



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

*September 12, 2021*

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is theology in reverse. In theology, God tells us about himself. When we worship, we repeat back to God what he has revealed to us about himself. In a little book entitled *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*, author Henry Scougal writes, “The worth and excellency of a soul can be measured by the object of its love.” Worship is conveying and proclaiming the worth of something. And usually, we worship best that which captures our highest affections. When you boil it all down, that which we worship is the object of our highest affection. The Psalmist declares, “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness (Psalm 115:1).” My dear friends, we have gathered to hear and to remind each other that God alone is worthy of our worship. May our hearts be renewed and may the worth and excellency of our souls be measured by the greatness of our God. Come, let us worship together and proclaim back to God what he has told us about himself.

## 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](mailto: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](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.

***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

September 12, 2021

*8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

“Cornet Voluntary”  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

Travers

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalms 146:5-8 & 95:6

*The Minister:* Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them – the Lord, who remains faithful forever.

*The Congregation:* He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

*The Minister:* The Lord sets prisoners free, the Lord gives sight to the blind,

*The Congregation:* The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down, the Lord loves the righteous.

*The Minister:* Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

*Mr. Stephen Felker, Presbytery Intern (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Ed Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

No. 92

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Kremser

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
to you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Your strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us;  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.*

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*George Wilson, Jr. (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*The Minister:* The Lord is in His holy temple: the Lord is on His heavenly throne.  
He observes the sons of men: His eyes examine them (Psalm 11:4).  
Let us, therefore, confess our sins saying ...

*All:* Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have listened but not heard;  
Forgive us for the times when we have looked but not seen;  
Forgive us for the times when we have helped but not cared;  
Forgive us for the times when we have served but not loved  
Forgive us for the times when we have talked but not said anything;  
Forgive us for the times you've opened the doors, but we've not walked  
through them due to lack of faith.

*The Minister:* Continue to hear our confessions Lord as we further confess these many  
sins to you, silently.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. — *Psalm 34:17-18*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Is He Worthy?”

Peterson

*Elaine Clowers, Soloist Tim Keith, Guitar*

Do you feel the world is broken? – We do  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? – We do  
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through? – We do  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? – We do

Is all creation groaning? – It is  
Is a new creation coming? – It is  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? – It is  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? – It is

*SOLO* *ALL*

3. Does the Fa - ther tru - ly love us? (He

*SOLO* *ALL*

does.) Does the Spir - it move a - mong us? (He

*SOLO*

does.) And does Je - sus, our Mes - si - ah hold for -

*ALL* *SOLO*

ev - er those he loves? (He does.) Does our

*ALL*

God in - tend to dwell a - gain with us? (He

*ALL*

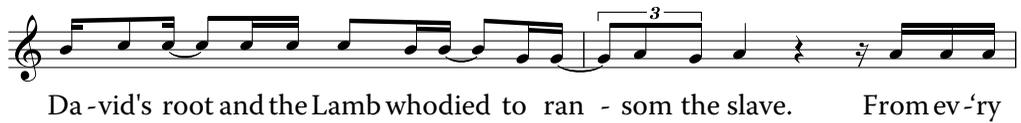
does.) *CHORUS* Is an - y - one wor - thy? Is



an-y-one whole? Is an-y-one a - ble to break the seal and o -



- pen the scroll? The Li-on of Ju-dah who con- quered the grave; he is



Da-vid's root and the Lamb whodied to ran - som the slave. From ev-'ry



peo- ple and tribe, ev-'ry na - tion and tongue, he has



made us a king - dom and priests to God to reign



with the Son. Is he wor - thy? Is he



wor - thy? Of all bless- ing and hon- or and glo - ry? Is he wor - thy? Is he



wor - thy? Is he wor - thy of this? He is!

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The New City Catechism Q and A 31

*The Minister:* What do we believe by true faith?

*The Congregation:* Everything taught to us in the gospel. The Apostles' Creed expresses what we believe in these words: We believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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. We 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.

