

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This morning we come to Genesis 17, a wonderful text and a turning point in Abraham's story. While God has made covenant promises repeatedly (Genesis 12, 13, 15), here he enters into a formal covenant with Abraham, with covenant promises and stipulations. But the promises far outweigh the duties: a new name, a son born from Sarah, kings and lands, numberless offspring. And the stipulation is actually a sign of ownership: circumcision tells us that God claims our posterity as his own. From their earliest days, our children know the reality of God's gracious relationship.

Yet we are the household of God — through baptism, we are each brought into God's family; through the pulpit, we are instructed in God's ways together; through the Table, we are invited to sit down to this common meal. Single, married, divorced, widow; children or childless; child, parent, grandparent — we are all the family of God. And we all have the responsibility to teach the next generation. We all have the covenant promise that, if we believe in the Lord Jesus, we and the household of God will be saved. And this is all because we all belong to Jesus, our great Lord and King, the pre-eminent one! Let us rejoice in him!

## 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 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 FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"Trumpet Tune and March"

Clarke

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 78

*The Minister:* God has appointed a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children,

*The Congregation:* That the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children.

*The Minister:* God's purpose is that our children should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

*The Congregation:* We will not hide these testimonies from our children, but we will tell the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

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

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

No. 364

Isaac Watts, 1719

Dundee

1. Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds which  
2. He bids us make his glo - ries known, his  
3. Our lips shall tell them to our sons, and  
4. Thus shall they learn in God a - lone their

God per - formed of old; which in our young - er  
works of pow'r and grace; and we'll con - vey his  
they a - gain to theirs; that gen - er - a - tions  
hope se - cure - ly stands, that they may ne'er for -

years we saw, and which our fa - thers told.  
won - ders down through ev - 'ry ris - ing race.  
yet un - born may teach them to their heirs.  
get his works, but prac - tice his com - mands.

# THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. *Amen, amen.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Father, you are the one who has shown us covenant grace. You have placed us in the family of God, made us brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers of one another, so that we all find a place. Yet we confess that we have failed to love one another as we ought. We have failed to love those who are different from us, to lay down our lives for each other, to forgive as we have been forgiven, to give ourselves away as you have given yourself to us. O Father, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, have mercy on us. Cleanse us from all sin, and reshape us into your children, so that we might reflect Christ as the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

— *Acts 16:31*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 40

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

*The Congregation:* I am not to belittle, hate, insult, or kill my neighbor — not by my thoughts, my words, my look or gesture, and certainly not by actual deeds — and I am not to be party to this in others; rather, I am to put away all desire for revenge. I am not to harm or recklessly endanger myself either. Prevention of murder is also why government is armed with the sword.

*The Minister:* Does this commandment refer only to murder?

*The Congregation:* By forbidding murder, God teaches us that he hates the root of murder: envy, hatred, anger, vindictiveness. In God's sight all such are disguised forms of murder.

*The Minister:* Is it enough then that we do not murder our neighbor in any such way?

*The Congregation:* No. By condemning envy, hatred, and anger, God wants us to love our neighbors as ourselves, to be patient, peace-loving, gentle, merciful, and friendly toward them, to protect them from harm as much as we can, and to do good even to our enemies.

## 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

“With a Voice of Singing”

Shaw

*Harrison Howle, Director*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.  
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,  
O sing praises to the honor of his name, make his praise to be glorious.

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17:1-27

<sup>1</sup>When Abram was ninety-nine years old the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, <sup>2</sup>that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly.” <sup>3</sup>Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, <sup>4</sup>“Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>5</sup>No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. <sup>6</sup>I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. <sup>7</sup>And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. <sup>8</sup>And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.”

<sup>9</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for you, you shall keep my covenant, you and your offspring after you throughout their generations. <sup>10</sup>This is my covenant, which you shall keep, between me and you and your offspring after you: Every male among you shall be circumcised. <sup>11</sup>You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. <sup>12</sup>He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Every male throughout your generations, whether born in your house or bought with your money from any foreigner who is not of your offspring, <sup>13</sup>both he who is born in your house and he who is bought with your money, shall surely be circumcised. So shall my covenant be in your flesh an everlasting covenant. <sup>14</sup>Any uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin shall be cut off from his people; he has broken my covenant.”

<sup>15</sup>And God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. <sup>16</sup>I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” <sup>17</sup>Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed and said to himself, “Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” <sup>18</sup>And Abraham said to God, “Oh that Ishmael might

live before you!” <sup>19</sup>God said, “No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. <sup>20</sup>As for Ishmael, I have heard you; behold, I have blessed him and will make him fruitful and multiply him greatly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him into a great nation. <sup>21</sup>But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year.”

