

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

October 17, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

It is amazing how much the Apostle John packs into short scenes. This morning, the scenes that make up the end of John 2 point us in a range of directions: Jesus' zeal, his resurrection, his knowing what is in human beings. What links it all together? The temple — the place of his glory. But the temple was not simply a place in Jerusalem where God met his people; it was ultimately God's own self when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus is the very glory of God.

Our call to worship picks up on this theme of temple and glory. As we hear and say the words of Psalm 29, we are those in the temple who behold God's glory and shout his praise. May God grant us grace to shout, "Glory!" But for those who see God's glory, we are like Isaiah or Peter: "Woe is me! I am undone!" We are undone by God's glory and we confess our sinfulness. The Good News that God declares to us is that Jesus Christ is not only God's own glory, but also God's own priest and sacrifice — who offers himself for the sin of his people and who is raised from the dead on the third day. May God grant us grace this day to worship Jesus, the very glory of 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 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*. For more information or to register, please contact Tamera 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.

While indoors, masks are strongly recommended, regardless of vaccination status.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 17, 2021

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Prelude in F"
Emilee Garrett, Organ

J.S. Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 29

The Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The Congregation: The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is fully of majesty!

The Minister: The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars. The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The Congregation: The voice of the Lord makes the deer give birth and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The Minister: The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

All: May the Lord give strength to his people! May the Lord bless his people with peace! Amen! Let us worship God!

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

The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!"

No. 19

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

2nd century, traditional

Greatorex

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er
shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

The musical score is written on four staves in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Elizabeth Crawford Tenent (8:30 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious heavenly Father, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with grieving hearts our slowness to learn of him, our reluctance to take up the cross, and our failure to follow him. Pardon us for the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of your great call to sacrificially serve others, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We will have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God . . . for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

— Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“His Mercy Is More”

Lauren Griffin, Violin Estefan Perez, Cello James Brown, Guitar

Words and Music:
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is



more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more
more.
more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our



sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

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 the 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

“Cantate Domino”

Hassler

John Chase, Director

O sing unto the Lord, sing ye a new song,

O sing unto the Lord all the whole earth.

O sing unto the Lord, O sing unto the Lord.

Praise Him and bless His name now and forever.

Praise Him and bless His name now and evermore.

Proclaim His glory, proclaim His glory this day to all people, And declare His power.

Proclaim His glory, proclaim His glory to all people, Now and forever,

Let all the world praise his marvelous and His mighty works,

Let all nations praise His name, Praise Him now and evermore.

THE SERMON

John 2:13-25 (*pew Bible page 887*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“The Sign of the New Temple”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Cleansing
 - A. Actions

 - B. Interpretations

2. Confirming
 - A. What sign

 - B. This sign

3. Concerning
 - A. Their response

 - B. Our response

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

No. 345
(stanzas 1-3)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Austrian Hymn

Savior, if of Zion's city, I, through grace, a member am,
let the world deride or pity, I will glory in thy name:
fading is the worldling's pleasure, all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure none but Zion's children know.

THE POSTLUDE

“Fugue in F”

J.S. Bach



EVENING PRAISE

October 17, 2021

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 48

Minister: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King!

Congregation: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple. As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the end of the earth.

Minister: Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Congregation: This is our God, our God forever and ever! He will guide us forever! Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Heal Us”

Words: William Cowper (alt. Twit)

Music: Twit and Morton



1. Our faith is fee - ble, we con - fess
2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied
3. She, too, who touched you in the press
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come



we faint - ly trust thy word;
with tremb - ling for re - lief;
and heal - ing vir - tue stole
to touch you if we may.



but will you pit - y us the less?
“Lord, I be - lieve,” with tears he cried,
was an - swered, “Daugh - ter, go in peace.
O send us not de - spair - ing home.



Be that far from you, Lord!
“O help my un - be - lief!”
Thy faith has made thee whole.”
Send none un - healed a - way.

SONG OF PRAISE

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Words: Elizabeth Prentiss

Music: Kevin Twit

1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
3. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;

Hear thou the prayer I make on bend-
now thee a - lone I seek, give what
this be the part - ing cry my heart

- ed knee. This is my ear - nest plea,
is best. This all my prayer shall be
shall raise; this still its prayer shall be

more love, O Christ, to thee; more love

more love more love to thee, more love

More love, more love, more love to thee,

more love to thee! More love,

more love, more love to thee!

more love, more love to thee,

More love, more love, more love to thee,

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more love, more love, to thee!

more love, more love to thee!

