



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

April 4, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

There's a great African-American spiritual called, "Mary, Don't You Weep." In it, the singer repeatedly tells Mary not to weep because "Didn't Pharaoh's Army get drowned?" While there are a number of layers to that spiritual, one is the recognition that Pharaoh's army represents the powers of evil in our world that were ultimately destroyed, overwhelmed in the pit of the Red Sea. In the same way, Mary Magdalene need not weep because the powers of evil — sin, the devil, and death itself — have been drowned in the pit of Jesus' grave.

And yet, we do weep — we know sorrow and sadness, grief and affliction in this "sad world." In those times, we can't see straight, can't think straight, and often can't recognize that Jesus is right there in front of us. What makes the difference so that we can see the one whom we are looking for? Hearing Jesus' own voice, the Word of the Lord, the command of the Resurrected King. And so, this morning, as we celebrate Easter Sunday and remember particularly that Jesus is risen indeed, we do so with a deep longing to hear his voice and to see him. Let us ask our great God to meet with us so that we would experience resurrection hope!

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.* 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*, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2, during the Sunday School hour. To register, please visit ipcmemphis.org.

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

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

April 4, 2021

8:00 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Ye Sons and Daughters of the King"

Leisring

Curtis Nash and Ric Browning, Trumpets

Junius Johnson, Horn Eddie Clark, Trombone

Ye sons and daughters of the King, Now to the Lord your praises bring! Alleluia!
Lift up your hearts! Let voices ring! Christ is uprais'd! Rejoice and sing! Alleluia!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

based on 1 Peter 1:3-5

The Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Congregation: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The Minister: Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Congregation: He has given us new life and hope. He has raised Jesus from the dead.

The Minister: God has claimed us as his own.

The Congregation: He has brought us out of darkness. He has made us light to the world.

The Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 277

Last verse setting, arr. Powell

Charles Wesley, 1739

Easter Hymn



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to day," Al - le - lu - ia!
 2. Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King; Al - le - lu - ia!
 4. Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

sons of men and an - gels say; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has burst the gates of hell: Al - le - lu - ia!
 where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head; Al - le - lu - ia!

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 death in vain for - bids his rise; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died, our souls to save; Al - le - lu - ia!
 made like him, like him we rise: Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

5. Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
 thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
 hail, the Resurrection, thou! Alleluia!

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

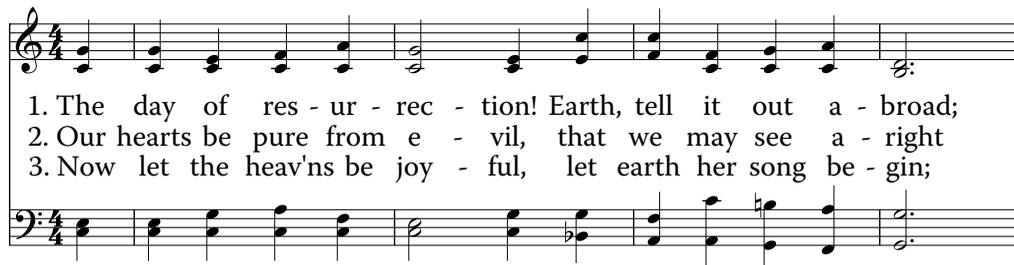
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“The Day of Resurrection!”

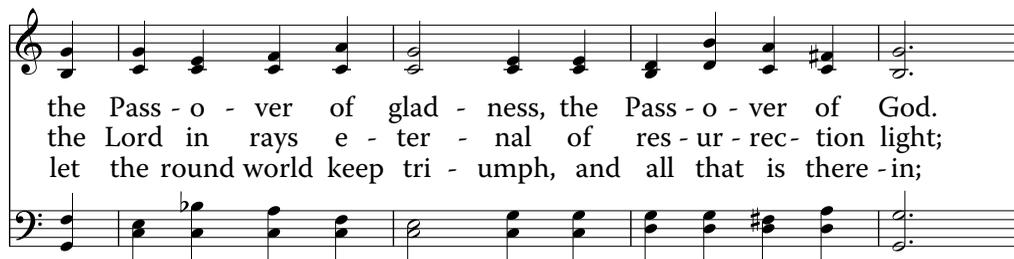
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John of Damascus, 8th cent.

