



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

August 1, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Here in the month of August, we are returning back to Genesis — to pick up with the climax of the Joseph story and then to see how God’s grace continues to work in Jacob’s family. In Genesis 45, we have God’s big reveal in Joseph’s revelation of himself. We see how it is that God’s fatherly hand continues to do his own loving work in our lives, leading us by his own hand to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ. If we only have eyes to see it, everything that happens in our lives is ruled out of his love and compassion for us.

That’s what we will find in our worship service this morning. Our God is the one in the high and holy place who condescends to his own blood-bought people. Our God is the one who loves us and frees us from our sins. Our God is the one who for us and our salvation came in Jesus Christ to win and woo us to himself. And our God is the one who continues to love us as our faithful Father and truest friend. May your heart come to know and trust this God this morning!

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 member on your aisle. Our Welcome Center greeters are also eager to assist you or answer your questions. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, Wednesday nights, September 1, 8, 15, and 22. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via livestream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

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.

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

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

August 1, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
Arron Powell, Violin

arr. Campbell

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:7-9; Isaiah 57:15

- The Minister:* Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!
- The Congregation:* Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!
- The Minister:* Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him all the earth!
- The Congregation:* For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:
- The Minister:* I dwell in the high and holy place and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.
- All:* Receive the praises of your people, O Holy God! Amen! Let us worship God!
- The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*
The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Sing a New Song”

Edward Perronet, 1779

Coronation

1. O sing a new song to the Lord; all
2. The Lord is great, great praise he's due. He's
3. O fam - i - lies of earth, as - cribe all

earth sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord, and
feared a - bove all gods. For peo - ple's gods mere
glo - ry to the Lord. All strength as - cribe un -

bless his name; "He saves!" each day pro -
i - dols are; the Lord the heav - ens
to the Lord; give glo - ry due his

claim. His glo - ry to all na - tions show; his
made. Be - fore him splen - dor, maj - es - ty, and
name. Come to the Lord, in - to his courts, and

deeds let peoples know.
 strength and splendor dwell.
 bring an of fer-ing.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Nicaea

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
 Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

based on Daniel 9

O Lord, great God, all holy, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, we are embarrassed to come before you, for we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom. We have gotten into trouble, for we have rejected your fatherly guidance. We have gotten lost altogether. To you belongs righteousness, O Lord, and to us confusion of face. O Lord, great God, all holy, filled with awe, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us when we pour out our sorrows before you. Forgive us, not on the ground of our own righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. In his name we pray, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever, Amen.” — *Revelation 1:5-6*

THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Amen.*

Children's Church (SK) may be dismissed to their worship leader. (8:30 a.m. only)

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 TESTIMONY OF GRACE

*The Reverend Joe Johnson
RUF Campus Minister, Mississippi State University*

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

“I Sing the Greatness of Our God”

arr. Bock

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

I sing the greatness of our God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.

I sing of the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at his command, And all the skies obey.

I sing the greatness of our God that filled the earth with food;
He formed all creatures with his Word, And then pronounced them good.

Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye;
If I survey the ground I walk or look up to the sky!

There is no plant or flower below, But make thy glories known;
The clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from thy throne;

While all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Lord, thou art present there.

THE SERMON

Genesis 45 (*pew Bible pages 38-39*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“God’s Big Reveal”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Person (1-3)

2. Purpose (4-8)

3. Provision (9-24)

4. Promise (25-28)

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Christ Our Hope in Life and Death”

Jurey Howard, Guitar *Tim Keith, Bass*

Words and Music by Getty,
Boswell, Kauflin, Merker, Papa



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a -
calm the trou - bled soul? God is
grave, what shall we sing? “Christ, He



lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi -
good, God is good. Where is his grace and good - ness
lives; Christ, He lives!” And what re - ward will heav - en



dence? That our souls to him be - long. Who holds our
known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our
bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with him. There we will



days with - in his hand? What comes, a - part from his com -
faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y
rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be de -



mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
stroyed, And we will feast in end - less joy, When Christ is



Christ, in which we stand. O
shore, the rock of Christ?
ours for - ev - er - more.

sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O
 sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con -
 fess Christ our hope in life and death.
 2. What truth can death. Now and
 3. Un - to the
 ev - er we con-fess Christ our hope in life and death.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 164
(stanzas 1-5)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Azmon

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

THE POSTLUDE

“Toccata in E Minor”
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

Pachelbel



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

in loving memory of Charles Duggan, much loved and deeply missed husband
of Melissa Duggan, and father of Anna Duggan, Lora Lott, Emily Dean, and Steven Duggan.
Coram Deo.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Jennifer and Ted Angelakis on the death of his father,
Spiros Angelakis, on July 24.

