us find our rest in thee. Is-rael's strength and  
of thy birth we long to hear! O'er the hills the  
now thy gra-cious king-dom bring. By thine own e-



con-so-la-tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
an-gels sing-ing news, glad tid-ings of a birth:  
ter-nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a-lone;



dear De-sire of ev-'ry na-tion,  
"Go to him, your prais-es bring-ing;  
By thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it,



joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.  
Christ the Lord has come to earth.  
raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 27

*The Minister:* Does this outward washing with water itself wash away sins?

*The Congregation:* No, only Jesus Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

*The Minister:* Why then does the Holy Spirit call baptism the water of rebirth and the washing away of sins?

*The Congregation:* God has good reason for these words. To begin with, God wants to teach us that the blood and Spirit of Christ take away our sins just as water removes dirt from the body. But more important, God wants to assure us, by this divine pledge and sign, that we are as truly washed of our sins spiritually as our bodies are washed with water physically.

*The Minister:* Should infants also be baptized?

*The Congregation:* Yes. Infants as well as adults are included in God's covenant and people, and they, no less than adults, are promised deliverance from sin through Christ's blood and the Holy Spirit who produces faith. Therefore, by baptism, the sign of the covenant, they too should be incorporated into the Christian church and distinguished from the children of unbelievers. This was done in the Old Testament by circumcision, which was replaced in the New Testament by baptism.

## 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

“Masters in This Hall”  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

Simeone

Noel! Masters in this hall, hear ye all the news today  
that's brought from o'er the waters; now rejoice I pray.  
Shepherds in the hills, sat among the silent sheep,  
and no man spoke more word than had they been asleep.  
Noel! Happy are the folk on earth and gone is sorrowing and fear!  
Noel! For today the folk are raised up and cast a-down the proud.

Noel! Then to Bethlehem, to Bethlehem they all did go  
to see a wondrous Babe, lie in a manger low.  
This is Christ, the Lord, so masters all, I pray be glad,  
for Christmastide is come, and no one should be sad.  
Noel! Happy are the folk on earth and gone is sorrowing and fear!  
Noel! For today the folk are raised up and cast a-down the proud.

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2:10-11

<sup>10</sup>And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## THE SERMON

“Christmas in July: Joy in Christ All Year Long”  
*The Reverend Brad Robson*  
*Assistant Pastor*

# SERMON NOTES

1. Good News

2. Great Joy

3. For All the People

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Joy to the World! the Lord Is Come”

No. 195

Isaac Watts, 1719

Antioch

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her  
2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -  
3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the

King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him  
play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
ground; he comes to make his bless - ings

room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
found, far as, far as the curse is found.

# THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Antioch

He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove  
The glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

## THE POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo”  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

J.S. Bach



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Dr. and Mrs. James Avery in honor of the baptism of their grandson,  
Charles Minter Page.

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### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*  
Laura and David Neubert on the birth of their son,  
Nicholas Daniel Rhynehardt Neubert,  
on June 26.

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### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Carol and Jack Stokes and their family on the death  
of her father, Charles Montague,  
on June 26.

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### 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.*

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### CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE | AUGUST 2020

*Parenting and Grandparenting by God's Grace for God's Glory*  
Watch for details in your mail.

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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.*

## 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 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 | 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  
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

## DEACONS

Mr. Dan Butler  
Mr. David Butler  
Mr. John W. Chambers Jr.  
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. John R. Coates  
Dr. Colton Cockrum  
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Mr. Josh Davis  
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Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg  
Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Jay Vaughn  
Mr. Richard B. Vining  
Mr. Jim Wilder  
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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