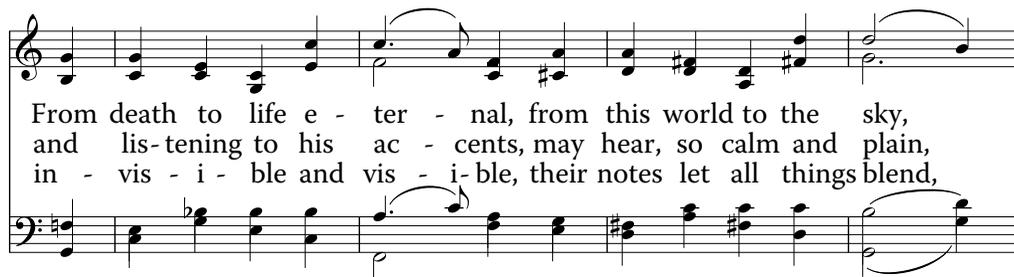
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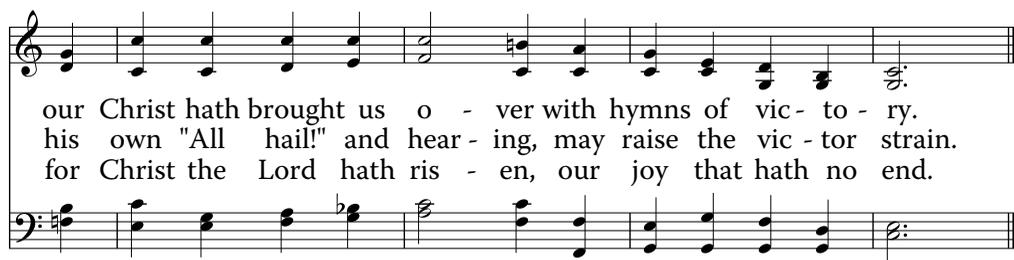
1. The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2. Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3. Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin;



the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
let the round world keep tri - umph, and all that is there - in;



From death to life e - ter - nal, from this world to the sky,
and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
in - vis - i - ble and vis - i - ble, their notes let all things blend,



our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ the Lord hath ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” — *1 Corinthians 15:54-57*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. Hogan

Elaine Clowers, Soloist

In the mornin’ when I rise, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die, give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you may have all this world, give me Jesus.

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.*

THE OFFERTORY

“The Kingdom, Power, and Glory Forever”

from *Hymns Triumphant*
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

arr. Holdridge

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia, Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia, Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia, Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him all ye heav'nly hosts, Alleluia, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Choir and Congregation

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne,
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him Who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity!

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son;
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of man!
Glory, and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

THE SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:11-15

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

THE SERMON

“Whom Are You Looking For?”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Why we can't see

A. Hard to see through tears

B. Hard to think through grief

2. What causes us to see

A. The Shepherd's voice

B. The King's command

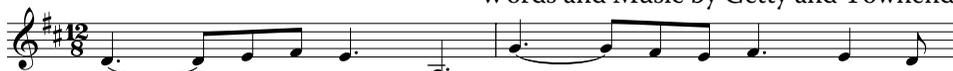
3. What happens when we see

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“See, What a Morning”

James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Words and Music by Getty and Townend



1. See, what a morn - ing, glor - ious - ly bright, with the
2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing, “Where is he laid?” as in
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the
hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; it's the
Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce, “Christ is ris - en!”
Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!
King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
The voice that spans the years, speak - ing
And we are raised with him, death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered;



ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for he
will sound till he ap - pears, for he
and we shall reign with him, for he



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
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THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*

Handel

THE POSTLUDE

“Toccatà” from *Symphony V*
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

Widor



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of Lisa Turner, her ministry and recent birthday,
lovingly from the Women of the Church.*

IPC CHOIRS

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary
Senior High Choir Rehearsal — Sundays, 5:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
Junior High Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

April 11, 18, 25, May 2 | Taught by Dr. Sean Lucas

If you are interested in becoming a member of Independent Presbyterian Church and want to know more about what we believe, come to our spring Pathway Class, taught by Dr. Sean Lucas during the Sunday school hour, April 11, 18, 25, and May 2. You may want to purchase *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Lucas, available at our bookstore, but the book is not mandatory for the class.

