



THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This is another long section in Jacob's story — but it is one that has important lessons for us. As Jacob and his family make good things ultimate things, they discover that those good things can't bear the weight placed upon them. And yet even though Jacob falters and fails in many ways, God works out his salvation: twelve sons, provision for the family, and the start of the journey home. Why does this happen? Not because Jacob is so good, but because God is. He is our good and gracious God.

Through our service this morning, we will hear over and again of God's steadfast love and grace for sinners like us. He is the King of glory who comes to rule over his people; he is the King of love who gives his Son to die for sinners; he is the King of grace to whom we turn our eyes in times of sorrow, struggle, fear, and doubt. As you worship our God today, may God open your eyes, soften your heart, and move your soul to delight in his goodness and grace!

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*. 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 Twenty-First Day of February, Two Thousand and Twenty-One Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Burkhardt

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

The Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the

King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Congregation: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

The Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the

King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

No. 198



THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE



THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Richard Thomas Browning (8:30 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of mercy, God of love, in humbleness of heart we confess our sins. We forget to love and serve you, and we wander from your ways. We are careless of our lives and the lives of others; we talk of concern for others but fail to match our words with action. We are silent when we ought to speak, we are closefisted when we ought to be open-handed, we shout and raise our voice when we ought to be silent. Lord, have mercy on us sinners. Forgive us our sins and bring us to everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life." — *John 3:16*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

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"O Great God"

Arron Powell, Violin Kelly Turner, Mandolin Emily McKelroy, Bass



THE STATEMENT 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*.

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

Ray

"Agnus Dei" from Gospel Mass Arron Powell, Tenor James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

For you came to die for me, suffer'd, bled, and died, died on Calvary.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

In your word you showed us how, we are trying Lord, hear our pray'r right now.

Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace. Amen.

³¹When the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb, but Rachel was barren. ³²And Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben, for she said, "Because the Lord has looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me." ³³She conceived again and bore a son, and said, "Because the Lord has heard that I am hated, he has given me this son also." And she called his name Simeon. ³⁴Again she conceived and bore a son, and said, "Now this time my husband will be attached to me, because I have borne him three sons." Therefore his name was called Levi. ³⁵And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, "This time I will praise the Lord." Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she ceased bearing.

¹When Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, she envied her sister. She said to Jacob, "Give me children, or I shall die!" ²Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel, and he said, "Am I in the place of God, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb?" ³Then she said, "Here is my servant Bilhah; go in to her, so that she may give birth on my behalf, that even I may have children through her." ⁴So she gave him her servant Bilhah as a wife, and Jacob went in to her. ⁵And Bilhah conceived and bore Jacob a son. ⁶Then Rachel said, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Therefore she called his name Dan. ⁷Rachel's servant Bilhah conceived again and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸Then Rachel said, "With mighty wrestlings I have wrestled with my sister and have prevailed." So she called his name Naphtali.

⁹When Leah saw that she had ceased bearing children, she took her servant Zilpah and gave her to Jacob as a wife. ¹⁰Then Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a son. ¹¹And Leah said, "Good fortune has come!" so she called his name Gad. ¹²Leah's servant Zilpah bore Jacob a second son. ¹³And Leah said, "Happy am I! For women have called me happy." So she called his name Asher.

¹⁴In the days of wheat harvest Reuben went and found mandrakes in the field and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, "Please give me some of your son's mandrakes." ¹⁵But she said to her, "Is it a small matter that you have taken away my husband? Would you take away my son's mandrakes also?" Rachel said, "Then he may lie with you tonight in exchange for your son's mandrakes." ¹⁶When Jacob came from the field in the evening, Leah went out to meet him and said, "You must come in to me, for I have hired you with my son's mandrakes." So he lay with her that night. ¹⁷And God listened to Leah, and she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. ¹⁸Leah said, "God has given me my wages because I gave my servant to my husband." So she called his name Issachar.

¹⁹And Leah conceived again, and she bore Jacob a sixth son. ²⁰Then Leah said, "God has endowed me with a good endowment; now my husband will honor me, because I have borne him six sons." So she called his name Zebulun. ²¹Afterward she bore a daughter and called her name Dinah.

²²Then God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³She conceived and bore a son and said, "God has taken away my reproach." ²⁴And she called his name Joseph, saying, "May the Lord add to me another son!"