<sup>22</sup>When he had finished talking with him, God went up from Abraham. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham took Ishmael his son and all those born in his house or bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham's house, and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskins that very day, as God had said to him. <sup>24</sup>Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>25</sup>And Ishmael his son was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. <sup>26</sup>That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. <sup>27</sup>And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## THE SERMON

“Covenant Grace”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*



# SERMON NOTES

1. Covenant maker

2. Covenant message

A. Great nations

B. Grace-filled sign

C. Gifted son

3. Covenant response

# THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Behold the Lamb”

*Tim Keith, Guitar Peter Winterburn, Bassoon*

Words and Music by Getty and Townend



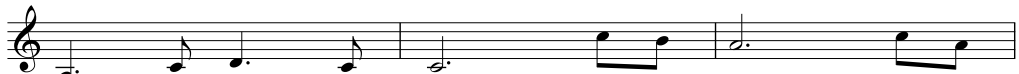
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -



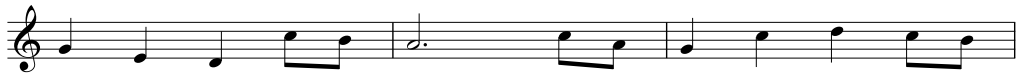
us and we re - mem - ber  
you eat and re - mem - ber  
you drink and re - mem - ber  
spond, and to re - mem - ber



the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the  
he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -  
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
price to make us one. So we share in this  
ceive the life of God. So we share in this  
bod - y here on earth. As we share in his



bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a  
suf - fer - ing we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace, a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
sign of our bonds of love, a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
sign of our bonds of grace, a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
join in the feast of heav'n, a - round the ta - ble of the King.

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"We Are God's People"

No. 355

Bryan Jeffery Leach, 1976

Symphony



1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord,  
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord,  
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head,



born of his Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his  
for we have known it, the love of God out -  
called to o - bey him, now ris - en from the



Word; our cor - ner - stone is Christ a - lone, and  
poured; now let us learn how to re - turn the  
dead; he wills us be a fam - i - ly, di -



strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -  
gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each  
verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our



par - ent - ly and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.  
joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.  
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.

## THE BENEDICTION

### THE RESPONSE

Symphony

We are a temple, the Spirit's dwelling place,  
formed in great weakness, a cup to hold God's grace;  
we die alone, for on its own each member loses fire:  
yet joined in one the flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to inspire.

### THE POSTLUDE

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Behnke



# EVENING PRAISE

THE FOURTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

*Six O' clock*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Minister:* For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

*Congregation:* The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.

*Minister:* He has established the world; it shall never be moved.

*Congregation:* Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

*All:* Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to find help in time of need.

## INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,  
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled his pard'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears;  
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.  
 he owns me for his child, I can no long - er fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne  
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned  
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O  
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence



my Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 for ev - ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 for - give," they cry, "don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"  
 I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



(men) A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

(women)

A - rise!

A - rise,

(all) a - rise, my soul, a -



A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

rise.

A - rise!

A - rise,

a - rise, my soul, a -



rise! Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Before the Throne”

Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the Throne of God a - bove, I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
 spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 Am, the King of Glor - y and of Grace. One with him -



grav - en on his hands. My name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he  
 free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -  
 blood. My life is hid with Christ on



stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
 - fied to look on him and par - don  
 high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my



part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## 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.*

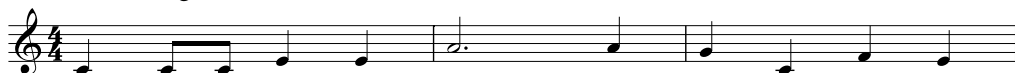


## SONG OF PRAISE

## "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Matthew Bridges, 1851

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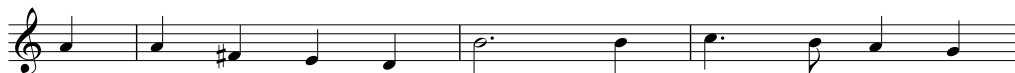
1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his  
 2. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and  
 3. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter  
 4. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of



throne; hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all  
 side, rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in  
 sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab -  
 time; Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in -



mu - sic but its own: a - wake, my soul, and sing  
 beau - ty glo - ri - fied: no an - gel in the sky  
 sorbed in prayer and praise: his reign shall know no end;  
 ef - fa - bly sub - lime: all hail, Re - deem - er, hail!



of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy  
 can ful - ly bear that sight, but down - ward bends his  
 and round his pierc - ed feet fair flow'rs of par - a -  
 for thou hast died for me: thy praise shall nev - er,

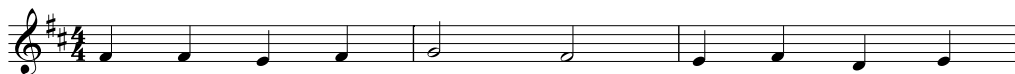


match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 dise - extend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

# SONG OF PRAISE

“There Is a Redeemer”

Words and Music: Melody Green



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own  
2. Je - sus my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all  
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see his



Son, pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
names, pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,  
face, there I'll serve my King for - ev - er,



Ho - - - ly One. Thank you, oh, my  
Hope for sin - ners slain.  
in that Ho - ly Place.



