

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We know this, but we need to see this in our passage this morning — our families matter. There is a generational solidarity, in which one generation passes down its troubles to the next. That reality shows up again and again in Holy Scripture. But the other thing that we should see is that even though our sin, guilt, shame, and corruption go from one generation to another, so do God's covenant promises. Even when we are faithless, he is faithful to his promises.

We see that on display this morning in the reading and preaching of Scripture. But we also see it in covenant baptism, as parents make promises on behalf of children and receive God's promise to be a God to us and our generations after us. We participate in God's faithfulness through our prayers — for when we confess our sins, we hear him tell us that he blots out our sins for his name's sake. Over and again, we are told that our God is good and gracious, faithful to his promises. May God grant us a heart to adore such a Being who loves us in this way!

## 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 at all times.* 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](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.

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](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

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

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-ONE  
*Eight Thirty and Eleven O'clock in the Morning*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

J.S. Bach

*Arron Powell, Violin*

*Brandon Rushing, Horn*

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 18:1-3, 27, 30

*The Minister:* I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

*The Congregation:* I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

*The Minister:* This God — his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. 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

“I Love You, Lord! You Are My Strength”

*Psalm 18*

Duke Street

1. I love you, Lord! You are my strength. A for-ress  
2. He is my strong-hold and my shield, the Lord who  
3. You save the hum-ble and the meek, but bring the  
4. For per-fect is the way of God; no flaw is

is the Lord to me. My rock and my de-liv-er-  
saves me by his might. I'll call on him and give him  
proud down from their height. You, Lord, will keep my lamp a-  
found with-in his word. To all who put their trust in

er; for re-fuge to my God I flee.  
praise. I'm saved; he puts my foes to flight.  
flame; God turns my dark-ness in-to light.  
him a shield and re-fuge is the Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are placed between the two staves of each system.

# THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

# THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Henry F. Lyte, 1834

Lauda Anima

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your  
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers  
3. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him

trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress praise him, still the same for - ev - er,  
face to face; sun and moon, bow down be - fore him,

who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him, praise him,  
slow to chide and swift to bless; praise him, praise him,  
dwell - ers all in time and space, praise him, praise him,

praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

# THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Emmalyn Rhea Schaefer (8:30 a.m.)*

*Lucy August Little (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.* —*The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” — *Isaiah 43:25*

## THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

No. 87

*Kelly Turner, Mandolin*

*Drew Lucas, Guitar*

*Psalm 23*

*Crimond*

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and  
3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;  
pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for

lead eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
*and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.*  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

### THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *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.*

*James A. Brown, Jr. Director*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
 O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
 Gather ye round, Let us make music resound!  
 Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wond'rously reigneth.  
 Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;  
 Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
 Granted in what he ordaineth?

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 26:1-33

<sup>1</sup>Now there was a famine in the land, besides the former famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went to Gerar to Abimelech king of the Philistines. <sup>2</sup>And the Lord appeared to him and said, "Do not go down to Egypt; dwell in the land of which I shall tell you. <sup>3</sup>Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father. <sup>4</sup>I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, <sup>5</sup>because Abraham obeyed my voice and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

<sup>6</sup>So Isaac settled in Gerar. <sup>7</sup>When the men of the place asked him about his wife, he said, "She is my sister," for he feared to say, "My wife," thinking, "lest the men of the place should kill me because of Rebekah," because she was attractive in appearance. <sup>8</sup>When he had been there a long time, Abimelech king of the Philistines looked out of a window and saw Isaac laughing with Rebekah his wife. <sup>9</sup>So Abimelech called Isaac and said, "Behold, she is your wife. How then could you say, 'She is my sister?'" Isaac said to him, "Because I thought, 'Lest I die because of her.'" <sup>10</sup>Abimelech said, "What is this you have done to us? One of the people might easily have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us." <sup>11</sup>So Abimelech warned all the people, saying, "Whoever touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death."

<sup>12</sup>And Isaac sowed in that land and reaped in the same year a hundredfold. The Lord blessed him, <sup>13</sup>and the man became rich, and gained more and more until he became very wealthy. <sup>14</sup>He had possessions of flocks and herds and many servants, so that the Philistines envied him. <sup>15</sup>(Now the Philistines had stopped and filled with earth all the wells that his father's servants had dug

in the days of Abraham his father.) <sup>16</sup>And Abimelech said to Isaac, “Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we.”