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

THE SERMON

"God's Place and Grace" Dr. Sean Michael Lucas Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

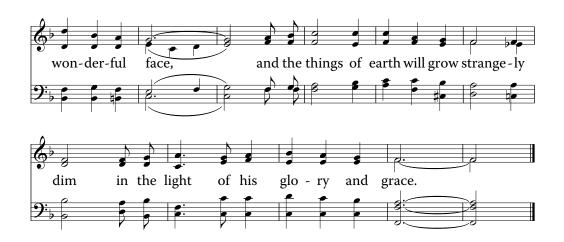
	Jacob's family (29:31-30:24) A. Unloved yet beloved
	B. Barren and bitter
	C. Conflicted yet blessed
	Jacob's flocks (30:25-43) A. Scheme
	B. Success
3.	God's favor

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

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THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face; and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.

THE POSTLUDE

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

arr. Cherwien



EVENING PRAISE

THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27; John 4:23

Minister: Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.

Congregation: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.

Minister: We desire to live in God's house and to seek God in his holy temple.

Congregation: We have come with shouts of joy, to sing and to make music to the Lord.

Minister: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Congregation: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths in this time of worship and

always.

Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION



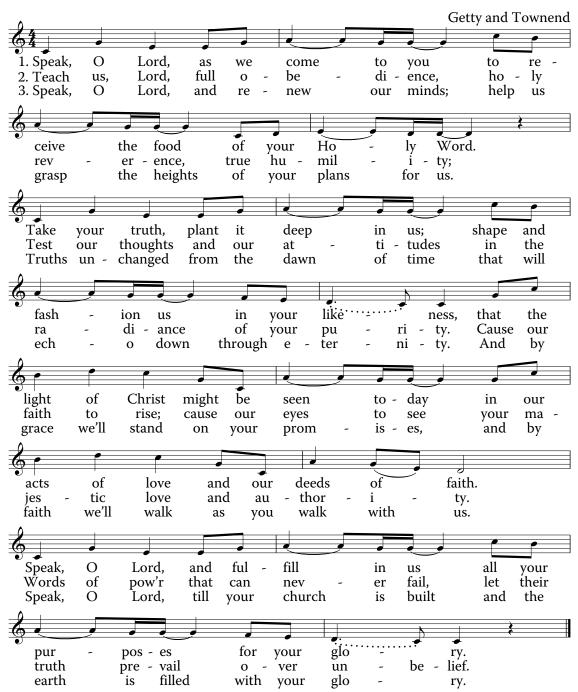




Praying for God's Mission in Our World







Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons: ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

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

HOMILY

"Making Our Prayers with Joy" Dr. Sean Michael Lucas Senior Pastor

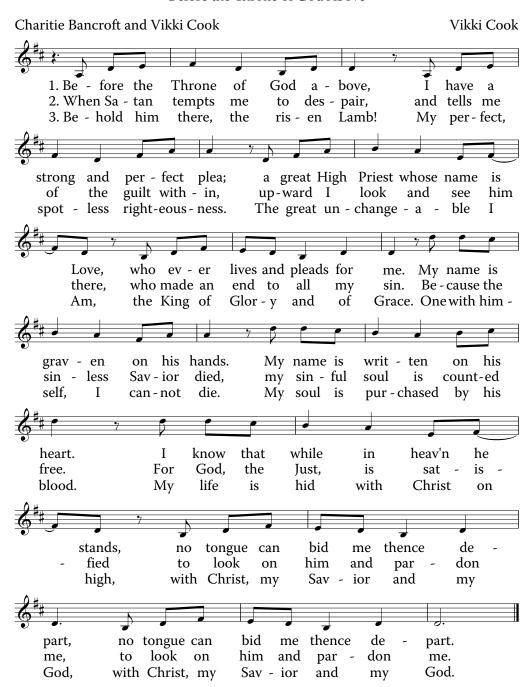
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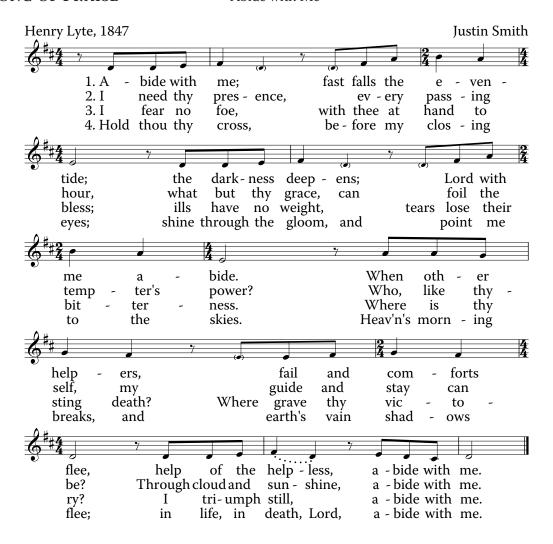
"Jesus, I Come"



DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

"Before the Throne of God Above"





BENEDICTION



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IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to
Tempe and Michael Thompson on the death of his brother,
Dr. Will Thompson, on February 14.

