



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Today we come to a text that is fascinating on several levels and raises all sorts of questions: Is the flood universal or regional? How does Noah deal with all of those animals on the ark over nearly a year? How long did it take Noah to build the ark? But when we set our questions aside and attend carefully to the biblical text, we start to see Moses' point: God is both good and just — his justice is seen in dealing with sin; his goodness is seen in his gracious covenant with Noah. In the midst of his judgment, God remembers his people and sustains them in the overwhelming flood.

That message comes through our worship service this morning in a variety of ways. We hear it in our call to worship from Psalm 90 and in the familiar setting of that psalm: our God is our dwelling place, and even though he sweeps humans away "as with a flood," still he maintains steadfast love to his own. We hear it in the hymns that we sing and the prayers that we pray. We know it as we come to the Lord's Table and experience a reminder of his steadfast love. What grace this is that God shows to us! That he would love us and love us to the end!

## 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 now 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](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*, August 14-15. For more information, please contact Tamera 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 SECOND DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"It Is Well with My Soul"  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Phillips

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

*The Minister:* Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

*The Congregation:* For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

*The Minister:* You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

*The Congregation:* Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

*The Minister:* Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

*All:* Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands! Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

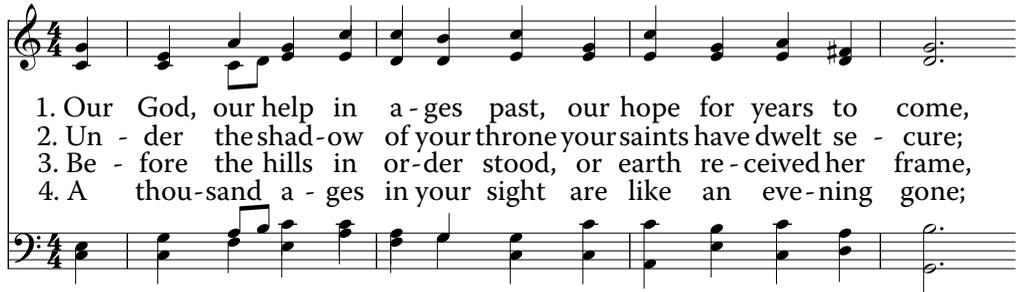
# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

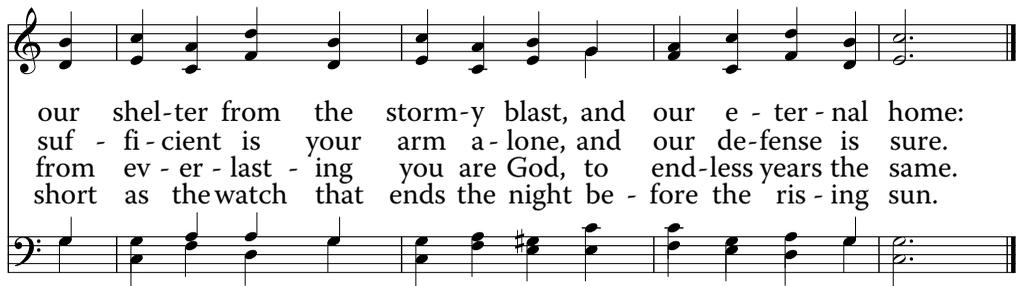
No. 30

Isaac Watts. 1719

St. Anne



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,  
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

# THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

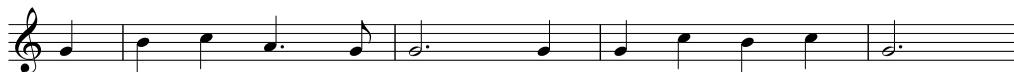
## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

German, 1800

Laudes Domini



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries:  
2. Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re - sound:



May Je - sus Christ be praised. A - like at work and prayer  
May Je - sus Christ be praised. Let air and sea and sky,



to Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised.  
from depth to height, re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised.

## 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 ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.” — *John 3:16-17*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Tallis' Canon

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

*The Minister:* What are the keys of the kingdom?

*The Congregation:* The preaching of the holy gospel and Christian discipline toward repentance. Both of them open the kingdom of heaven to believers and close it to unbelievers.

*The Minister:* How does preaching the holy gospel open and close the kingdom of heaven?

*The Congregation:* According to the command of Christ: The kingdom of heaven is opened by proclaiming and publicly declaring to all believers, each and everyone, that, as often as they accept the gospel promise in true faith, God, because of Christ's merit, truly forgives all their sins. The kingdom of heaven is closed, however, by proclaiming and publicly declaring to unbelievers and hypocrites that, as long as they do not repent, the wrath of God and eternal condemnation rest on them. God's judgment, both in this life and in the life to come, is based on this gospel testimony.

*The Minister:* How is the kingdom of heaven closed and opened by Christian discipline?

