



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

August 8, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

In many ways, these last chapters of Genesis serve as a kind of dénouement — the wrapping up of the story. Here, we will see how God blesses Jacob, Pharaoh, and even Egypt; next time, we will hear Jacob's blessings for his sons and even grandsons. As Jacob and Joseph move off the scene, we are reminded yet again that the entire first book of the Bible shows us the character of the God whom we serve and worship: he is a good and gracious God. That's why he blesses the just and unjust — to show his character and ultimately to glorify himself.

We have the joy of participating in glorifying God through our worship service this morning. As God calls us to worship, we are invited to bless the Lord with our whole soul because God has blessed us so richly and graciously. Not only has he granted us life and breath, but he has also granted us forgiveness and mercy. We will hear this in the assurance of pardon, but we will also see it in baptism: God's mercy in washing away sin through the blood of Jesus, a promise that is for us and our children after us. May God grant us grace to rejoice in him and to bless him with our own beings today!

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Once He Came in Blessing"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

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Once he came in blessing, all our sins redressing;
came in likeness lowly, Son of God most holy;
bore the cross to save us; hope and freedom gave us.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-5

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: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

The Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

The Minister: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Amen! Let us worship our 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

"O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"

No. 6

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that we may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Harriet Ruth Wilson (8:30 a.m.)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michael Forrest Baty and Alexander Frederick Baty (11:00 a.m.)

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

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

— *Psalms 103:11-12*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Come, Ye Sinners”

James Defazio, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass Tim Gregory, Djembe

Words: Joseph Hart, 1759

Music: Matthew S. Smith



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed, weak and wound - ed
2. Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3. *Come ye wea - ry, heav - y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken*
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
5. Lo! the In - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it



sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,
glor - i - fy; true be - lief and true re - pent - ance,
by the fall. If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth,
of his blood. Ven - ture on him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pit - y joined with power. He is a -
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon -
you will nev - er come at all. Not the right -
is to feel your need of him. This he gives
let no oth - er trust in - trude. None but Je -



- ble, he is a - ble;
- ey, with - out mon - ey;
- eous, *not the right - eous;*
you, this he gives you,
- sus, none but Je - sus



he is will - ing; doubt no more.
come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
can do help - less sin - ners good.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

New City Catechism Q and A 26

The Minister: What else does Christ's death redeem?

The Congregation: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

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

"Be Thou My Vision"

Rutter

John Chase, Director

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
Be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be thou and thou only the first in my heart:
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE SERMON

Genesis 46:1-47:26 (*pew Bible pages 39-41*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

"God Bless You"

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. God blesses Jacob

A. Revelation

B. Relations

C. Reunion

2. God blesses Pharaoh

A. Through Israel

B. By Israel

3. God blesses Egypt

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Nothing but the Blood”

No. 307

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Tidings

Bless him forever, wondrous in might,
bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

THE POSTLUDE

“Come Then, O Lord Jesus” (*Gottes Sohn ist kommen*)

J.S. Bach

Come, then, O Lord Jesus, from our sins release us.
Keep our hearts believing, that we, grace receiving,
ever may confess you till in heav’n we bless you.



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Marion Dalton in loving memory of her husband, Michael,
and in honor of their August 4th anniversary.*

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*We are happy to welcome the following new members to our church:
Jessica and Ryan Montgomery*

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 next 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 CONTINUES THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Christian Life Conference, *Knowing God: The Doctrine of God for the Christian Life*, continues this Wednesday evening, August 11, with our guest speaker Dr. Ligon Duncan. Dr. Duncan is the chancellor and CEO, and professor of systematic and historical theology, at Reformed Theological Seminary. Co-Founder of Together for the Gospel, a senior fellow of the Council on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, and a board member of the Gospel Coalition, Dr. Duncan has also written, edited, or contributed to more than 35 books.

Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Dr. Duncan 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 11

Italian Night: spaghetti and Italian meatsauce with freshly grated Parmesan cheese; sourdough breadstick, Caesar salad, Italian crème cake, 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.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE AND FOUR CORNERS

Evening Praise returns next Sunday, August 15, at 6:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Dr. Sean Lucas and the other IPC pastors will begin teaching a new homily series, *Gospel in the Wilderness: Studies in Numbers*. More good news: Four Corners will also return for kids after a hiatus due to the COVID pandemic. For those who are new to our children's Sunday night missions program, grades K-5 join their families at the start of Evening Praise, then migrate mid-service to a fun time of learning about God's mission to his world, then they pray for the people and places they studied.

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. For more details, please contact Catherine Wilfong, 901-833-2769 or cdub@me.com.

99 BALLOONS RECESS

Information and Training Sessions

IPC's RECESS team is looking for more volunteers to expand our ministry. RECESS offers families experiencing disability a monthly parents–night–out, while their children enjoy an evening of fun. Explore the opportunities at one of these information/training meetings: Wednesday, Aug. 11, 5:45-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 18, 5:45-6:30 p.m., or Sunday, Aug. 15, 9:30-10:00 a.m. All meetings are in the Bride's Room. (On Wednesdays, be sure to grab your dinner tray first — you will be finished in time to hear the Conference speaker that evening; on Sunday, you will be out in time for the congregational meeting.) Questions? Contact Carol Stokes, carolstokes61@gmail.com, or Janet Leavell, jan.leavell@gmail.com.



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