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

College | Zach Hood | Room 131

Young Adults | Robert Browning | Room 222/220

Mid 30s-40s | Parker Tenent | Fellowship Hall South

Mid 40s-50s | Jeremy Jones | Fellowship Hall North

Mid 50s-60s | Ed Norton | Chapel

Line by Line Class | Rankin Fowlkes | Room 132 (does not meet today)

Westminster Class | Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson | Room 233

60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237

Coffee Is Served Again!

The smell of our reopened coffee bar will greet folks on their way to Sunday School. *Coffee will be served from 9:15-10:15 a.m. on Sundays by specially trained staff who are adhering to strict health guidelines.* Masks and social distancing are required in the coffee bar area.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE AND COMMUNION

Jesus Is Our Joy: Studies in Philippians

Sunday Evening Praise returns *tonight* at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a new spring homily series, *Jesus Is Our Joy: Studies in Philippians*, taught by Dr. Sean Lucas and the other IPC pastors. Communion will be served. Children can attend the service with their families. There will be no nursery available, and Four Corners will not meet.

Immediately after the service, join your friends in the Fellowship Hall for a Dessert Bar with assorted goodies, all SAFELY SERVED.

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.

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Need nursery care on Tuesday morning?
Please register your child once for the entire spring semester. For assistance, contact
Beth Clark, bclark@ipcmemphis.org.

In the word: Men's bible study

led by Dr. Sean Lucas
Thursdays | 6:30 a.m.

Can't make it every Thursday? Weekly lessons are recorded and available to view on YouTube, so it's easy to catch up.

Wednesday Night Dinner Is Safely Served Again!

For details, to make your reservations, and pay online, visit ipcmemphis.org. *Reservations are required and can be made now through Tuesday at 4:00 p.m.*When you arrive on Wednesday night, please go to the check-in table in the Fellowship Hall to confirm prepaid reservations or to purchase a meal.

February 24 menu: grilled pork chops, turnip greens, mac & cheese, cornbread muffins, pecan pie, strawberry cake; Kid's meal: mac & cheese

Wednesday Night Offerings

Life and Thought of Jonathan Edwards | led by Sean Lucas | Fellowship Hall | 6:15 p.m.

A Gentle Answer: Our 'Secret Weapon' in an Age of Us Against Them led by Ed Norton | Chapel | 6:15 p.m.

Leadership Training and Philosophy of Ministry for Young Adults led by Robert Browning | Room 220 | 6:15 p.m.

Parker Tenent's Community | North End of the Fellowship Hall Jeremy Jones' Community Small Group Study | Room 237

40 Days for Life

The Session has approved Independent Presbyterian Church's participation in the annual 40 Days for Life Lent campaign to end abortion. IPC volunteers are needed to fill two-hour shifts during our three scheduled Sunday afternoons — March 7, 14, and 21; however, you can also sign up for other days and times. Please join a brief info meeting in room 237 immediately following the 11:00 a.m. today to learn more about taking part in the event's peaceful vigils and prayers.

THAT THING!

That Thing! is back for kids in grades K-5 on Wednesday nights. Children play games, study catechism, create music using instruments, and enjoy service projects (all with safety protocols). The nursery is open on Wednesdays for children ages 0 through JK. Children must register for "That Thing!" and nursery; registration closes each Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Spaces are limited and taken on a first come basis. For more information, contact Emilee Garrett, egarrett@ipcmemphis.org.

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.

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

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

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Mr. Cannon F. Allen

Mr. Matthew G. Buyer Mr. David Caldwell

Mr. Richard M. Carter

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Mr. William J. Chase Jr. Mr. Ralph S. DelBove

Mr. Rankin Fowlkes

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Mr. Scott Suddoth

Mr. Terry Michael Washburn

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Mr. David Butler

Mr. Craig A. Christenbury

Mr. John R. Coates

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Mr. Hugh Francis IV

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Mr. Timothy Rainey

Mr. Alex Ransone

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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 Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. (Open Wednesday until 6:30 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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