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | AUGUST 15

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 15, 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, for the purposes of electing officers and hearing ministry reports.

We will have two separate elections on August 15: the session is recommending that the congregation elect Reverend Parker Tenent as associate pastor; and the congregation will have an opportunity to elect ruling elders for the class of 2027. The men who have been certified to stand for election as Elder are: Matt Buyer, Sam Graham, Lee Greene, Hollis Halford, Jurey Howard, Matt Kennedy, George Leavell, Matt Olson, Jack Stokes, and Peter Winterburn. ***You must be present at the meeting to vote.*** Communing members may vote for as few or as many of these men as they wish; in order to be elected, a candidate must receive fifty percent of the total eligible ballots cast.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY

Wednesday night dinner and teaching resumes this week, August 4, with our Christian Life Conference, *Knowing God: The Doctrine of God for the Christian Life*.

Dr. Michael Allen will open the conference with "Knowing the Triune God."

Dr. Allen serves as John Dyer Trimble Professor of Systematic Theology and academic dean at Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando. He previously taught at Knox Theological Seminary, where he held the D. James Kennedy Chair of Systematic Theology and served as Dean of the Faculty. He is the author or editor of many books and articles on topics of Christian doctrine. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Dr. Allen at 6:30 p.m.

Nursery is available; older children attend *That Thing*. For more information on the conference and our other guest speakers, visit ipcmemphis.org.

Menu for Wednesday, August 4

Commissary BBQ pork plate: pulled pork on bun, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad, banana pudding, cookies

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

The Adult Choir will resume Wednesday evening rehearsals this month at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please join us as we prepare Sunday morning anthems and begin working on music for *Lessons and Carols*. Nursery and older childcare is available upon request.

SENIOR HIGH CHOIR LAKE DAY

Saturday, August 14 | Pickwick Lake | 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR LAKE DAY

Saturday, August 28 | Horseshoe Lake | 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

DADDY DAUGHTER DANCE

A Night in Paris

SK-6th Grade Girls

with the Rockin' Robin DJs

Friday, August 13

7:00-9:00 p.m. | IPC Gym

Sweets and snacks served

No charge to attend — reservations not required

ARISE2READ

Tutors and Co-Head Coaches Needed

IPC's ARISE2Read team needs volunteers to help tutor White Station Elementary School 2nd graders! Giving one hour a week as a reading coach, you can change the trajectory of two children's lives. We also need people to share with leadership and organizational responsibilities. Guidelines for the 2021-22 school year are being finalized, but volunteer sign-up is underway. Learn more about serving with IPC's ARISE2Read team at one of the August training sessions. For more details, please contact Catherine Wilfong, 901-833-2769 or cdub@me.com.

99 BALLOONS rECESS

Information and Training Sessions

Would you like more information about IPC's 99 Balloon's rEcess ministry? Are you interested in serving as a volunteer? This ministry offers families experiencing disability a parents' night out while their children enjoy an evening of fun. Volunteers don't need any experience or expertise, just interest in helping a child have a wonderful time. Learn more at one of three information/training sessions: Wednesday, August 11, 5:45-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 18, 5:45-6:30 p.m., or Sunday, August 15, 9:30-10:00 a.m. All meetings will be in the Bride's Room. (On the Wednesday dates, be sure to grab your dinner tray first — you will be finished in time to hear the Christian Life Conference speaker for that evening. On the Sunday date, you will be out in time for the congregational meeting.)

Questions? Contact Carol Stokes, carolstokes61@gmail.com,
or Janet Leavell, jan.leavell@gmail.com.

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>
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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