



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Our service this morning reminds us that God's love for us is steadfast and unfailing. The call to worship from Psalm 36 declares to us that God's steadfast love and faithfulness is as high as the mountains and extends far beyond the clouds. Surely, his steadfast love for us is precious. It is that steadfast love that redeems us from the curse, forgives all our sins, ensures that nothing can separate us from God's own self. God's purpose of love will not be thwarted.

As we've seen in our sermon series in Genesis, God's purpose deals with the whole world — Adam and Eve, Noah, and through them all their offspring and even all the animals. Blessings are extended to all through Noah, the representative head; cursing comes to those who disobey God, like Ham and his offspring. But the Good News is that for us we know blessing because our representative head bore our curse — Jesus is the Second Adam who is making all things new. His steadfast love will finish the new creation. 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. 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.

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

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE NINTH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

arr. Phillips

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36

The Minister: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O Lord.

The Congregation: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

The Minister: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

All: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart! Amen! Let us worship God!

Mr. Zach Hood, Director of College Ministry/Presbytery Intern (8:30 a.m.)
Mr. Stephen Felker, Student Ministry Associate/Presbytery Intern (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

No. 80

Francis Scott Key, 1817

Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

1. Lord with glow-ing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love be - stows,
2. Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretch-ed wan - d'rer far a - stray;
3. Praise thy Sav - ior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give,
4. Lord this bo-som's ar - dent feel - ing vain - ly would my lips ex - press:

for the par - d'ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.
found thee lost, and kind - ly brought thee from the paths of death a - way.
held a blood-sealed par-don to thee, bade the look to him and live.
low be - fore thy foot-stool kneel - ing, deign thy sup-pliant's pray'r to bless.

Help, O God, my weak en-deav - or; this dull soul to rap - ture raise:
Praise, with love's de - vout - est feel - ing, him who saw thy guilt-born fear,
Praise the grace whose threats a-larmed thee, roused thee from thy fa - tal ease;
Let thy love, my soul's chief trea - sure, love's pure flame with-in me raise;

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thou must light the flame or nev - er can my love be warmed to praise.
and, the light of hope re - veal - ing, bade the blood-stained cross ap - pear.
praisethe grace whose prom-ise warmed thee, praise the grace that whis-pered peace.
and, since words can nev - er mea - sure, let my life show forth thy praise.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Henry W. Baker, 1868

ST. COLUMBA (Irish)



1. The___ King of love my___ Shep - herd is,
2. Where streams of liv - ing___ wa - ter flow



whose good - ness fail - eth___ nev - er, I noth - ing
my___ ran - somed soul he___ lead - eth, and where the



lack if I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
ver - dant pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Jackson Matthew Reed (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we confess that both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our ancestors before us did not consider your wondrous works. And yet, you showed mercy upon them for your name's sake, that you might make known your mighty power. We too have forgotten your works and have not waited for your counsel; we have worshipped idols of our own making and followed in our own ways. Look upon us in our distress and hear our cry; remember your covenant and relent from your anger because of your steadfast love; save us, O Lord our God, for your name's sake. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Thanks be to God for his abiding, faithful, transforming love displayed in the cross of Jesus! — *Romans 8:38-39*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Ric Browning, Trumpet Mike Malone, Guitar

Words: George Matheson, 1882

Music: Christopher Miner



1. O Love that will not let me go, I
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's



life I owe, that in thine o - cean
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there



depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 32

The Minister: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

The Congregation: Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

The Minister: Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

The Congregation: By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

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

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

arr. Reynolds

The Men’s Ensemble

Harrison Howle, Director

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms,
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 8:20-9:29

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the Lord smelled the pleasing aroma, the Lord said in his heart, “I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.”

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.

²The fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth and upon every bird of the heavens, upon everything that creeps on the ground and all the fish of the sea. Into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. ⁴But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

⁵And for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it and from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man.

⁶“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

⁷And you, be fruitful and multiply, increase greatly on the earth and multiply in it.”

⁸Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. ¹¹I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

¹⁸The sons of Noah who went forth from the ark were Shem, Ham, and Japheth. (Ham was the father of Canaan.) ¹⁹These three were the sons of Noah, and from these the people of the whole earth were dispersed.