*To register, scan the below QR code
with your phone, or go to ipcmemphis.org.*



CHURCHWIDE SPRING DINNER AND SPEAKER

Mitch Maher | *Clarifying the Bible*

April 13 | Fellowship Hall

Box Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.

Program 6:00-8:30 p.m. (with intermission)

\$25/person includes dinner and workbook

Join us for dinner and a unique opportunity to hear Mitch Maher.

His acclaimed *Clarifying the Bible* is a passionate and compelling overview of Genesis through Revelation that will help you dive into Scripture with confidence.

Space is limited. Childcare is available for ages 0-11. Older children are encouraged to attend the program. Register at ipcmemphis.org.

THE INDEPENDENT CUP | APRIL 21, 24

Building Intergenerational Relationships Through Men's Ministry and Competition

Golf • Cycling • Pickleball • Meat Cookoff • Shooting • Running • Trivia

Men of IPC, mark your calendars for *The Independent Cup*, our upcoming Men's Ministry and Competition. Wednesday, April 21, is kickoff evening with refreshments, fellowship, and announcing teams. Saturday, April 24, is morning and afternoon events, then dinner, trivia, trophy presentation, and closing. Registration is now open at ipcmemphis.org.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY UPDATE

Good news for parents! Pre-registration is no longer required for nursery care or children's Sunday school. Nursery is now available during both services and the Sunday school hour. (Children's church for kindergarteners will return in August.)

On Sunday nights, beginning April 11, Four Corners for Kids K-5th grade and nursery will also be back with Sunday Evening Praise.

RECESS IS BACK!

IPC's RECESS ministry — a monthly parents' night out for families experiencing disability — resumes Friday, April 9, from 6:30-10:00 p.m. Here's how the program works: Parents register their family and provide necessary information for RECESS volunteers. Children ages 12 and under who have special needs are paired one-to-one with a trained volunteer. Siblings also have a unique and fun evening with volunteers and other siblings. All volunteers are trained and have background checked. A medical professional is present at RECESS to provide a safe and secure environment for all children. And the evening's free of charge. For more information about children's registration or volunteering, contact Janet Leavell at jan.leavell@gmail.com, or Carol Stokes at carolstokes61@gmail.com.

SPRING POTTERY SALE

Covenanters' Corner is having a Spring Pottery Sale! Whether you want a unique gift for someone or a collectible for yourself, all pottery in the bookstore is available at an incredible 40% off the sticker price. Choose from a beautiful assortment of slab-built and wheel-thrown pieces by several local artisans. Sale ends April 12, so don't miss out!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! THAT OLYMPIC THING

June 21-25

PreK-K

9:30-11:30 a.m. | Run with Joshua

1st-4th

9:30-12:30 p.m. | Olympic Sports Camp

12:30 p.m. | Lunch

1:00-3:00 p.m. | Run with Joshua

Elementary-school children may attend both Olympic Sports Camp and Run with Joshua, or either one. Registration begins Saturday, May 1.

Run with Joshua, pursuing wholehearted obedience to God!

Go, Go, Go, Joseph! VBS is postponed until 2022.

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

RULING ELDERS

Mr. Cannon F. Allen
Mr. Matthew G. Buyer
Mr. David Caldwell
Mr. Richard M. Carter
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove
Mr. Rankin Fowlkes
Dr. Hugh Francis III
Mr. Samuel N. Graham II
Mr. J. Lee Greene Jr.
Mr. Stephen Guenther
Dr. Charles R. Halford
Mr. Holt Hall
Mr. Bryan A. Hawkins
Mr. John Jurey Howard III
Mr. Ralph Janikowsky
Mr. George G. Leavell
Mr. William Martin
Mr. Dan McEwan
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Mr. William R. Mitchum Jr.
Mr. David R. Neubert
Mr. Matthew J. Olson
Dr. Melvin P. Payne III
Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.
Mr. John W. Stokes III
Mr. Scott Suddoth
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn

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Mr. Corky Jones
Dr. John G. Kakales
Mr. William Kay
Mr. James McDonald
Mr. William G. Mueller IV
Mr. Jeff Payne
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 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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