



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

*October 31, 2021*

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

On this day in which we remember the Protestant Reformation, you will notice that several elements of our service have close connection to that time in which the Gospel was recovered. Our call to worship and opening hymn are drawn from Psalm 46 — Luther’s “A Mighty Fortress” is actually a meditation upon that psalm. Likewise, our confession of sin is drawn from the Lutheran Service Book, which has its roots in confessions of sin going back to Reformation days; the assurance of pardon is the text that led to Luther’s “Reformational discovery.” Our statement of faith is based particularly upon a key section from John Calvin’s *A Little Book on the Christian Life* (which is itself a simpler version of a section from his *Institutes*, 3.6-10). And our service closes with a key affirmation of the Reformation — that all our hope is in Christ alone.

Our sermon will focus on the heart of the Reformation, the Gospel itself as explained from the most famous verse in the Bible. In this one verse, we have the entire Gospel contained; in this one verse, we have the reason for the Reformation itself — the recovery of the Gospel, which declares to us our danger and points us to Christ as our Savior, all rooted in God’s deep and abiding love for us. May God bring about a new Reformation for our day, in which the Gospel of Jesus Christ is declared in all of its purity and power!

## 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 member on your aisle. Our Welcome Center greeters are also eager to assist you or answer your questions. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Willa Badolato, (901) 685-8206, or [wbadolato@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:wbadolato@ipcmemphis.org).

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

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.

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

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 31, 2021

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"In Christ Alone"  
*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

arr. Koerts

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46

*The Minister:* God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*The Congregation:* Therefore, we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its water roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

*The Minister:* There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

*The Congregation:* God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

*The Minister:* The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

*All:* The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress! Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor, (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor, (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 92

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Isaac Watts. 1719

St. Anne



1. Our God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4. Our God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come:



our shel-ter from the storm-y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
O be our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.



*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” — *Romans 1:16-17*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“How Firm a Foundation”

Mitchell Cloutier, Violin Estefan Perez, Cello Tim Keith, Guitar

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Foundation

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis -  
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to  
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall  
 5. "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re -

Lord, is laid for your faith in his  
 mayed; for I am your God, and will  
 go, the riv - ers of sor - row shall  
 lie, my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall  
 pose, I will not, I will not de -

ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he  
 still give you aid; I'll strength - en you,  
*not o - ver - flow;* for I will be  
 be your sup - ply; the flame shall not  
 sert to his foes; that soul, though all

say than to you he has said, to  
 help you, and cause you to stand, up -  
*with you, your trou - bles to bless, and*  
 hurt you; I on - ly de - sign your  
 hell should en - deav - or to shake, I'll

you who for re - fuge to Je - sus have fled?  
held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.  
dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake."

*Children's Church (SK) may be dismissed to their worship leader. (8:30 a.m. only)*

**THE STATEMENT OF FAITH** based on John Calvin's *Little Book on the Christian Life*  
and Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 1

*The Minister:* Since we are not our own but the Lord's, it's clear what errors we must flee, and what we must direct our whole lives toward.

*The Congregation:* We are not our own; therefore, neither reason nor our will should dominate our plans and actions.

*The Minister:* We are not our own; therefore, let us not make the gratification of our flesh our end.

*The Congregation:* We are not our own; therefore, as much as possible, let us forget ourselves and our own interests.

*The Minister:* Rather, we belong to God; therefore, let us live and die to him.

*The Congregation:* We belong to God; therefore, let his wisdom and his will govern all our actions.

*The Minister:* We belong to God; therefore, let us — in every way in all our lives — run to him as our only proper end.

*All:* Our only comfort in life and in death is that we are not our own, but belong to God in body and soul, in life and in death, through our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. 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 OFFERTORY

“Sine Nomine”

*Junius Johnson, French Horn*

*James A. Brown, Jr. Director*

Vaughan Williams

arr. Rosenberg

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might,  
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight,  
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light. Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia!

*Choir and Congregation:*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!



