

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

October 3, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

The clear invitation of this morning's text is "come and see." That is striking, isn't it? Already in John's Gospel there has been an emphasis upon seeing Jesus—"we have seen his glory"; "Behold, the Lamb of God." Now, the invitation to see him. But to see him as what? As the Messiah (1:41), as the Son of God (1:49), as the one who brings heaven and earth together, as the Son of Man (1:51). This is right in line with what John wants us to see with believing eyes, so that we might know eternal life—life from the age to come into our present reality.

Our worship service this morning focuses our heart on this God who has come to us in Jesus Christ. Our call to worship requires us to call upon God's own name, to sing praise to him—for he has done gloriously! After we confess our sins, we are reminded that God's glory is seen at the cross—here in sending his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins, we see God's glory and we feel God's love. We will be reminded of these things in the ministry of the Word as well as at the Lord's Table. In the sacrament, we have the Gospel displayed before our eyes and proclaim the Lord's death until he comes! What a great feast God has for us 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*. 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.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

October 3, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
Molly Pennington, Organ

arr. Miller

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 12:4-6

The Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

The Congregation: Sing praise to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be made known in all the earth.

The Minister: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! Amen! Let us worship God!

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

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O Worship the King”

No. 2

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.
Let those refuse to sing that never knew our God;
but children of the heav'nly King may speak their joys abroad.
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 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 hearts, and minds, 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, 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.*

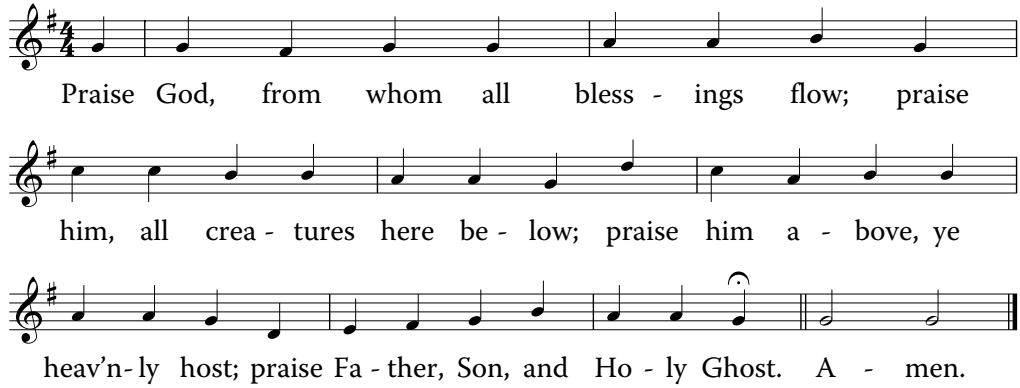
THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. — *1 John 4:9-10*

THE DOXOLOGY

Thomas Ken, 1709

Tallis Canon



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n-ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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 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

“Clap Your Hands” from Psalm 47

Tim Keith, Bass Tim Gregory, Djembe

James A. Brown, Jr. Director

Clap your hands, ye people, clap your hands!

Shout to God with loud songs of joy! Hallelujah!

Clap your hands! Sing praises to our God, lift your voice and sing.

Sing praises to our God, he is our King! He is our King!

Roberts

THE SERMON

John 1:35-51 (*pew Bible pages 886-887*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Come and See”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Come and see

A. The Lamb of God

B. The Messiah

2. Come and follow

A. The One who commands

B. The One who came

3. Come and worship

A. Son of God

B. Son of Man

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

Mitchell Cloutier, Violin Estefan Perez, Cello

Tim Keith, Guitar Tim Gregory, Percussion

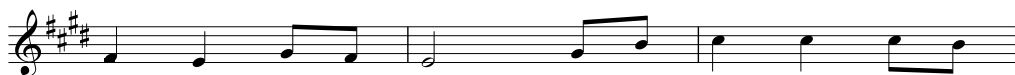
Words and Music:
Boswell, Papa, and Bleecker



1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry in the dawn-ing of the
2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of
3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the
4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry; slain by death the God of



King. He the theme of heav-en's prais - es robed in
Man. In his liv - ing, in his suf - fering, nev - er
tree. In the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the
life. But no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the



frail hu - man - i - ty. In our long - ing, in our
trace nor stain of sin. See the true and bet - ter
Lamb in vic - to - ry. See the price of our re -
Lord; he is a - live! What a fore - taste of de -



dark - ness now the light of life has come. Look to
Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man. Christ the
demp - tion; see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold. Bring - ing
liv - 'rance; how un - wav - er - ing our hope. Christ in



Christ, who con-de - scend - ed, took on flesh to ran - som us.
great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - meas - ured, love un - told.
pow - er res - ur - rect - ed, as we will be when he comes.

