



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

November 28, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

For several of us, our houses have been decorated, and we've been listening to Christmas music for weeks. For others, we are finally excited Thanksgiving is over, and we can now purchase our tree. Wherever you find yourself on this spectrum, the truth is that Advent is here! Advent is a season in the church when God's people remember and reflect upon Jesus' first coming and long and hope for his second. As we gather for worship on this first Sunday of Advent we are reminded that our hope during this season is not only for the mechanics of the gospel (Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension), of which they are, but it's also for the telos of the gospel — the fullness of his presence dwelling with his people. The ultimate end of Jesus' ministry here on earth was to secure a people that he delights in and will dwell with forever. May our time together this morning give us a sanctified taste of his presence, cause us to know his peace more fully, and hope in his promises more richly.

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.

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. 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

November 28, 2021

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

Mitchell Cloutier, Violin Arron Powell, Viola Guiliana Caspersen, Contrabass

Estefan Perez, Cello Junius Johnson, Horn

“Thus Saith the Lord” from *Messiah* (Haggai 2:6-7; Malachi 3:1)

Handel

Tom Horner, Baritone

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 21:22-26

The Minister: And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

The Congregation: And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

The Minister: By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there.

All: They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

Mr. Andrew Ginn, Presbytery Intern (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

No. 1

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah! Thine the Glory”

William P. Mackay, 1863

Thine the Glory

1. We praise thee, O God! for the Son of thy
2. All glo - ry and praise to the Lamb that was

love, for Je - sus who died and is now gone a - bove.
slain, who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev - 'ry stain!

REFRAIN

Hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! we

sing; hal - le - lu - jah! thine the glo - ry, our praise now we bring.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Eleanor Boswell (8:30 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord my God, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to me; I can scarce open my eyes and not envy those above me or despise those below me. I covet honor and riches of the powerful and am proud and unmerciful to the lowly. If I hold beauty, it's a bait to self-glory; if I see unattractiveness, it stirs up loathing and disdain. How soon do slandering, gossiping, and malicious speeches creep into my heart! Do I feel attractive? What fuel for pride! Do I feel unattractive? What an occasion for discontent! Am I gifted? I lust after applause! Am I less intelligent? How I despise what I have not! Am I in authority? How prone to abuse the trust of others and make my will the most important! Do I feel unseen? How much I grudge others that are seen! Am I rich? How exalted I become! Lord, you know all these are snares according to my corruption, and the greatest of these is myself. I mourn that my awareness is dull, my thoughts mean, my affections idols, my expressions wanting, and my life unbecoming; yet what can I expect from unrepentance? Lord Jesus, keep me ever mindful of my sinful nature and let not me forget my adoption as your child. By your grace, enable me and empower me to deal with every sin that hinders and deadens my love for you! — adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" — *Luke 2:8-14*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Oh How Good It Is”

Tim Keith, Guitar *Tim Gregory, Percussion*

Words and Music by Getty,
Getty, Holmes, Townend



1. Oh how good it is when the fam - 'ly of
2. Oh how good it is on this jour - ney we
3. Oh how good it is to em - brace his com -



God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it in
share, to re - jice with the hap - py and
mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er, for -



faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of
weep with those who mourn. For the weak find
give as he for - gives. When we live as



peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the fruit of his
strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we of - fer the
one, we all share in the love of the Son with the



pres - ence here a - mong us.
bless - ing of be - long - - - ing. So
Fa - ther and the Spir - - - it.



with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one

heart we'll live out his Word. Till the whole earth
 sees the Re-deem - er has come for he dwells in the
 pres - ence of his peo - - - ple.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

New City Catechism Q and A 43-45

The Minister: What are the sacraments or ordinances?

The Congregation: The sacraments or ordinances given by God and instituted by Christ, namely baptism and the Lord's Supper, are visible signs and seals that we are bound together as a community of faith by his death and resurrection. By our use of them the Holy Spirit more fully declares and seals the promises of the gospel to us.

The Minister: What is baptism?

The Congregation: Baptism is the washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; it signifies and seals our adoption into Christ, our cleansing from sin, and our commitment to belong to the Lord and to his church.

The Minister: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

The Congregation: No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

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 Thou That Tellest Good Tidings to Zion” from *Messiah* Handel
Peter Winterburn, Bassoon
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, good tidings to Jerusalem,
Arise, say unto the cities of Judah, behold your God!
The glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.

THE SERMON

Haggai 2:1-9 (*pew Bible page 791*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“God Gets Homesick, Too”
The Reverend Parker Tenent
Associate Pastor

SERMON NOTES

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 194
(stanzas 1-4)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Veni Emmanuel

O come, thou Key of David, come and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE POSTLUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

arr. Arron Powell



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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

CHRISTMAS IN THE MINOR PROPHETS

Advent Sermon Series

Beginning Today through December 26

During Advent, we will take a detour from Sean's Sunday morning sermon series on the book of John to look at "Christmas in the Minor Prophets." Wherever you look in Scripture will lead to Jesus — and our Lord himself taught this. In a special Christmas series, we will consider texts from Malachi, Zechariah, Zephaniah, Micah, and Amos to see how they specifically point us to our Savior.

