



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We are pleased to welcome Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr., to our pulpit this morning. Reverend Sartelle is the Senior Minister at Christ Presbyterian Church Fayette County, as well as Senior Pastor Emeritus at Independent Presbyterian Church.

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.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Festive Trumpet Tune” German
Junius Johnson, Horn
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 65:1-4

The Minister: Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

The Congregation: O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come.

The Minister: When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

The Congregation: Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts!

All: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“We Gather Together”

No. 363

Netherlands folk hymn

Kremser

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing;
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion en - dure thro' trib - u - la - tion:

sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side: all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er prais'd! O Lord, make us free!

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Kremser

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mary Harvey Gamble (8:30 a.m.)

Foster Alan Mains (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we confess before you that we have sinned in the things we think about and in the things we choose to forget that are important to you. We've sinned in the words we've said to others, and the things we've left unsaid that need to be spoken. We've sinned in things we've done to our co-workers, our family, our friends, and those you've placed in our path each day, and we've neglected to do things you command us to do out of our love for you and our fellow man. Have mercy on us, though we are undeserving. Blot out our sins from your remembrance, and look upon us as those who are clothed in the perfect righteousness of Christ. Stir up our hearts to more fully believe that Christ died for us, rose for us, and will come again from heaven for us. It's in Christ's name that we pray.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life." — *Titus 3:4-7*

THE HYMN OF HOPE

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

No. 194

James Brown, Guitar

Latin antiphon, 12th century

Veni Emmanuel

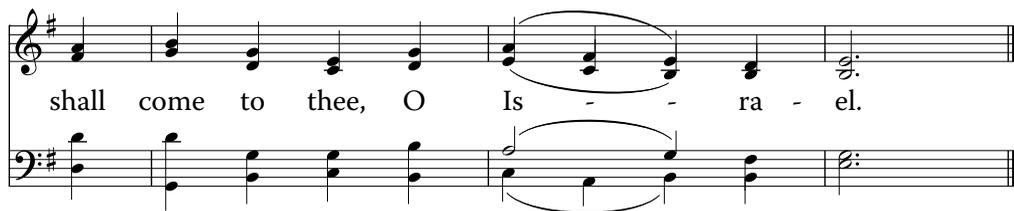
1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. *O come, thou Rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's*
 4. O come, thou Day spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on

here, un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save, and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 night, and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 high, and close the path to mis - er - y.

REFRAIN

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el



THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 48

The Minister: What does the second petition mean?

The Congregation: "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

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

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. K. Lee Scott

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most High.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 1:1-14

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“Your Christmas 2020: Secular or Supernatural and Sacred?”

The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.

Senior Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church

Senior Pastor Emeritus, IPC

SERMON NOTES

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 203

Charles Wesley

Mendelssohn

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new - born King;
2. Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord!

peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled!"
Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the Vir - gin's womb.

Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise, join the tri - umph of the skies;
Veiled in flesh the God - head see; hail th'in - car - nate De - i - ty,

with th'an - gel - ic host pro - claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
pleased as man with men to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo- ry to the new - born King."

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Hark! the herald angels sing." It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Mendelssohn

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with healing in his wings.
 Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
 Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
 Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

THE POSTLUDE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

arr. Vaughan Williams



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to

Betty and Bill Brown on the death of his brother,
Larry W. Brown, on November 14.

We extend our sympathy to

the family of Jocyie Holbrook on her death on November 18.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Registration is required for Sunday School. Registration links will be open each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. for the following week's classes, and will close at noon each Saturday.

For more details, visit ipcmemphis.org.

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

CHILDREN'S AND NURSERY MINISTRY

Sunday School and Nursery

Kindergarten through 5th grade Sunday school classes are now all meeting. Nursery, Pre-K, and JK children must arrive at 8:30 a.m. to remain through Sunday school. Since Children's Church has not yet resumed, kindergarteners may attend either service with their parents. All children must register by noon each Saturday. (Please remember that nursery spots are limited and fill quickly.) For more details, visit ipcmemphis.org.

4TH AND 5TH GRADE GINGERBREAD MAKING CONTEST

Sunday, December 20 | 5:00-8:00 p.m. | Mallard's Croft

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 20, 5:00-8:00 p.m., with dinner, a hayride, s'mores, and more. Visit ipcmemphis.org to register.

Questions? Email Beth Clark, bclark@ipcmemphis.org.