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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

No. 170
(stanzas 1-3)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Crusader’s Hymn

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

THE POSTLUDE

“Fugue on *St. Anne*, BWV 552”

J.S. Bach



EVENING PRAISE

October 3, 2021

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 99:1-3, 5

Minister: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

Congregation: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

Minister: Let them praise your great and awesome name — He is holy.

Congregation: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy!


INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE


"Let Your Kingdom Come"

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer
"God's Cause"


Music and Words: Bob Kauflin




1. Your glo - rious cause, O God, en - gag - es our
2. Give us your strength, O God, and cour - age to




hearts.
speak. May Je - sus Christ be known
Per - form your won - drous deeds



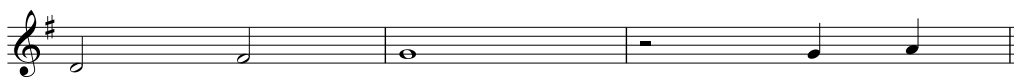
wher - ev - er we are. We ask not
through those who are weak. Lord, use us



for our - selves, but for your re - nown.
as you want, what - ev - er the test.



The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your
By grace we'll preach your gos - pel till our



king - dom come." Let your
dy - ing breath.



king - dom come, let your will be done



so that ev - ery - one might know your Name.

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Let your song be heard
ev - ery - where on earth till your
sove - reign work on earth is done.
Let your king - dom come.

SONG OF PRAISE

“From Depths of Woe”

Words: Martin Luther, 1523

Music: Christopher Miner



1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice
 2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, grace, grace
 3. *There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and not*
 4. What though I wait the live - long night, and 'til
 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace



of la - men - ta - tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear
 a - lone a - vail - eth; our works, a - las! are all
in mine own mer - it; on him my soul shall rest
 the dawn ap - pear - eth; my heart still trust - eth in
 much more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim -



to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; if
 in vain; in much the best life fail - eth; no
his word up - holds my faint - ing spir - it; his
 his might; it doubt - eth not nor fear - eth; do
 - it knows, our. ut - most need it sound - eth. Our



thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our sec - ret sins and mis -
 man can glo - ry in thy sight, all must a - like con - fess
prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, my com - fort and my sweet
 thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed, ye of the Spir - it born
 shep - herd, good and true is he, who will at last his Is -

- deeds dark,
 thy might,
sup - port:
 in - deed;
 - rael free

O who shall stand be - fore
 And live a - lone by mer -
I wait for it with pa -
 And wait till God ap - pear -
 From all their sin and sor -

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Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 Wait for it with pa - tience.
 Wait till God ap - pear - eth,
 All their sin and sor - row,

thee?
 - cy.
 - tience.
 - eth,
 - row,

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 and live a -
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 and wait till
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 Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 Wait for it with pa - tience.
 Wait till God ap - pear - eth.
 All their sin and sor - row.

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 sin and sor - row.

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

"Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace"

Words: D. Herbert, printed in 1838

Music: Brian T. Murphy,
Clint Wells, 2004

1. Come bold - ly to the throne of grace, ye
can I come?" Some soul may say, "I'm
bold - ly to the throne of grace, though

wretch-ed sin - ners come; and lay your load at
lame and can - not walk; my guilt and sin have
lost, and blind, and lame; Je - ho - vah is the

Je - sus' feet, and plead what he has done. 2."How
stopped my mouth; I sigh, but dare not talk." 3. Come
sin - ner's Friend, and e - ver was the

same. 4. He makes the dead to hear his voice;

he makes the blind to see; the sin - ner lost he

came to save, and set the pris - 'ner free. 5. Come

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bold - ly to the throne of grace, for
bank - rupt souls, who feel and know the

Je - sus fills the throne; and
hell of sin with - in, come

those he kills he makes a - live; he hears the sigh or
bold - ly to the throne of grace; the Lord will take you

groan. 6. Poor in, take you in.