# THE SERMON

John 3:16 (*pew Bible page 888*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“The Reformation’s Gospel”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Predicament

2. Provision

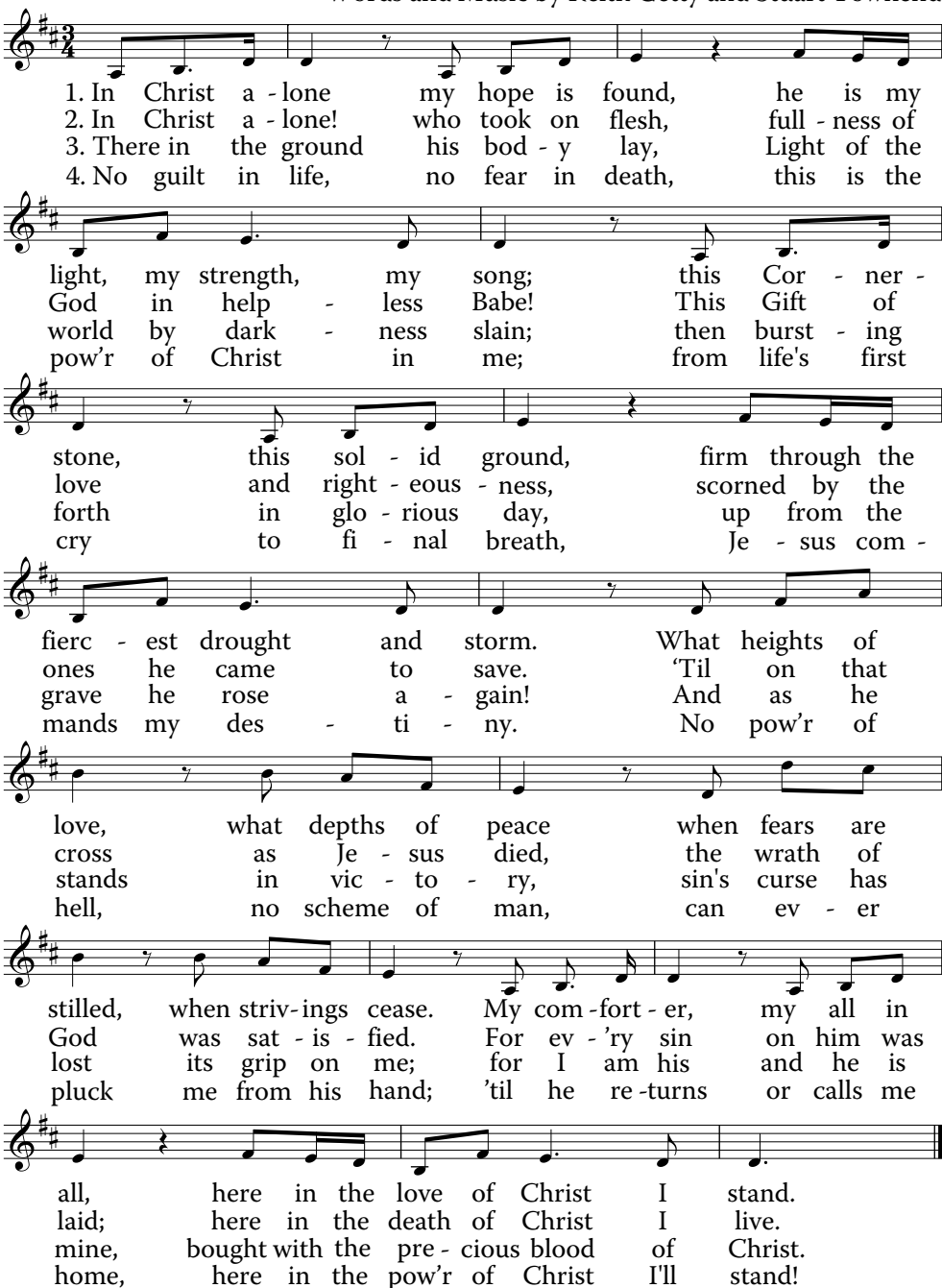
3. Promise

4. Passion

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

## "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!

## THE BENEDICTION

### THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ein' Feste Burg

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
the Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

### THE POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Young



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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### ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SESSION OF IPC

At the October stated meeting, the Session voted to transfer Mr. and Mrs. Holt Hall's membership to Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church, Eads, TN, upon their request. As part of this action, Ruling Elder Hall's official relationship with the congregation as an Elder has been dissolved. We are grateful for the Halls' many years of service to IPC.

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### NO SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE TONIGHT

Don't forget that Sunday Evening Praise and Four Corners will not meet tonight. The Community Reformation Service that has been held annually with sister churches is also not meeting. Please join us on November 7 when Sunday Evening Praise returns.

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### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

College | Mark McDonnell | 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 | Ray Wilson | Room 233

60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237

## AMAZING GRAZING

Session 2 of Amazing Grazing continues this Wednesday night. All five shepherding electives from Session 1 are being repeated, so enjoy another selection that meets your needs. If you missed the first session, this is the time to choose one and jump in!