<sup>17</sup>So Isaac departed from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar and settled there. <sup>18</sup>And Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father, which the Philistines had stopped after the death of Abraham. And he gave them the names that his father had given them. <sup>19</sup>But when Isaac’s servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, <sup>20</sup>the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac’s herdsmen, saying, “The water is ours.” So he called the name of the well Esek, because they contended with him. <sup>21</sup>Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that also, so he called its name Sitnah. <sup>22</sup>And he moved from there and dug another well, and they did not quarrel over it. So he called its name Rehoboth, saying, “For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.”

<sup>23</sup>From there he went up to Beersheba. <sup>24</sup>And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, “I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham’s sake.” <sup>25</sup>So he built an altar there and called upon the name of the Lord and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac’s servants dug a well.

<sup>26</sup>When Abimelech went to him from Gerar with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army, <sup>27</sup>Isaac said to them, “Why have you come to me, seeing that you hate me and have sent me away from you?” <sup>28</sup>They said, “We see plainly that the Lord has been with you. So we said, let there be a sworn pact between us, between you and us, and let us make a covenant with you, <sup>29</sup>that you will do us no harm, just as we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord.” <sup>30</sup>So he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. <sup>31</sup>In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths. And Isaac sent them on their way, and they departed from him in peace. <sup>32</sup>That same day Isaac’s servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, “We have found water.” <sup>33</sup>He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beersheba to this day.

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## THE SERMON

“Like Father, Like Son”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

### 1. Same problems

A. Wife

B. Wells

### 2. Same promises

A. Covenant renewal

B. Covenant reminder

### 3. Same proof

A. Isaac

B. You

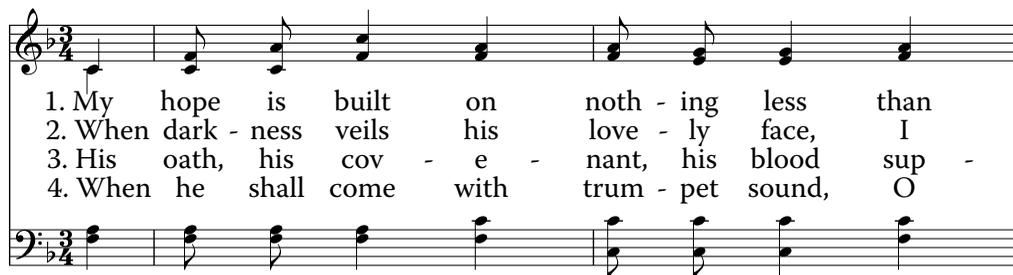
# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

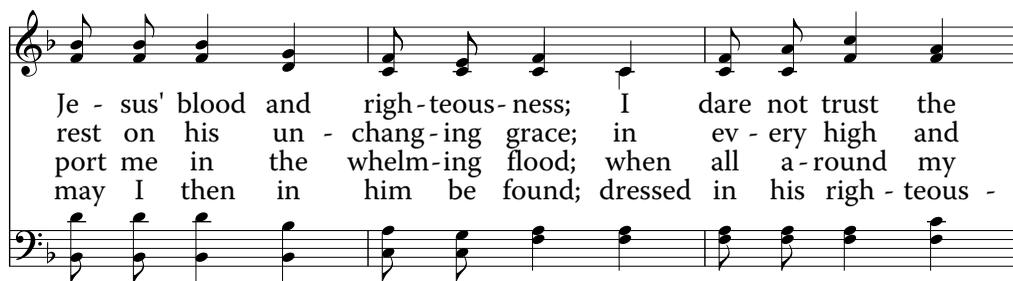
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Edward Mote, 1834

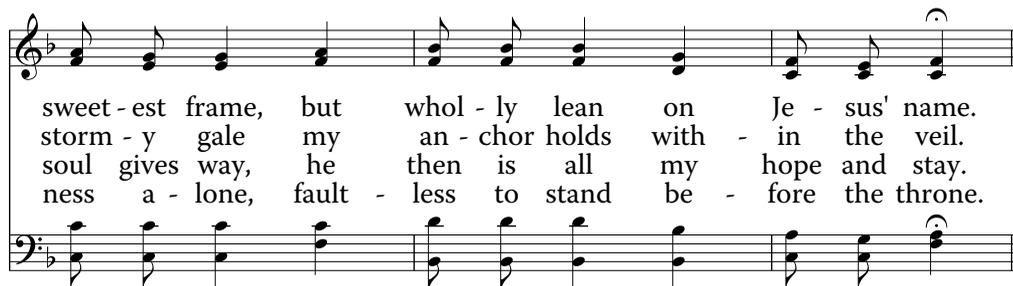
Solid Rock



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than  
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I  
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -  
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