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Please greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

SONG OF PRAISE

“Steadfast”

Words and Music: McCracken, Jordan,
Silverberg (adaptions: Nouwen)



1. I will build my house, wheth-er storm or drought, on the
word you spoke. All the star - ry host are called
will not trust in the strength of kings. On your



rock that does not move. I will set my hope in your
out by name each night. In your watch-ful care I will
prom - ise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will



love, O Lord; and your faith-ful -ness will prove you are
rest se - cure as you lead us with your light. You are
raise my voice: Hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb! You are



stead - fast, stead - - fast; You are



stead - fast, stead - fast. 2. By the
3. I

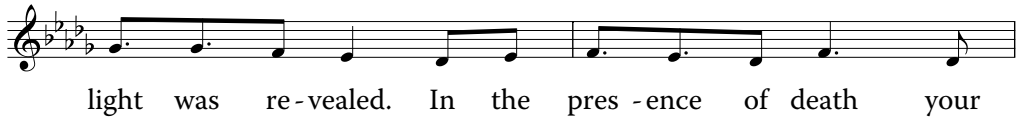


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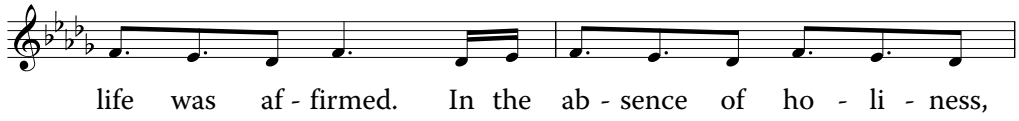


all was ful - filled. In the ho - ur of dark - ness your

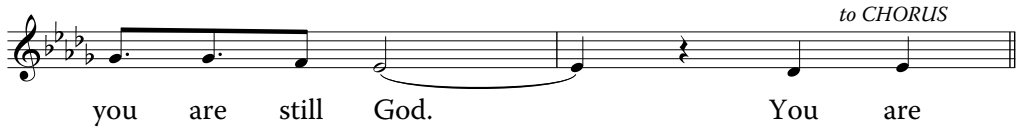
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light was re-vealed. In the pres - ence of death your



life was af - firmed. In the ab - sence of ho - li - ness,



you are still God. You are

to CHORUS

SONG OF PRAISE

"I'll Not Be Shaken"

Wendell Kimbrough

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1. For God a-lone, I wait in
2. Put not your hope in gain of
3. Pour out your heart to God our

si-lence; my soul is still be-fore the Lord. He is my
rich-es; seek not your rest in emp-ty wealth. The rich are
re-fuge and trust in him to hear you cry. No oth-er

rock and my sal-va-tion, my for-tresstrong; I trust in
weak; the poor are might-y, who turn to God a-lone for
hope will nev-er fail you; no oth-er love will not run

him. I'll not be shak-en! I'll not be shak-en, for all my
help.
dry.

hope is in his love. From God a-lone comes my sal-va-tion; I wait and

trust his stead-fast love! love; I'll wait and trust his stead-fast love.

Children (K-5th) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 21:4-9 (*pew Bible page 129*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“The Bronze Snake”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on, we will sing with our



hearts re - stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - geth - er.



We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire; he
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed. You



is the Lord our God. We are not con -
soul, be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised
are the Faith - ful one; and from the



sumed, by the flood, up -
morn - - ing. Oh, how long! O,
gar - - den to the grave bind



held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.
God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SUPPER

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on his shoul - ders a -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom, but

he should give his on - ly Son to
 shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his

make a wretch his treas - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held him there un -
 should I gain from his re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
 til - it was ac - com - plished. His
 can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One, bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: his

man - y sons to glo - ry.
 know that it is fin - ished.
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

SONG OF PRAISE

"In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
2. In Christ a - lone! who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner -
God in help - less Babe! This Gift of
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first



stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
forth in glo - rious day, up from the
cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ones he came to save. 'Til on that
grave he rose a - gain! And as he
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

BENEDICTION



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Kacie and Alex Butterworth on the birth of their daughter,
Sarah Wesley Butterworth, on October 5.

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 | Ray Wilson | Room 233

60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237

AMAZING GRAZING

Session 2 of Amazing Grazing continues this Wednesday night. All five shepherding electives from Session 1 will be repeated, so enjoy another selection that meets your needs. If you missed the first session, this is the time to choose one and jump in!

