

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

May 23, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

The climax of this cycle in Genesis will come in Genesis 45 — but in these two chapters, Genesis 43-44, we begin to see the ways in which the brothers, led by Judah, have begun to change. The question is why? Why are they changing? Is it because they are lifting themselves up by their own bootstraps? Do they see some advantage to be gained in changing? No — they are changing because God is transforming them. His grace, his undeserved favor displayed in sovereign power, is changing them from the inside out.

God's grace transforms — that's the Gospel truth that draws out our praise this morning. As we hear God call us to praise the one who has clothed us with robes of righteousness and garments of salvation; as we see God's grace exhibited in the sacrament of baptism; as we receive God's assurance of pardon in the gracious words of Romans 8; as we sing and pray and hear and respond to God's Word — as we do these things, we participate in the very means that God uses to transform us, these means of God's grace. May God do his work in us, for us, and through us for his glory!

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 23, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"I Sought the Lord"
Arron Powell, Tenor

Moyer

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me;
it was not I that found, O Savior true; no, I was found of thee.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea—
'twas not so much that I on thee took hold, as thou, dear Lord, on me.

I find, I walk, I love, but O the whole of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee;
for thou wert long beforehand with my soul, always thou lovedst me.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 64:10; Isaiah 61:10

The Minister: Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

The Congregation: Let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; for he has clothed us with the garments of salvation; he has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

The Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

No. 310

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

St. Thomas

Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;
join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.

The men of grace have found glory begun below;
celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope may grow.

Then let our songs abound, and ev'ry tear be dry;
we're marching through Immanuel's ground to fairer worlds on high.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James McTyre Blanton (8:30 a.m.)

William Russell Jeffreys (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, and by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

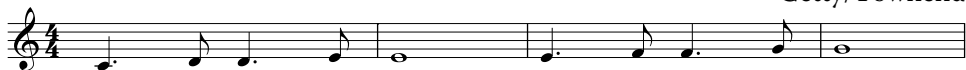
“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” —*Romans 8:31-32*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Power of the Cross”

Arron Powell, Violin Kelly Turner, Mandolin Tim Keith, Guitar

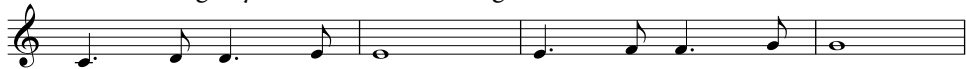
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1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head.
for through your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
Ev' - ry bit - ter thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. This, the
crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This, the
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This, the
won through your self - less love! This, the



pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
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pow'r of the cross: Son of God,



sin for us; took the blame, bore the
sin for us; took the blame, bore the
sin for us; took the blame, bore the
slain for us; what a love! What a



wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The New City Catechism Q and A 11-12

The Minister: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

The Congregation: Sixth, that we do not hurt, or hate, or be hostile to our neighbor, but be patient and peaceful, pursuing even our enemies with love. Seventh, that we abstain from sexual immorality and live purely and faithfully, whether in marriage or in single life, avoiding all impure actions, looks, words, thoughts, or desires, and whatever might lead to them. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else, nor withhold any good from someone we might benefit.

The Minister: What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

The Congregation: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us.

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

“Wake Ev’ry Breath and Ev’ry String”

Billings/arr. Jost

Jennifer Velázquez, Director

Wake ev’ry breath and ev’ry string To bless the great redeemer King.
His name thro’ ev’ry clime ador’d: Let joy and gratitude and love,
Through all the notes of music rove; And Jesus sound on ev’ry chord.

“Come, Ye That Love the Lord”

arr. Parker

Come, ye that love the Lord, And let your love be known;
Join in a song of sweet accord And thus surround the throne,
And thus surround the throne.

The sorrows of the mind Be banished from this place;
Religion never was designed To make our pleasures less.

Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God;
But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.

THE SERMON

Genesis 43-44 (pew Bible pages 36-38)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“When Grace Transforms”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Past

2. Present

A. Surety

B. Shocks

3. Proof

A. Test

B. Transformed

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

No. 465

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.

Moody

THE POSTLUDE

“God of Grace”

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Manz



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the 37th wedding anniversary of Mary Ellen and Will Chase,
and in loving memory of their parents, Mina C. and William J. Chase
and Mildred R. and John Q. Poindexter.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to

Charles Turner and family on the death of his wife,
Jo Ann Turner, on May 13.

We extend our sympathy to

Debbie and Dick McCallen and family on the death of his mother,
Betty McCallen, on May 15.

We extend our sympathy to

Kaki and John Crews and family on the death of John's brother,
Jim Crews, on May 20.

We extend our sympathy to

Eva Hussey, Julie and Rob Hussey, and Edwin Hussey on the death of
Eva's husband, Rob's father, and Edwin's brother, Bobby Hussey, on May 20.

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

IPC CHOIRS

Adult Choir Rehearsal — Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Trip to Panama City, Florida | May 21-23

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

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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.

IPC KNITTING MINISTRY

The Knitting Ministry will meet Thursday, May 27, from 9:30 to 11:30 in Room 233.

All knitters and crocheters are welcome to drop in or stay the whole two hours.

We are currently working on projects of hats for Calvary Rescue Mission, baby blankets for Life Choices, and hat/scarf sets for A Way Out. Other projects include prayer shawls, throws, and children's hats. If you would like to learn how to knit or have questions, contact Susan Strong at 756-5356 or 494-9431.

TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor
Rev. Robert Browning
Associate Pastor
Rev. Edward Norton
Assistant 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

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Mr. Matthew G. Buyer
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Mr. William J. Chase Jr.
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove
Mr. Rankin Fowlkes
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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
Dr. James R. Mitchum
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

DEACONS

Mr. Dan Butler
Mr. David Butler
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury
Mr. John R. Coates
Dr. Colton Cockrum
Mr. John Dorrill
Mr. John Edwards
Mr. Hugh Francis IV
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi
Dr. Kevin Garrett
Mr. Robert E. Hicks
Mr. Jay Jacks
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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