## 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

“This Little Light O’ Mine”

arr. Work

*Elaine Clowers, Soprano*  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

This little light o’ mine, I’m goin’ to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Ev’rywhere I go I’m goin’ to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

All through the night I’m goin’ to let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

## THE SERMON

Matthew 25:31-46 (*pew Bible page 831*)  
*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“A Church of Dids or Didn’ts”  
*The Reverend Robert O. Browning*  
*Associate Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

## “O Church, Arise”

Getty/Townend



1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the  
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to  
3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, as the  
4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev' - ry stride, give



call of Christ our cap - tain; for now the weak can say that  
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the  
Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -  
grace for ev' - ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of  
wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with  
neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the  
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's  
trials on ev' - ry side, we know the out - come is se -  
stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the  
old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his



lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle  
cure, and Christ will have the prize for  
grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues  
grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is "Love!" reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.  
which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.  
till the day ev' - ry eye and heart shall see him.  
for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Peterson

*See page 5 for music*

From ev'ry people and tribe, ev'ry nation and tongue,  
he has made us a kingdom and priests to God to reign with the Son.  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? He is!

## THE POSTLUDE

"Psalm XIX"

Marcello



# EVENING PRAISE

September 12, 2021

6:00 p.m.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-4; 95:6

*Minister:* Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give him glorious praise!

*Congregation:* Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.

*Minister:* All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name."

*All:* Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our maker!

## INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Words: William Kirkpatrick

Music: Darwin Jordan



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,  
 be his aid; he is blest whose hope of bless - ing  
 pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,  
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,



of my God through all my days. Put no con - fi -  
 on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the  
 makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah  
 of my God through all my days. O - ver all God



dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 reigns for - ev - er, through all ag - es he is King;



he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion,  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,  
 un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Oh! Give Thanks!”

Psalm 107

Music: Kimbrough



1. We were wand' - ring in the de - sert with our souls  
 2. We were locked out of the gar - den, and our backs  
 3. We were fools in our re - bel - lion, with our hun -  
 4. We were far out on the o - cean, mak - ing wealth



so starved and weak. We were hun - gry for a home -  
 bent down with pain. In the shad - ow of death's dark -  
 - ger strike of pride. We were sick and grow - ing clos -  
 and chas - ing dreams, but the waves of great de - struc -



- land we did not know how to seek. But we lift -  
 - ness, we were slaves to sin and blame. Then we cried  
 - er to the death we should have died. Then he heard  
 - tion brought us tremb' - ling to our knees. Then we cried



- ed up our voic - es to the on - ly One who hears;  
 out in our la - bor to the on - ly One who hears,  
 of our con - di - tion, and he called us by our names;  
 like drunk - en sail - ors to the on - ly One who hears,



and the God of mer - cy came and brought us near.  
 and the God of mer - cy wiped a - way our tears.  
 and the God of glo - ry took a - way our shame.  
 and the God of com - fort took a - way our fears.



Oh give thanks to the Lord for His love

en - dures for - ev - er! We were wan - der - ing and lost,  
 and our Fa - ther brought us home, to a safe  
 dwell - ing place, to a feast of joy and laugh -  
 - ter. Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

## 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

“Indescribable”

Words and Music: Story, Reeves



1. From the high - est of heights to the depths of the  
 2. Who has told ev - 'ry light - ning bolt where it should



sea, cre - a - tion's re - veal - ing your  
 go, or seen heav'n-ly store-hous - es



maj - es - ty. From the col - ors of  
 lad - en with snow? Who im - ag - ined the



fall to the fra - grance of spring,  
 sun and gives source to its light,



ev - 'ry crea - ture u - nique in the  
 yet con - ceals it to bring us the



song that it sings. All ex - claim - ing:  
 cool - ness of night? None can fath - om;

CHORUS



In - de - scrib - a - ble, un - con - tain - a - ble;



you placed the stars in the sky and you



know them by name.

You are a - maz - ing, God.