SONG OF PRAISE

"God Be Merciful to Me"

The Psalter, 1912

Miner



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I
2. My trans-gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est
4. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,
right and true. Cast me not a - way from thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy
teach thy wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, thy
let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

SONG OF PREPARATION

“What E’re My God Ordains Is Right”

Words: Samuel Rodigast

Music: David Braud



1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:
2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:
3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:
4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:



ho - ly his will a - bid - eth;
he nev - er will de - ceive me;
though now this cup in drink - ing,
here shall my stand be tak - en;



I will be still what - e'er he does,
he leads me by the prop - er path;
may bit - ter seem to my faint heart,
though sor - row, need, or death be mine,



and fol - low where he guid - eth.
I know he will not leave me.
I take it all un - shrink - ing.
yet I am not for - sak - en.



He is my God;
I take, con - tent,
My God is true;
My Fa - ther's care



though dark my road,
what he hath sent;
each morn a new
is round me there;



he holds me that I shall not fall:
 his hand can turn my griefs a - way,
 sweet com-fort yet shall fill my heart,
 he holds me that I shall not fall:



where - fore to him I leave it all.
 and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
 and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
 and so to him I leave it all.

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 16:1-11; 17:1-12 (*pew Bible pages 124, 126*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Rebels Without a Cause”
The Reverend Robert O. Browning
Associate Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

"The Church's One Foundation"

Stone, 1866

Moss



1. The church - 's one foun - da - tion is
lect from eve - ry na - tion, yet
with a scorn - ful won - der men
toil and trib - u - la - tion, and
she on earth hath u - nion with



Je - sus Christ her Lord: she is his new cre -
one o'er all the earth; her char - ter of sal -
see her sore op - pressed, by schis - ms rent a -
tu - mult of her war, she waits the con - sum -
God the Three in One, and mys - tic sweet com -



a - tion by wa - ter and the Word: from
va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one
sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed, yet
ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more; 'til,
mun - ion with those whose rest is won. O



heav'n he came and sought her to
ho - ly Name she bless - es, par -
saints their watch are keep - ing; their
with the vi - sion glo - rious, her
hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord,



be his ho - ly bride; with his own blood he
takes one ho - ly food, and to one hope she
cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of
long - ing eyes are blessed, and the great church vic -
give us grace that we, like them, the meek and



bought her, and for her life he died. 2. E -
press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued. 3. Though
weep - ing shall be the morn of song. 4. *Mid*
to - rious shall be the church at rest. 5. Yet
low - ly, on



high may dwell, that they will dwell, that we may dwell with Thee.

BENEDICTION



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SESSION OF IPC

The Session needs to let the congregation know that, following BCO 24-7, Ruling Elder Jurey Howard has resigned from the Session. At the Session's Stated Meeting this past week, his resignation was accepted and the Session has dissolved Ruling Elder Howard's official relationship between him and the church. The Session is grateful for Ruling Elder Howard's many years of service to us here at IPC.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Wednesday Nights | October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10 | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Taught by Dr. Sean Lucas

Our annual Christian Leadership Seminar, taught by Dr. Sean Lucas, begins this Wednesday night. Participants will study the biblical elements of leadership to equip male and female members of IPC to serve in a variety of leadership roles: as parents, professionals, citizens, and church members. This seminar also serves as our Fall 2021 Officer Prerequisite Class for those male members of IPC interested in serving as a new deacon or elder in the future. To register, please contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@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.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE MEMPHIS CAMPAIGN

IPC is participating in the 40 Days for Life campaign to end abortion, standing vigil as a community *this afternoon* from 1:00-4:00 p.m., at Choices — Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, located at 1203 Poplar Avenue. Volunteers can join us anytime during IPC’s three-hour shift. Signs will be available at the church’s reception desk and at the vigil site. We encourage our members to sign up for additional days and times during the campaign, which began September 22 and continues through October 31.

For more details on the campaign and to sign up for a vigil shift, go to www.40daysforlife/memphis.

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 Blakely and 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.

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.



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