



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

May 9, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

One of the things that I hope you will notice about our treatment of Genesis 41 is that it bears a great deal of similarity to what we saw last week. That's not an accident — Genesis 39-40 describe the humiliation of Joseph as he goes down into the pit, Potiphar's prison house. Genesis 41 describes the exaltation of Joseph as he comes out of the pit to sit down at the right hand of Pharaoh. The steps of descent are mirrored in the steps of ascent; the God who was with him in humiliation is also with him in exaltation.

In this, of course, Joseph serves as a type of Christ. But he also serves as a model of the Christian life: for our lives in this world are typified by the cross before the crown. As we come this morning to worship our God and King, we do so mindful that God's gracious presence sustains us each step along the way. His grace makes us citizens of Zion; his grace throws our sins into the depths of the sea; his grace is exhibited and conferred in holy baptism; his grace meets us in the ministry of the Word. Over and over, we find that God's gracious presence is with us, in our successes and failures, in our humiliation and in our exaltation. It is grace from first to last. 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 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, trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

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

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 9, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Hail Thee, Festival Day"
Peter Winterburn, Bassoon
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Burkhardt

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 87

The Minister: On the holy mount stands the city he founded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob!

The Congregation: Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God!

The Minister: Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush — "This one was born there," they say.

The Congregation: And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her.

All: Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of our God! 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

"Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken"

No. 345

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth McCaughan Powell (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but our iniquities have separated us from God, and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies, our eyes are filled with wayward desires. Our feet are swift to run to evil, and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. We have lost our way and are far from the way of peace. Lord, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Only your strong arm can bring us salvation. May the Redeemer of Zion save us. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” — *Micah 7:18-19*

THE HYMN OF REPENTANCE

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

Tim Keith, Guitar

The Psalter, 1912

Miner



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est
4. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,
right and true. Cast me not a - way from thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy
teach thy wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, thy
let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The New City Catechism Q and A 9-10

The Minister: What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

The Congregation: First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring his Word and works.

The Minister: What does God require in the fourth and fifth commandments?

The Congregation: Fourth, that on the Sabbath day we spend time in public and private worship of God, rest from routine employment, serve the Lord and others, and so anticipate the eternal Sabbath. Fifth, that we love and honor our father and mother, submitting to their godly discipline and direction.

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 OFFERTORY

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

arr. K. Lee Scott

John Chase, Director

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of his love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to that glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth, Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

Choir and Congregation:

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to thee. *Amen.*

THE SERMON

Genesis 41 (*pew Bible pages 34-35*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“God with Us from Rags to Riches”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Joseph

A. From forgotten to remembered

B. From silenced to speaking

C. From powerless to powerful

2. God

A. Sovereign

B. Source

3. Us

A. Our temptation

B. Our pattern

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 457

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Fountain

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more,
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.

THE POSTLUDE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

arr. Hustad



EVENING PRAISE

May 9, 2021

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!

Congregation: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

Minister: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity!"

Congregation: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the field exult, and everything in it!

All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes! He comes to the judge the earth! Thanks be to God!

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

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

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.

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Please greet one another, saying “Peace be with you.”

SONG OF PRAISE

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Rodgers and Wyse



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther faith - ful - ly



deem - er and Friend; who would have thought that a
 long to em - brace; you of - fer hope when our
 lov - ing your own; here in our weak - ness you



Lamb could res - cue the souls of men.
 hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
 find us fall - ing be - fore your throne.



Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
 Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.



You are the one that we praise, you are the one we a - dore.



You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger



for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Tender Mercy”

Words and Music: Roley and Pitts



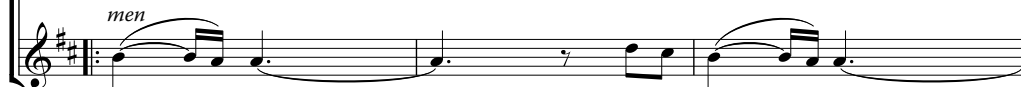
1. Hear my cry for mer - cy as I call to you,
 2. In your ten - der mer - cy brought by grace through faith,



as I lift my hands in Spir - it and in Truth, we cry
 I will lift my heart toward your most ho - ly place,



In the name of the Fa - ther most Ho - ly, in the name of the Son



mer - cy. We cry mer - cy.
 mer - cy. You are mer - cy.



who was slain, in the name of the Spir - it in dwell - ing,



Lord have mer - - - cy, ten - der
 Lord have mer - - - cy, ten - der



mer - cy Lord



mer - cy Lord You are
 mer - cy

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2. go to verse 2 4.

Lord. Lord We cry mer - cy.

We cry mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - - cy, ten - der mer - cy,

Lord, ten - der mer - cy Lord.