*The Congregation:* According to the command of Christ: Those who, though called Christians, profess unchristian teachings or live unchristian lives, and who after repeated personal and loving admonitions, refuse to abandon their errors and evil ways, and who after being reported to the church, that is, to those ordained by the church for that purpose, fail to respond also to the church's admonitions—such persons the church excludes from the Christian community by withholding the sacraments from them, and God also excludes them from the kingdom of Christ. Such persons, when promising and demonstrating genuine reform, are received again as members of Christ and of his church.

## 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 ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Light”  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

arr. Courtney

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though evildoers assail me, when adversaries attack me,  
They stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?  
Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me,  
My heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:  
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,  
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his dwelling;  
And he will set me high upon a rock.  
Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me;  
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?  
The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light!

## THE SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 6:9-8:19

<sup>9</sup>These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation. Noah walked with God. <sup>10</sup>And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. <sup>12</sup>And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth. <sup>13</sup>And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. <sup>14</sup>Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower,

second, and third decks. <sup>17</sup>For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. <sup>18</sup>But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup>And of every living thing of all flesh, you shall bring two of every sort into the ark to keep them alive with you. They shall be male and female. <sup>20</sup>Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground, according to its kind, two of every sort shall come in to you to keep them alive. <sup>21</sup>Also take with you every sort of food that is eaten, and store it up. It shall serve as food for you and for them." <sup>22</sup>Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

<sup>1</sup>Then the Lord said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup>Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and his mate, and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and his mate, <sup>3</sup>and seven pairs of the birds of the heavens also, male and female, to keep their offspring alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup>For in seven days I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground." <sup>5</sup>And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him.

<sup>6</sup>Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth. <sup>7</sup>And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood. <sup>8</sup>Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground, <sup>9</sup>two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah. <sup>10</sup>And after seven days the waters of the flood came upon the earth.

<sup>11</sup>In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup>And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup>On the very same day Noah and his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah's wife and the three wives of his sons with them entered the ark, <sup>14</sup>they and every beast, according to its kind, and all the livestock according to their kinds, and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth, according to its kind, and every bird, according to its kind, every winged creature. <sup>15</sup>They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup>And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him. And the Lord shut him in.

<sup>17</sup>The flood continued forty days on the earth. The waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup>The waters prevailed and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. <sup>19</sup>And the waters prevailed so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered. <sup>20</sup>The waters prevailed above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep. <sup>21</sup>And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds,

livestock, beasts, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all mankind. <sup>22</sup>Everything on the dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died. <sup>23</sup>He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, man and animals and creeping things and birds of the heavens. They were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those who were with him in the ark. <sup>24</sup>And the waters prevailed on the earth 150 days.

<sup>1</sup>But God remembered Noah and all the beasts and all the livestock that were with him in the ark. And God made a wind blow over the earth, and the waters subsided. <sup>2</sup>The fountains of the deep and the windows of the heavens were closed, the rain from the heavens was restrained, <sup>3</sup>and the waters receded from the earth continually. At the end of 150 days the waters had abated, <sup>4</sup>and in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat. <sup>5</sup>And the waters continued to abate until the tenth month; in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, the tops of the mountains were seen.

<sup>6</sup>At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup>and sent forth a raven. It went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup>Then he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground. <sup>9</sup>But the dove found no place to set her foot, and she returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took her and brought her into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup>He waited another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>And the dove came back to him in the evening, and behold, in her mouth was a freshly plucked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup>Then he waited another seven days and sent forth the dove, and she did not return to him anymore.

<sup>13</sup>In the six hundred and first year, in the first month, the first day of the month, the waters were dried from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. <sup>14</sup>In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth had dried out. <sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Go out from the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup>Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh — birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth — that they may swarm on the earth, and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” <sup>18</sup>So Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives with him. <sup>19</sup>Every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out by families from the ark.

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

# THE SERMON

“Setting the World to Rights”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. The world God saw
  - A. Ruined

B. Violent

2. The word God said
  - A. Judgment

B. Grace

3. The work God did
  - A. De-creation

B. Re-creation

# THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*Virginia Folse, Clarinet Tim Keith, Bass*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Greg Thompson



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me  
2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none, hangs my  
3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bos - om fly, while the near - er  
help - less soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me  
cov - er all my sin; let the heal - ing



wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in;



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide,  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
thou of life the foun - tain art,



'til the storm is past. Safe in - to the  
help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



hav - en guide, re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head, in the shad - ow of thy wing.  
in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

# 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

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

No. 521

Edward Mote, 1834

Solid Rock

1. My hope is built on nothing less than  
2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I  
3. His oath, his covenant, his blood sup -  
4. When he shall come with trumpet 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  
sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the next two lines. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Solid Rock

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

THE POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock”

arr. Hustad



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.