### *Now through November 17*

Romans 1-7, led by Robert Browning

*Gentle and Lowly* book study, led by Andrew Ginn

Knowing God, led by Jeremy Jones

Financial Workshop, led by Jim Burnett

Marriage Booster, led by Parker Tenent

*Descriptions of the electives can be found at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

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## BLAST!

### *Building Lives Around Sound Truth*

Grades PreK-5 | Wednesday Nights | 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Singing, catechism, games, fun — BLAST! aims to teach children the truth of God's Word with sound doctrine and great hymns of the faith, so they grow to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. We're going to have a BLAST! as we worship Him together.

Register your children at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

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## CHOIR REHEARSALS

**The Adult Choir** meets Wednesday evenings for rehearsals at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we prepare Sunday morning anthems and begin working on music for Lessons and Carols. Nursery and older childcare is available upon request.

**Senior High Choir** (grades 9-12) rehearses on Sundays, 5:00-5:50 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

**Junior High Choir** (grades 6-8) meets on Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. supper, 5:30-6:15 p.m. rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

## SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

Mondays and Thursdays | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Our popular fitness/exercise classes for mature adults meet in the IPC gym. Anyone wanting to improve their physical wellness and stability is encouraged to join us for either or both days.

The classes are led by IPC member Kristy Bell, who is an occupational therapist.

There is no fee to attend. Wear comfortable shoes and attire.

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## MEN'S CONSTRUCTION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Calling men of all ages! Are you interested in a great opportunity to serve?

Sign up for our men's construction trip to Puerto Rico, November 13-20.

For more details, please contact Matt Olson, [matt@noblesolson.com](mailto:matt@noblesolson.com).

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## BE FILLING THOSE COOL GREEN BAGS!

Sunday, November 14, is the next food collection for IPC's Green Bag ministry. As food prices continue to rise, lower-income families and seniors — as well as food banks — are struggling to keep up, but you can help them. When shopping for your family's groceries, pick up extra non-perishable food items to store in your Cool Green Bag and drop off at IPC during the next two weeks. Suggested items include tuna, vegetables, fruit, soup, beans, chili, juices, tomato sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, macaroni and cheese, rice, sugar, and flour. Your donations will be given to the Mid-South Food Bank to help meet needs in Memphis.

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## TIME FOR FRIDAY NIGHT RECESS!

Our RECESS ministry for families with children ages 12 and under who have special needs returns this Friday, November 5, from 6:30 to 10:00 p.m. The program offers parents a night out while their children enjoy an evening of fun activities in a secure environment. Specially trained volunteers are paired one-to-one with the children, engaging them in crafts, songs, games, movies, and more. A medical professional is present; siblings are welcome; and the evening's free of charge. For information about children's registration or volunteering, please contact Carol Stokes, [carolstokes61@gmail.com](mailto:carolstokes61@gmail.com), or Janet Leavell, [jan.leavell@gmail.com](mailto:jan.leavell@gmail.com).

## PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas *Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Robert Browning *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Edward Norton *Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Jeremy Jones *Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Brad Robson *Pastor, Student Ministries*  
Rev. Parker Tenent *Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Mike Malone *Pastoral Associate*  
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr. *Pastoral Associate*  
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr. *Senior Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Bill Hogan *Assistant Pastor Emeritus*

## MINISTRY STAFF

Alison Barger *Director, Communications*  
James A. Brown, Jr. *Director, Worship & Music Ministries*  
Pam Brown *Assistant Director, Worship & Music Ministries*  
Gwen Carpenter *Food Services Manager*  
Ben Ervin *Audio Visual Coordinator*  
Mary Virginia Felker *Assistant Director, Senior High Ministry*  
Stephen Felker *Student Ministry Associate*  
Leigh Fox *Hospitality Consultant*  
Emilee Garrett *Children's Choirs Coordinator*  
Andrew Ginn *Director, Covenanters' Corner Bookstore*  
Lucy Green *Director, Children's Ministry*  
Paul Halford, Sr. *Director, Operations*  
Cindy Hammons *Assistant Director, Children's Ministry*  
Gayle Hardee *Human Resources & Church Data Administrator*  
Bob Hicks *Business Administrator*  
Rachel Himebook *Director, IPC Ballet*  
Rob Howard *Director, Recreation Ministries*  
Rebekah Johnson *Assistant Director, Nursery & Preschool*  
Maryanna Story *Assistant Director, Student Ministry*  
Lisa Turner *Director, Women's Ministry*  
Scott Walker *Worship Assistant*

## IPC FOUNDATION

Suellen Warren *Executive Director*

## 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.

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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