STUDENT MINISTRY

IDK (Middle School) Sunday School | Avon Lawn

Seniorhigh Sunday School | Gym Parking Lot

Wednesdays on the Lawn | IDK (Middle School) 5:30-6:30 p.m. | Senior High 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Seniorhigh Christmas Party | December 9 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Gym Parking Lot

IDK Christmas Party | December 16 | 5:00-6:30 p.m. | Gym Parking Lot

IPC CHOIRS

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Adult Choir *Lessons and Carols* Rehearsal — Sundays, 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Jr. High and Sr. High Choir Rehearsal — Sundays, 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

99 BALLOONS RECESS UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Gift Bags

Volunteers for 99 Balloons will deliver Christmas gift bags to the families of this ministry beginning December 4. Each bag will contain an ornament kit and a special book from Covenanters' Corner Bookstore.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKET FUND CARDS

Due to Covid-19, IPC is not assembling and delivering food baskets this year, but your donation will be used by our ministry partners to feed families in need. Cards can be purchased for \$50 in someone's name to honor or memorialize them for Christmas. On sale until December 12, cards are available Sunday mornings at church or online at ipcmemphis.org. Questions? Please contact noelledouglass@gmail.com.

LET COVENANTERS' CORNER HELP YOU WITH YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING!

Choose from a great selection of Advent items, Bibles, devotionals, and other books, plus unique gift ideas, including pottery, linens, jewelry, and children's things. Our bookstore also offers curbside pickup by calling 901-763-3932, plus complimentary gift wrap.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Friday, December 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 12, 8:00 a.m.-noon

In this seminar taught by Dr. Sean Lucas, we'll study the biblical elements of Christian leadership to equip male and female members of IPC to serve in a variety of leadership roles: as parents, professionals, citizens, and church members.

*To register, please visit our website, ipcmemphis.org
or contact Gayle Hardee, ghardee@ipcmemphis.org.*

Note: This seminar also serves as our Fall 2020 Officer Prerequisite Class for those male members of IPC interested in serving as a new elder or deacon at IPC in the future. Please contact Sean Lucas for details regarding course requirements, slucas@ipcmemphis.org.



Music of Christmas

32nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE *of Lessons & Carols*

Saturday, December 5 | 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6 | 4:00 & 6:00 p.m.

*Adult Choir, Junior High Choir, and Senior High Choir
with members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra*

Independent Presbyterian Church is offering three opportunities to attend *Lessons and Carols* this year to allow plenty of room for distanced seating. IPC members are encouraged to go to the 4:00 p.m. service on Saturday or Sunday, if possible, leaving our usual 6:00 p.m. Sunday service available for visitors who may not know about the two additional times. All three performances will be the same, featuring smaller ensembles from our Adult, Senior High, and Junior High Choirs plus members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra presenting an abbreviated program of beautiful and familiar selections from years past.

Nursery for ages 0-3 is available with reservations — sign up at ipcmemphis.org.

The Sunday 6:00 p.m. service will also be livestreamed for those not comfortable attending in person.

IPC is continuing to follow COVID protocols throughout December, including requiring face masks at all times.

Family Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday, December 13 | Sanctuary | 6:00 p.m.

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

PASTORAL STAFF

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

MINISTRY STAFF

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| Alison Barger | <i>Director, Communications</i> |
| James A. Brown, Jr. | <i>Director, Worship & Music Ministries</i> |
| Pam Brown | <i>Assistant Director, Worship & Music Ministries</i> |
| Gwen Carpenter | <i>Food Services Manager</i> |
| Ben Ervin | <i>Audio Visual Coordinator</i> |
| Mary Virginia Felker | <i>Assistant Director, Senior High Ministry</i> |
| Stephen Felker | <i>Student Ministry Associate</i> |
| Leigh Fox | <i>Hospitality Consultant</i> |
| Emilee Garrett | <i>Children's Choirs Coordinator</i> |
| Lucy Green | <i>Director, Children's Ministry</i> |
| Paul Halford, Sr. | <i>Director, Operations</i> |
| Rachel Himebook | <i>Director, IPC Ballet</i> |
| Zach Hood | <i>Director, College Ministry</i> |
| Rob Howard | <i>Director, Recreation Ministries</i> |
| Harrison Howle | <i>Choral Assistant</i> |
| Andrew Ginn | <i>Covenanters' Corner Bookstore</i> |
| Maryanna Story | <i>Assistant Director, Student Ministry</i> |
| Lisa Turner | <i>Director, Women's Ministry</i> |
| Jennifer Velázquez | <i>Associate Director, Worship & Music Ministries Organist</i> |
| Scott Walker | <i>Worship Assistant</i> |
| Suellen Warren | <i>Business Administrator</i> |

IPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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| Church's Main Office | 901-685-8206 |
| Music Office | 901-685-9707 |
| Recreation Office | 901-763-3857 |

COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sunday — Open between morning 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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