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### BIRTHS

*Congratulations to*

Hannah and Andrew Fleming on the birth of their son,  
Irvin Kennedy Fleming, on July 20.

*Congratulations to*

Paige and Clark Coleman on the birth of their daughter,  
Maeve Wise Coleman, on July 23.

*Congratulations to*

Julie and Tyler Little on the birth of their daughter,  
Lucy August Little, on July 26.

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### DEATHS

*We extend our sympathy to*

Beth and John Kakales on the death of his father,  
George Kakales, on July 22.

*We extend our sympathy to*

Mary Helen and Max Fairley on the death of his mother,  
Bennie Evelyn Fairley, on July 23.

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## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | AUGUST 16 | SANCTUARY

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 16, 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary, for the purposes of electing Deacons for the class of 2026 and hearing ministry reports. The men who have been certified to stand for election as Deacon are: John Dorrill,

Hugh Francis IV, Odie “Corky” Jones, Jeff Payne, Dudley Schaefer, Rick Smith, and Chris Thornton. ***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.

## PARENTING AND GRANDPARENTING BY GOD'S GRACE FOR GOD'S GLORY

### *August 2020 Christian Life Conference*

Our August Christian Life Conference kicks off this **Wednesday, August 5**, with **Reverend Mike Malone** as our speaker for the evening. Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. to hear Reverend Malone discuss *The Biblical Story of Parenting and Grandparenting*.

The church will not serve dinner during the conference, but will offer a limited number of childcare spaces, available on a first come basis. Each week, our Children's Ministry will email IPC families a link to register for childcare openings. Conference talks will also be livestreamed for those who do not feel comfortable attending in person.

#### ***Future Speakers and Topics:***

**Jason Cook** | August 12 | *How Children Raise Parents*

**Sara and Sean Lucas** | August 19 | *Grace-Centered Discipline*

**Scotty Smith** | August 26 | *Grandparenting by God's Grace for God's Glory*

In addition to our guest speakers on the four Wednesday nights in August, we are thrilled to host a seminar on **Saturday morning, August 22**. Make plans to join us in the Sanctuary at 9:00 a.m. as **Dr. and Mrs. Mark Dalbey** lead us during two sessions: *God's Covenantal and Multi-Generational Design for Families* and *Raising Our Children in the Nurture and Admonition of the Lord: Challenges and Opportunities*.

Dr. Dalbey has served at Covenant Theological Seminary for over 20 years, including the last seven as president. He co-teaches a seminary class on gospel-centered parenting with his wife, Beth, who has master's degrees in both counseling and theological studies.

Seminar registration is strongly encouraged, but not required to attend; however, if you need childcare for ages 0-5<sup>th</sup> grade, registration **is** required.

Visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org) to sign up for both the seminar and childcare.

## PATHWAY WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

*Taught by Dr. Sean Lucas*

Friday, August 14 | 6:30–8:30 p.m. | Sessions 1 & 2

Saturday, August 15 | 9:00 a.m.-noon | Sessions 3 & 4

If you've been visiting IPC and want to know more about what we believe, please join us for the next *Pathway Weekend*, Friday night and Saturday morning, August 14-15. To register, email Tameria Rackley, [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org); or call the church, 901-685-8206. You may want to purchase the book *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Sean Lucas, available at our bookstore; however, the book is not mandatory.

## WOMEN'S EVENT

Tuesday, August 18 | 11:30 a.m. Lunch OR 6:00 p.m. Dinner

IPC Fellowship Hall | \$7

Guest Speaker: Anna Duggan, Certified Enneagram Teacher and Coach

*Due to safety requirements, seating at each session is limited to 50. Reservations are taken on first-come basis. Payment is required at the time you register.*

*Visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org) for more details or to make your reservation.*

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## SIMPLY TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY | FALL 2020

Women's Bible study kicks off Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., with everyone studying the Book of James, using Courtney Doctor's book *Steadfast*. After fall break, groups will resume the study they prematurely stopped in mid-March due to COVID-19. Watch your mail for more details. If public health directives prevent groups from meeting in person, we will provide resources to study together from home via videoconferencing. Whether we can offer childcare is still undetermined.

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## COVENANTERS' CORNER CHRISTMAS IN JULY — AND AUGUST!

Covenanters' Corner is 30 years old, and we are celebrating!

Stop by the bookstore sale table and take advantage of great bargains on gifts, including jewelry, home accessories, pottery, Christmas decor, and more.

Each week you'll find bigger discounts — but don't let your selections get away.

40% off August 2-6

50% off August 9-13

60% off August 16

Bookstore hours: Sundays between services and immediately following 11:00 a.m. service;

Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

*Beginning August 5, open Wednesday until 6:30 p.m.*



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