

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

One of the things we have to realize as we think theologically is that our doctrines are not based on a few selected proof texts. Rather, as the Salvation Story unfolds in the Bible, we see how doctrinal truths are formed and shaped as well. Today's text — Genesis 25 — teaches us the doctrine of election through its account of two pairs of sons, Isaac and Ishmael, Jacob and Esau. Yet it doesn't teach us this doctrine in some kind of bare propositionalism. Rather, it shows us how God's purposes will stand, above all in the salvation of his people.

That's why we can come this morning to praise our God: because his purpose will stand. He will satisfy his people with his salvation, as our call to worship reminds us. With him is plentiful redemption, as we hear in the assurance of pardon. To him all praise and glory belongs because he is a good and gracious God who has shown himself to us through Jesus Christ. Let us worship him this day!

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SEVENTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE
Ten O'clock in the Morning

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Morning Has Broken"
Luke Folse, Clarinet

arr. Purifoy

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 91

The Minister: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

The Congregation: I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

The Minister: Hear God's promise: "When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will rescue him and honor him.

All: "With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation." Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Who with God Most High Finds Shelter”

The Book of Psalms for Singing, 1973; alt.

Hyfrydol

1. Who with God Most High finds shel - ter, lives in
2. God's truth is your shield and buck - ler; you will
3. You have made the LORD your re - fuge, God Most
4. You shall tram - ple ser - pents, li - ons, tread on

God Al - might - y's shade. I will say to
fear no ill by night, nor the shafts in
High your dwell - ing place. Noth - ing e - vil
all your dead - ly foes. "Since he loves me,

God, "My God, my for - tress where my trust is
day - light fly - ing, nor dis - ease that shuns the
shall be - fall you; near your tent no scourge you'll
I will save him, keep him, for my name he

stayed." From the fowl - er's snare he'll save you,
light, nor the plague that wastes at noon - day.
face. He will an - gels charge to keep you,
knows; I will hon - or, I will save him;

from the dead - ly pes - ti - lence; cov - er you with
 At your side ten thou - sand fall; you will on - ly
 guard you well in all your ways, bear you up with
 when he calls, I will re - ply. I will show him

out - spread pin - ions, make his wings your con - fi - dence.
 see the judg - ment which the wick - ed will be - fall.
 hands that hold you, lest your foot a stone should graze.
 my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy."

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Johann J. Schütz, 1675

Mit Freuden Zart

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
2. The Lord for-sak - eth not his flock, his cho-sen gen - er -
3. Then come be - fore his pres-ence now and ban-ish fear and

a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
a - tion; he is their re - fuge and their rock, their peace and their sal -
sad - ness; to your Re - deem - er pay your vow and sing with joy and

va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his
glad - ness: Though great dis - tress my soul be - fell, the Lord, my

ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!
God, did all things well, To God all praise and glo - ry!

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors, and we have refused to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.” — *Psalms 130:7-8*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Merker

Ric Browning, Trumpet Kelly Turner, Mandolin Drew Lucas, Guitar

Words: Habershon and Merker

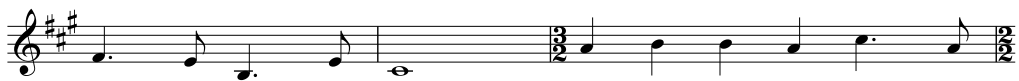
Music: Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast. When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
fast. Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,
fast. Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied,



he will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my
he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end - less



hold through life's fear - ful path;
lost his prom - is - es shall last;
life, he will hold me fast;

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for my love is of - ten cold, he must hold me
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at

fast. He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
fast.
last.

For my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *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

“God Is Our Refuge”
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Pote

Refrain: God is our refuge and strength; a present help in time of trouble;
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though the waters roar and foam, we will not fear.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Word, we are his hands, he will lead us.
He is our King, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

Come and behold the work of the Lord, the awesome acts of God.
He is in the midst of his people, in all the earth.
He is the Lamb slain for the world, he will cleanse us.
He is our King, we are his song, we will celebrate his presence all the day long.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 25:1-34

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

THE SERMON

“God’s Purposes Will Stand”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. With Isaac and Ishmael

A. In death

B. In life

2. With Jacob and Esau

A. God's promise

B. Esau's promise

3. With Us

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

No. 469

Isaac Watts, 1707

St. Columba

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
2. While all our hearts and all our songs
3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

St. Columba

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

THE POSTLUDE

“Fantasy on Foundation”
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Jordan



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to
Susannah and David Mays on the death of her father,
Edwin Lea Brent, on January 10.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the office of Ruling Elder begin today, and will continue through noon, Sunday, February 14, 2021. Nomination forms with instructions are located throughout the church building, and voting boxes are located in the Rotunda and at the Avon entrance. *You may also visit ipcmemphis.org to complete the form, then email it to nominations@ipcmemphis.org.*



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