Now through November 17

Romans 1-7, led by Robert Browning

Gentle and Lowly book study, led by Andrew Ginn

Knowing God, led by Jeremy Jones

Financial Workshop, led by Jim Burnett

Marriage Booster, led by Parker Tenent

Descriptions of the electives can be found at ipcmemphis.org.

BLAST!

Building Lives Around Sound Truth

Grades PreK-5 | Wednesday Nights | 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Singing, catechism, games, fun — BLAST! aims to teach children the truth of God’s Word with sound doctrine and great hymns of the faith, so they grow to love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. We’re going to have a BLAST! as we worship Him together.

Register your children at ipcmemphis.org.

CHOIR REHEARSALS

The Adult Choir meets Wednesday evenings for rehearsals 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 (grades 9-12) rehearses on Sundays, 5:00-5:50 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Junior High Choir (grades 6-8) meets on Wednesdays, 5:00 p.m. supper, 5:30-6:15 p.m. rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

WOC SIMPLY LUNCHEON SPEAKER SERIES

Our Simply Luncheon Speaker Series, based on Jen Wilkin’s *Ten Words to Live By: Delighting in and Doing What God Commands* continues this month. Join us this Tuesday, October 19, 11:30 a.m., when Nancy Holcomb speaks on “The Second Word: Undiminished Worship.” For those who do not know her, Nancy is a wife, mother, grandmother, Bible teacher...and FUN! She and her husband, Hamp, are lifelong Memphians, who have loved and served our city. The cost for lunch is \$7; reservations are not required. For more information on the luncheon series schedule and guest speakers, visit ipcmemphis.org.

SENIOR FITNESS CLASSES

Mondays and Thursdays | 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Our popular fitness/exercise classes for mature adults meet in the IPC gym. Anyone wanting to improve their physical wellness and stability is encouraged to join us for either or both days.

The classes are led by IPC member Kristy Bell, who is an occupational therapist.

There is no fee to attend. Wear comfortable shoes and attire.

IPC MEN'S HANGOUT

Home of Dan Fletcher | October 20 | 7:45-9:30 p.m.

An all-ages IPC men's hangout, featuring live Bluegrass, food, and beverages — all free!

For more information, please contact Andrew Ginn, aginn@ipcmemphis.org.

MEN'S CONSTRUCTION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Calling men of all ages! Are you interested in a great opportunity to serve?

Sign up for our men's construction trip to Puerto Rico, November 13-20.

For more details, please contact Matt Olson, matt@noblesolson.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT

IPC families are invited to our safely done Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 30.

We will meet in the Avon parking lot from 3:00-5:00 p.m. for fun, fellowship, music, and the ever-popular photo booth! Everyone is encouraged to wear their friendly costumes. The Children's Ministry needs adult volunteers to bring their cars, friendly decorations, and individually wrapped candy for our trunk or treaters. Please visit ipcmemphis.org to sign up. Lastly, if you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for Trunk or Treat, please drop it in the plastic bins located in the Rotunda and Avon lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Lucy Green, Director of Children's Ministry, lgreen@ipcmemphis.org.

WHILE INDOORS, MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

With the growing threat posed by the Delta variant of COVID-19, the Session has updated IPC's mask protocol. Masks are strongly recommended for all people inside the IPC building, regardless of vaccination status.

Local hospitals are stretched to the limits, making it difficult to receive care, even for those emergencies which are not COVID-related. Please help us aid our community in lowering the rate of transmission.

THANK YOU.

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. Brad Robson	<i>Pastor, Student Ministries</i>
Rev. Parker Tenent	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Mike Malone	<i>Pastoral Associate</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>

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James A. Brown, Jr.	<i>Director, Worship & Music Ministries</i>
Pam Brown	<i>Assistant Director, Worship & Music Ministries</i>
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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>Director, Covenanters' Corner Bookstore</i>
Lucy Green	<i>Director, Children's Ministry</i>
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Rob Howard	<i>Director, Recreation Ministries</i>
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Maryanna Story	<i>Assistant Director, Student Ministry</i>
Lisa Turner	<i>Director, Women's Ministry</i>
Scott Walker	<i>Worship Assistant</i>

IPC FOUNDATION

Suellen Warren	<i>Executive Director</i>
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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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