²⁰Noah began to be a man of the soil, and he planted a vineyard. ²¹He drank of the wine and became drunk and lay uncovered in his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father and told his two brothers outside. ²³Then Shem and Japheth took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and walked backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned backward, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴When Noah awoke from his wine and knew what his youngest son had done to him, ²⁵he said,

“Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers.”

²⁶He also said,

“Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and let Canaan be his servant. ²⁷May God enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem, and let Canaan be his servant.”

²⁸After the flood Noah lived 350 years. ²⁹All the days of Noah were 950 years, and he died.

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“Blessings and Curses”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Blessings

A. Creation

B. Command

C. Covenant

2. Curses

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 529

Charles Wesley, 1747

John Zundel, 1870; alt. 1990

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spi - rit in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray, and praise thee, with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 till we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

St. Columba

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

THE POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord”

arr. Cherwien



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Roy E. Bell by his daughter, Beverly Bell Sloane.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to
Dawn and Michael Mokros on the death of his father,
Percy Erwin Mokros, on February 29.

We extend our sympathy to
Myra Quick on the death of her husband,
Gary Kendrick, on July 29.

We extend our sympathy to
Shirley and Roy Andrews on the death of his brother,
William Lee “Billy” Andrews, on July 31.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | AUGUST 16 | SANCTUARY

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for *next* 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.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

Sunday Evening Praise will resume *next* Sunday, August 16, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, with a new preaching series, *Christian, What Do You Believe? Studies in the Apostles’ Creed*, taught by Dr. Sean Lucas and the other IPC pastors. Children can attend the service with their families. There will be no nursery available, and Four Corners will not meet. (The church has still not determined when childcare, Sunday school, and children’s activities will resume on a regular basis.)

PARENTING AND GRANDPARENTING BY GOD'S GRACE FOR GOD'S GLORY

August 2020 Christian Life Conference

Our August Christian Life Conference continues this **Wednesday, August 12**, with **Reverend Jason Cook** as our speaker for the evening. Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. to hear Reverend Cook discuss *How Children Raise Parents*.

The church will not serve dinner during the conference, but will offer a limited number of childcare spaces, available on a first come basis. Each week, our Children's Ministry will email IPC families a link to register for childcare openings. Conference talks will also be livestreamed for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

Future Speakers and Topics:

Sara and Sean Lucas | August 19 | *Grace-Centered Discipline*

Scotty Smith | August 26 | *Grandparenting by God's Grace for God's Glory*

In addition to our guest speakers on the four Wednesday nights in August, we are thrilled to host a seminar on **Saturday morning, August 22**. Make plans to join us in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. as **Dr. and Mrs. Mark Dalbey** lead us during two sessions: *God's Covenantal and Multi-Generational Design for Families* and *Raising Our Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord: Challenges and Opportunities*.

Dr. Dalbey has served at Covenant Theological Seminary for over 20 years, including the last seven as president. He co-teaches a seminary class on gospel-centered parenting with his wife, Beth, who has master's degrees in both counseling and theological studies.

Seminar registration is strongly encouraged, but not required to attend; however, if you need childcare for ages 0-5th grade, registration *is* required. Visit ipcmemphis.org to sign up for both the seminar and childcare.

On **Sunday, August 23, at 9:45 a.m.**, in the Sanctuary, the Dalbeys, Lucases, and IPC members William and Ashley Martin will conduct a panel discussion — *Grace Along the Way: Realities in Parenting and Grandparenting*.

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 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.

COVENANTERS' CORNER CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST!

Covenanters' Corner is 30 years old, and we are celebrating!

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.

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.

Now open on Wednesdays until 6:30 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2020 FROM IPC!

Demi Angelakis

Hannah Grace Benson

Jack Billups

Miller Bishop

Benjamin Buyer

Grace Anne Eber

Benjamin Erickson

Rachel Eubanks

Sydney Eubanks

William Fernandez

Virginia Folse

Win Goodman III

Jacob Guenther

Justice Ivers

Haddie Jones

Timothy Jung

Jack Keith

Sam Kilgore

Andrew McBride

Cole McDonald

Will McEwan

Carter Patikas

Sophie Patikas

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