MEMORIES OF CHRISTMAS

This Wednesday, December 1 | 6:15 p.m. | Sanctuary

All of our graded choirs — Pre-Elementary, Children's, Junior High and Senior High — will sing together in one program. Please join us for this joyous event and see how God is at work in our covenant children!

Menu for December 1: "Christmas Dinner" with Pecan-roasted Pork Tenderloin and Cranberry Sauce, Oven-roasted Sweet Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Roasted Brussels with Craisins, Rolls, Red Velvet Cake, Coconut Cake

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Food Basket Set-Up | Friday, December 10 | 2:00 p.m.

Assembly and Delivery | Saturday, December 11 | 9:00 a.m.

Giving food baskets at Christmas to help feed families in need is a longstanding IPC tradition. Each basket is \$50 and feeds four people for a week. Baskets can be purchased to honor or memorialize someone for Christmas. Sales have begun in the Rotunda, but you can also purchase them online through the MY IPC Online Giving link on the church website. Select "Friends & Internet Campus," then "Food Baskets" designation, enter the amount, and complete your donation. You may pick up your gift cards at the reception desk in the lobby. Basket assembly/delivery days are December 10 & 11. This is a family event and wonderful opportunity for children ages 4 and up to participate; nursery will be provided Saturday morning for children under 3.

PICK UP YOUR COPY OF TABLETALK TODAY!

December's issue of *Tabletalk* magazine features *The Theology of Christmas Hymns* as its theme, and the first essay in the collection, "Promised from Eternal Years," is written by our own James Brown. IPC ordered extra copies of the issue that are available at the church reception desk. The Advent reflections are a wonderful way to prepare for Christmas; and the Bible studies are a chance to try *Tabletalk* as a daily devotional. Pick one up while supplies last.

GINGERBREAD MAKING CONTEST

IPC Children's Ministry will be hosting their Gingerbread Making Contest for 4th and 5th graders again this year at the Mallard's Croft barn, 2867 Hwy 309 North, Byhalia, MS. We want your kids to join in the fun Sunday, December 19, 5:00-8:00 p.m., with dinner, a hayride, s'mores, and more. Registration is now open. Visit ipcmemphis.org to register. Questions? Email Cindy Hammons, chammons@ipcmemphis.org.

COOL GREEN BAG MINISTRY

If you haven't already, grab a Green Bag from the rack in the Rotunda to be filling for our next food collection January 9. Your donations support Mid-South Food Bank efforts supplying pantries and meals for families and seniors in need. For more details on the ministry and a list of suggested food items, visit ipcmemphis.org.

THE BRIDGE PROJECT

IPC is partnering with Innovation Church and St. Paul Baptist Church in renovating a house at 579 Orchard Street in Frayser that will be used as a bridge for church members preparing to purchase their own home. The work began in August with plans to complete the renovation by Christmas. WREG-TV featured the Bridge in a "Bright Spot" news story, which you can view online: www.wreg.com/news/bright-spot/.

To learn more about the project, go to www.generousjusticebookclub.com, or contact Canon Allen, cannon.allen@arlaw.com.

AMAZING GRAZING 2022

When Wednesday night activities resume January 5, we will have a new lineup of 6-week Amazing Grazing options that will be offered in two spring sessions: January 5–February 9 and February 23–April 6 (no meeting March 16).

The Apostles to Augustine, led by Sean Lucas

Romans 8-15, led by Robert Browning

The Intentional Father: A Practical Guide to Raising Sons of Courage and Character
book study, led by Dan Butler and Colton Cockrum

The Christian and the Government, led by Nate Kellum and Peter Winterburn

A Theology of the Body, led by Parker Tenent and Leslie Janikowsky

GRIEF SHARE

IPC's Grief Share ministry returns on Wednesday, January 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m. in room 233.

The 13-week seminar and support group is designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. Our Grief Share is for women, but we can help men find a Grief Share group at another church. Read more about IPC Grief Share at www.ipcmemphis.org. For more information, contact Lisa Turner, ltturner@ipcmemphis.org, or (901) 685-8206.



Music of Christmas

33rd Annual Christmas Service of Lessons & Carols

Next Sunday, December 5 | 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy the beauty and grandeur of Christmas with our highly acclaimed Adult Choir, Children's Choirs, and Junior & Senior High Choirs, plus members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.

Family Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday, December 12 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Here's an opportunity to request your favorite Christmas hymns, even those not often sung, and we'll all sing them together.

Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Come sing some of the most glorious choral music ever written—we provide the musical scores and orchestra, and you provide the choir.

Nursery provided for all programs

Christmas Eve

Family Service | 4:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Communion Service | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

No nursery provided

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 *Associate 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*
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Rob Howard *Director, Recreation Ministries*
Rebekah Johnson *Assistant Director, Children's Ministry*
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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