SONG OF PREPARATION "Thou Lovely Source of True Delight"

Words: Anne Steele

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Thou love - ly source of true de - light whom
2. Thy glo - ry o'er cre - a - tion shines but
3. 'Tis here, when - e'er my com - forts droop and
4. But ah! Too soon the pleas - ing scene is



I un - seen a - dore un - veil thy beau - ties to
in thy sa - cred Word I read in fair - er, bright -
sin and sor - row rise thy love with cheer - ing beams
cloud - ed o'er with pain. My gloom - y fears rise dark



my sight that I might love thee more,
- er lines my bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord,
of hope my faint - ing heart sup - plies,
be - tween and I a - gain com - plain,



oh, that I might love thee more.
see my bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord.
oh, my faint - ing heart sup - plied.
oh, and I a - gain com - plain.

5. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away?

6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above,
They are only known above.

Children (K-5th) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 4:10-23 (*pew Bible page 982*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“The Secret of the Christian Life”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787

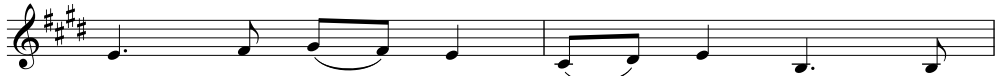
Music: Christopher Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and
 (2.) o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, shines
 (3.) chill - ing winds nor poi - sonous breath, can
 (4.) shall I reach that hap - py place, and



cast a wish - ful eye to
 one e - ter - nal day. There
 reach that health - ful shore, where
 be for - ev - er blessed. When



Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where
 God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, and
 sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and



my pos - ses - sions lie 2. All way. I am
 scat - ters night a - more. I am
 felt and feared no rest.
 in his bos - om



bound I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised



Land. I am bound, I am bound, I am



bound for Prom - ised Land. 3. No
 4. When

IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in honor and loving memory of mothers on this Mother's Day.*

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DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Karen and Rick Smith on the death of her mother, Bettye Atkeison, on May 5.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members to our church:

Rebekah and Junius Johnson

Lauren Wittber

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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

Westminster Class | Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson | Room 233

60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237

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NEW STUDY BEGINNING TODAY: LINE BY LINE CLASS

First Epistle of John | 10:00 a.m. | Room 132

The Line by Line Class begins a new study on the First Epistle of John today.

Though classified under the Norton Community, the Line by Line Class, taught by Rankin Fowlkes, welcomes all ages for "great fellowship, semi-great teaching, and the best food at IPC!"

SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

Jesus Is Our Joy: Studies in Philippians

Tonight is our final Sunday Evening Praise for the spring.
Join Dr. Sean Lucas in the Sanctuary as he teaches on Philippians 4:10-23.
Nursery is available, and Four Corners for children ages K-5th will meet.

Summer Evening Praise returns on June 13 with a new homily series,
Songs of the Passover Lamb, based on the Hallel section of the Psalter.

COOL GREEN BAG FOOD COLLECTION TODAY!

Help relieve hunger in Memphis by stocking the Mid-South Food Bank.

Drop off your filled Cool Green Bag in the Rotunda today, and grab another bag to fill again. When you go shopping, buy one or more non-perishable food items to store in your Cool Green Bag. *Suggested items: tuna, vegetables, fruit, soup, beans, chili, juices, tomato sauce, peanut butter, pasta sauces, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, pasta, rice, sugar, flour*

Pick up dates are the second Sunday of every other month:
today, July 11, September 12, November 14, January 9, March 13

IPC CHOIRS

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Senior High Choir Rehearsal — Sundays, 5:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Junior High Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

SUMMER RUF IN MEMPHIS

Reformed University Fellowship

Conversations with God

7:00 p.m. Tuesday Nights | May 25-June 29 and July 13-20

Independent Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Teaching • Music • Food • Fellowship

Open to all college students!

Questions? Contact Zach Hood, zhood@ipcmemphis.org
or John Crosby, john.crosby@ruf.org.

THAT OLYMPIC THING | JUNE 21-25

PreK-4th Graders

Olympic Sports Camp *and* Run with Joshua

Our Children's Ministry is hosting a week of fun this summer, flexing our muscles and pursuing wholehearted obedience to God. Join us June 21-25 for That Olympic Thing.

Online registration is open; space is limited and filled on a first-come basis.

PreK-K | Run with Joshua | 9:30-11:00 a.m.

1st-4th Grade | Olympic Sports Camp | 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

1st-4th Grade | Run with Joshua | 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Elementary-school children can attend both Olympic Sports Camp and Run with Joshua (with lunch in between), or they can attend either one.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | June 29, July 13, 20, and 27

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Registration is now open for our women's summer Bible study on Esther, using Kathleen Nielson's book *Ruth and Esther*, from Crossway's *Knowing the Bible* series.

Groups meet on Tuesdays, June 29–July 27 (excluding July 6), mornings 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

or evenings 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Leslie Janikowsky; Kristi Johnson/Anne Walker;

and Lisa Turner are leading the three morning groups; Lisa is leading the evening group.

Childcare will be available for the morning study only. For more information

or help registering, please call Beth Clark at (901) 685-8258.



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