Fa - ther, for giv - ing us your Son, and leav - ing your



Spir - it, till the work on earth is done.

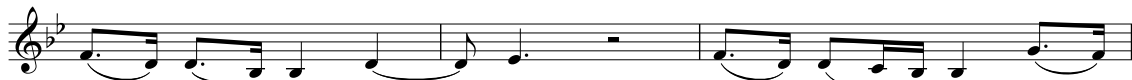
# SONG OF PREPARATION "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Greg Thompson



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me  
 2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none, hangs my  
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than  
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bos - om fly, while the near - er  
 help - less soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me  
 all in thee I find; raise the fall - en,  
 cov - er all my sin; let the heal - ing



wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
 not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
 cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
 streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in;



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide,  
 All my trust on thee is stayed,  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name;  
 thou of life the foun - tain art,



'til the storm is past. Safe in - to the  
 help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
 I am all un - right - eous - ness; false and full of  
 let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



hav - en guide, re - ceive my soul at last.  
 fense - less head the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 sin I am, thou full of truth and grace.  
 in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-14, 2:1-4, 32-36

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup>And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup>Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup>For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says,

“The Lord said to my Lord,  
‘Sit at my right hand,  
<sup>35</sup>until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.

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

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“The Ascension of Christ: He Ascended to Heaven  
and Is Seated at the Right Hand of God the Father Almighty”

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones*

*Assistant Pastor*

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



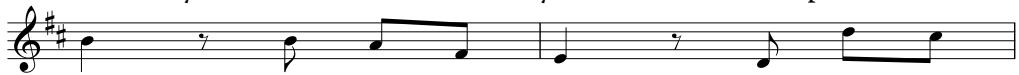
light, my strength, my song; this Cor-ner-  
 God in help-less Babe! This Gift of  
 world by dark-ness slain; then burst-ing  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first



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!

# BENEDICTION



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*

by Natalie Cofield in loving memory of her husband, Glenn, and in honor of his birthday.

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### BIRTHS

*Congratulations to*

Erica and Chad Hazlehurst and grandparents Terri and Mikell Hazlehurst  
on the birth of Lewis Hughes Hazlehurst on September 20.

*Congratulations to*

Bethany and Ryan Clark and grandparents Kathy and Lee Greene  
on the birth of Audrey Morris Clark on September 28.

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### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*

Barbara Winbourne on the death of her husband,  
Pete Winbourne, on September 28.

### CHURCHWIDE PICNIC AND OUTDOOR SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

Join us at 4:30 this afternoon for a churchwide picnic on the Avon parking lot (weather permitting). Pack your own dinner and drinks, bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs, and join us for lots of socially distant outdoor fellowship. We'll play Pickleball, 9 Square, and other games; have a path for kids to ride bikes and scooters; and enjoy music.

The church will have tables and chairs available for our older members.

Afterward, we'll have the final chance this fall to worship outdoors during Evening Praise. Bring your own chairs and join us at 6:00 p.m. 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 with your church family.



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER IS SAFELY SERVED AGAIN!

Beginning October 7 | 5:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**For details, to make your reservations, and pay online, visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).**

***Cutoff for reservations is noon Monday, October 5.***

Menu: Southern Fried Chicken, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Biscuits, Banana Pudding

Kid's Meal: Chicken and Tots

## 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 Monday. 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 are now all meeting. Nursery, Pre-K, and JK 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 noon each Saturday. (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

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### COLLEGE MINISTRY

Tuesdays | 8:00 p.m. | Chapel  
IPC is hosting RUF and College Large Group.  
For more information, contact Zach Hood, [zhood@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:zhood@ipcmemphis.org).

## 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.*

## 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. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. John R. Coates  
Dr. Colton Cockrum  
Mr. John Dorrill  
Mr. John Edwards  
Mr. Hugh Francis IV  
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi  
Dr. Kevin Garrett  
Mr. Robert E. Hicks  
Mr. Jay Jacks  
Mr. Corky Jones  
Dr. John G. Kakales  
Mr. William Kay  
Mr. James McDonald  
Mr. William G. Mueller IV  
Mr. Jeff Payne  
Mr. Calvin Purcell  
Mr. Timothy Rainey  
Mr. Alex Ransone  
Mr. Chris W. Rogers  
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.  
Mr. Rick Smith  
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg  
Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Jay Vaughn  
Mr. Jim Wilder

## 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

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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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