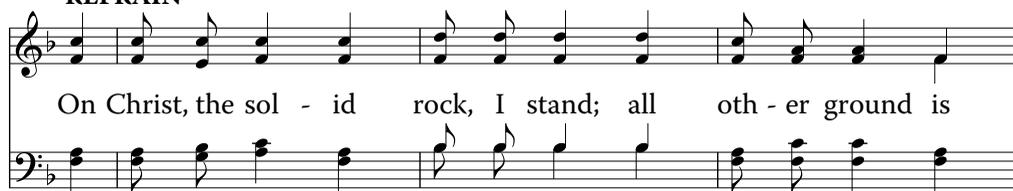


Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; I dare not trust the  
rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and  
port me in the whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my  
may I then in him be found; dressed in his righ - teous -



sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.

## REFRAIN



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is

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sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Solid Rock

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

THE POSTLUDE

“Jesus Saves”

arr. Powell



## 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*  
Elizabeth Boyd on the death of her father,  
Luther Rhinehart Boyd, on January 4.

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Alice Ann Gibson on the death of her brother,  
Randy Gibson, on January 11.

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## IN-PERSON WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUME TODAY

As we return to in-person worship and Sunday school today, please keep the following in mind:

Nursery will be offered during the 8:30 service and Sunday school, but only those children who are in the nursery for the 8:30 service may remain for Sunday school. Parents may pick children up after the 8:30 service, but no new children may arrive for Sunday school. *Advance registration is required for all children (ages 0-5th grade) attending nursery or Sunday school.* Registration opens at 12:00 a.m. Thursday and closes at noon on Saturday. Parents may register children using the IPC app or website, [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org). Please call our Children's Department at 901-685-8258 with any questions, or email Beth Clark, [bclark@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:bclark@ipcmemphis.org).

Adult Sunday school classes do not require advance registration. However, we will be following previous COVID protocols, including social distancing and wearing masks. Those still not comfortable with attending public worship are encouraged to follow their consciences and continue joining us through the Livestream at 8:30 or 11:00 a.m.

### OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the office of Ruling Elder are now being accepted through noon, Sunday, February 14, 2021. Nomination forms with instructions and a voting box are located in the Rotunda. *You may also visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org) to complete the form, then email it to [nominations@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:nominations@ipcmemphis.org).*

## SIMPLY TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Our Women's spring Bible study kicks off February 2, with groups studying Paul David Tripps' *Faith: What Are You Hoping For?* In the nine sessions of this study, you'll see that God accomplishes great things through those who have faith. Please visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org) for more details, a list of group leaders, and to register for the morning or evening study.

For those needing nursery care on Tuesday morning, we ask that you register your child once for the entire spring semester. For assistance, please contact Beth Clark, [bclark@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:bclark@ipcmemphis.org).

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## IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN

Starting Thursday, February 4, at 6:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, join Dr. Sean Lucas in studying the book of Hebrews. Over 13 weeks, we will not only study the Word as part of a large group and discuss passages in smaller groups (appropriately distanced), but we will seek to be in the Word for ourselves. Each week, men will be using the Knowing the Bible study *Hebrews* by Matthew Z. Capps, available for purchase in the IPC Bookstore.

Make plans to be In the Word with Dr. Lucas in 2021.

*Can't make it every Thursday? Weekly lessons are recorded and available to view on YouTube, so it's easy to catch up.*

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## COVENANTERS' CORNER HUGE NEW YEAR'S SALE

ALL holiday items — ornaments, books, towels, décor, nativities, and more — 40% to 60% off.

Stop by and stock up for next year!

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

*Closed Friday and Saturday*

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## TEACHING ELDERS

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

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Mr. Matthew G. Buyer  
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Mr. Rankin Fowlkes  
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Mr. John W. Stokes III  
Mr. Scott Suddoth  
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn

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Mr. John R. Coates  
Dr. Colton Cockrum  
Mr. John Dorrill  
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Dr. Kevin Garrett  
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Mr. Calvin Purcell  
Mr. Timothy Rainey  
Mr. Alex Ransone  
Mr. Chris W. Rogers  
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.  
Mr. Rick Smith  
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg  
Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Jay Vaughn  
Mr. Jim Wilder

## 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 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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