



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

May 16, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Joseph has gone from rags to riches — and now he is the ruler of Egypt. All that God has shown him has come to pass, both the seven years of plenty and now the beginnings of the seven years of famine. As he was doing his work, all of the sudden God brings his brothers to him, setting in motion a series of tests that will confront the brothers with their sins and chart their repentance. Why does God do this? Because he hates these men? No. God's grace was pursuing them in their dark and guilty places out of deep compassion for them.

Our service of worship today forms us in this steadfast love of God. From our call to worship drawn from Psalm 103 to the assurance of pardon from Isaiah 62, God recalls for us his steadfast love, indeed, his deep passion and compassion for us as sinful, wayward people. As we sing his praise and encourage one another in our praying, we are reminded again that we are not alone in any of this: God in his grace pursues each one of us and all of us together to be shaped and molded by his love and affection. His grace finds us out! Thanks be to God!

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*. For more information, please contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

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

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

May 16, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“What Wondrous Love Is This”
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Phillips

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103

The Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

The Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits —

The Minister: He forgives all your iniquity, heals all your diseases, redeems your life from the pit, crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, and satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Congregation: He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities,

The Minister: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

All: Bless the Lord, O my soul! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 53

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Duke Street

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Wyatt Gaines Willoughby (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and proved your matchless sovereignty. Yet we confess that we often remain captive to our mistrust and fear. In our suffering, we have not believed your promises or rested in your holiness. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about your church, and about our trials. We have doubted your perfect reign, infinite wisdom, fatherly goodness, and eternal love. We have sought our security in things that perish, rather than in you, the Everlasting God. Help us to humble ourselves and trust in your power. Even if we do not understand your ways, give us grace to trust your heart. Conquer, cleanse, and forgive us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who always lives to make intercession for us. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.” — *Isaiah 62:4-5*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Virginia Folsie, Clarinet Abby Newell, Violin

Jay Bowman, Cello Janey Fletcher, Guitar Emily McKelroy, Bass

Words and Music by
Myrin and Redman

CHORUS

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Wor - ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be - fore,
O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name. *FINE*
2nd time to verse 2
3rd time to verse 3

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing,
it's time to sing your song a - gain. What -
ev - er may pass, and what - ev - er lies be - fore me,
let me be sing - ing when the eve - ning comes. *to chorus*

2. You're rich in love and you're slow to an - ger, your
3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the
name is great and your heart is kind. For
end draws near, and my time has come;

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all your good-ness, I will keep on sing - ing;
soon, my soul will sing your praise un - end - ing;



ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to find. *to chorus*
ten thou-sand years, and then for- ev - er - more! *to chorus*

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 OFFERTORY

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Ippolitof-Ivanof

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O Lord;
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness.
He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever.

THE SERMON

Genesis 42 (pew Bible pages 35-36)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Be Sure Grace Will Find You Out”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Context (1-5)

2. Confrontation (6-20)

3. Contrition (21-28)

4. Conflict (29-38)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

No. 80
(stanzas 1-3)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Ripley

Lord, this heart’s warm, ardent feeling vainly would my lips express:
low before thy footstool kneeling, deign thy suppliant’s pray’r to bless.
Let thy love, my soul’s chief treasure, love’s pure flame within me raise;
and, since words can never measure, let my life show forth thy praise.

THE POSTLUDE

“Wondrous Love”

Phillips



IN THE SANCTUARY AND NARTHEX TODAY

The flowers in the Sanctuary and the Narthex are given to the glory of God

by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Bolding.

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DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to

Michele and Reed Dennis and Missy and Jim Rainer on the death of Michele's and Missy's mother, Marty Nichols, on May 6.

We extend our sympathy to

Alison and Keith Barger on the death of his father, Carl Barger, on May 12.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

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IPC CHOIRS

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Senior High Choir Rehearsal — Sunday, 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Junior High Choir Rehearsal — Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Trip to Panama City, Florida | May 21-23

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COOL GREEN BAG FOOD COLLECTION

This past Sunday, IPC members answered the call to help the Mid-South Food Bank's mission supplying food pantries and meals in the tri-state area. Our inaugural

Cool Green Bag collection brought in 1,224 pounds of food. *If you need a bag for our next food collection day, Sunday, July 11, pick one up in the IPC Rotunda today.*

For more details on the ministry and a list of suggested food items, visit ipcmemphis.org.

WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays | June 29, July 13, 20, and 27

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Registration is now open for our women's summer Bible study on Esther, using Kathleen Nielson's book *Ruth and Esther*, from Crossway's *Knowing the Bible* series. Groups meet on Tuesdays, June 29–July 27 (excluding July 6), mornings 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or evenings 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Leslie Janikowsky; Kristi Johnson/Anne Walker; and Lisa Turner are leading the three morning groups; Lisa is leading the evening group. Childcare will be available for the morning study only. For more information or help registering, please call Beth Clark at (901) 685-8258.

SUMMER RUF IN MEMPHIS

Reformed University Fellowship

Conversations with God

7:00 p.m. Tuesday Nights | May 25-June 29 and July 13-20

Independent Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall

Teaching • Music • Food • Fellowship

Open to all college students!

May 25 — Mike Ford, RUF Tennessee (Psalm 23)

June 1 — John Crosby, RUF Memphis (Psalm 131)

June 8 — Joe Johnson, RUF Mississippi State (Psalm 46)

June 15 — Brian Sorgenfrei, RUF Ole Miss (Psalm 13)

June 22 — Austin Braasch, RUF Arkansas State (Psalm 34)

June 29 — John Craft, RUF Rhodes (Psalm 122)

July 13 — Matt Howell, Redeemer Presbyterian Church (Psalm 132)

July 20 — Sean Lucas, Independent Presbyterian Church (Psalm 62)

Questions? Contact Zach Hood, zhood@ipcmemphis.org

or John Crosby, john.crosby@ruf.org.

THAT OLYMPIC THING

Join Us June 21-25!

PreK-4th Graders

Olympic Sports Camp and Run with Joshua

We still have openings available if your child would like to join our week of summer fun.

Register at ipcmemphis.org.

PASTORAL STAFF

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

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>
Andrew Ginn	<i>Covenanters' Corner Bookstore</i>
Lucy Green	<i>Director, Children's Ministry</i>
Paul Halford, Sr.	<i>Director, Operations</i>
Cindy Hammons	<i>Assistant Director, Children's Ministry</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>
Rebekah Johnson	<i>Assistant Director, Children's Ministry</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.

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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