

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

October 3, 2019

My dear Friends:

I was so sorry that I was unable to be here this past Sunday: for many months, it was on the calendar for me to preach at First Presbyterian Church in Starkville, Mississippi. It was certainly a blessing to serve those saints, but also to see my two Mississippi State kids over a Saturday-Sunday. But my heart was with y'all as you enjoyed being together for our annual church picnic and fall festival. I wanted to thank the Women of the Church leadership and all those involved in putting that wonderful event together, our students who served in the event, and our grill team and kitchen staff who provided the food. These fellowship events bind us together as a congregation, a fellowship, a membership that loves and cares for one another.

Too, I was grateful that we were served well in the morning by Paul Hahn, the national coordinator for Mission to North America, and in the evening by Wendell Kimbrough. You'll be hearing and singing some of Wendell's psalm settings in the coming weeks on Sunday evenings and perhaps on Sunday mornings; he is a gifted songwriter and I'm grateful that he came to begin a relationship with us at IPC. I trust this past Sunday was a reminder that we are connected to a big church with lots of gifts to share: to have Paul's leadership at MNA and Wendell's musical gifts as a son of a PCA manse is a great blessing to us all.

This month of October is one of those busy months where I'm in and out, serving the larger church while also continuing to care for us here at IPC. I'll be in Atlanta and Chicago in the middle of the month, serving on the PCA's Standing Judicial Commission and giving a paper at a conference in Wheaton, Illinois. At the end of the month, I'll be in Louisville, Kentucky, helping my former church with teaching and training as well as preaching on a Sunday. But in the midst of all of this, my heart is always here with us. I'm especially looking forward to Reformation Sunday: I'm planning on preaching from Numbers 6 in the morning and am looking forward to joining with others at 2PC for our Community-wide Reformation service that evening. All of this reminds me that we are part of a great body of witnesses, which we are grateful to serve and worship beside. Thanks be to God!

In the grip of God's grace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sean". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.