2  
All pow - er - ful, un - tam - a - ble;

Awe - struck we fall to our knees as we

hum - bly pro - claim: you are a -

6  
maz - - ing God.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Blessed Be Your Name”

Words and Music by  
Matt and Beth Redman



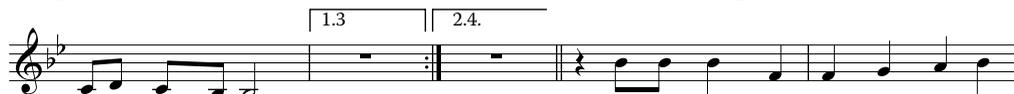
1. Bless - ed be your name in the  
2. Bless - ed be your name when I'm  
3. Bless - ed be your name when the  
4. Bless - ed be your name on the



land that is plen - ti - ful, where your  
found in the de - sert place, though I  
sun's shin - ing down on me, when the  
road marked with suf - fer - ing, though there's



streams of a - bun - dance flow, bless - ed  
walk through the wil - der ness, bless - ed  
world's “all as it should be,” bless - ed  
pain in the of - fer - ing, bless - ed



be your name. Ev-'ry bless-ing you pour out, I'll  
be your name.  
be your name  
be your name.



turn back to praise. When the dark-ness clos - es in, Lord,



still I will say, “Bless - ed be the name of the Lord,

bless-ed be your name. Bless-ed be the name of the Lord,

bless-ed be your glo - ri - ous name." *Last time to Coda*

*1. D.C.* | *2.*  
You give and take a - way, you

give and take a - way. My heart will choose to say, "Lord,

*1.* | *2. D.S. al Coda*  
bless-ed be your name." You name" Bless-ed be the

*Coda*

# SONG OF PREPARATION

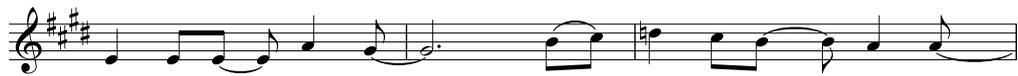
“Thou Lovely Source of True Delight”

Words: Anne Steele

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Thou love - ly source of true de - light whom  
2. Thy glo - ry o'er cre - a - tion shines but  
3. 'Tis here, when - e'er my com - forts droop and  
4. But ah! Too soon the pleas - ing scene is



I un - seen a - dore un - veil thy beau - ties to  
in thy sa - cred Word I read in fair - er, bright -  
sin and sor - row rise thy love with cheer - ing beams  
cloud - ed o'er with pain. My gloom - y fears rise dark



my sight that I might love thee more,  
- er lines my bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord,  
of hope my faint - ing heart sup - plies,  
be - tween and I a - gain com - plain,



oh, that I might love thee more.  
see my bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord.  
oh, my faint - ing heart sup - plied.  
oh, and I a - gain com - plain.

5. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light  
Oh come with blissful ray  
Break radiant through the shades of night  
And chase my fears away,  
Won't You chase my fears away?

6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace  
The wonders of Thy love  
But the full glories of Thy face  
Are only known above,  
They are only known above.

*Children (K-5<sup>th</sup>) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 11:1-35 (*pew Bible page 119-120*)

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

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“Envy”

*The Reverend Ed Norton*

*Associate Pastor*

SONG OF PRAISE

“Abide with Me”

Henry Lyte, 1847

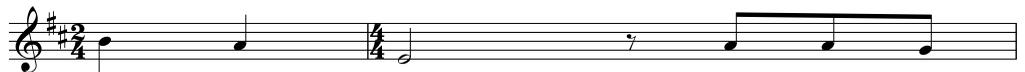
Justin Smith



1. A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven -  
 2. I need thy pres - ence, ev - ery pass - ing  
 3. I fear no foe, with thee at hand to  
 4. Hold thou thy cross, be - fore my clos - ing



tide; the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with  
 hour, what but thy grace, can foil the  
 bless; ills have no weight, tears lose their  
 eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me



me a - bide. When oth - er  
 temp - ter's power? Who, like thy -  
 bit - ter - ness. Where is thy  
 to the skies. Heav'n's morn - ing



help - ers, fail and com - forts  
 self, my guide and stay can  
 sting death? Where grave thy vic - to -  
 breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows



flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.  
 be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.  
 ry? I tri - umph still, a - bide with me.  
 flee; in life, in death, Lord, a - bide with me.

BENEDICTION



## IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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### NEW MEMBERS

*We are happy to welcome the following new members:*

Jessica and Ryan Montgomery  
Jean Anne Wiener  
Mary Welsh

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### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to Stacey and Feb Boswell and family on the death of Feb's father, Frank Boswell, on September 4.*

### 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 and Rick Powell | Room 233  
60s+ | Mike Malone | Room 237

WHILE INDOORS,  
**MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED**  
REGARDLESS OF VACCINATION STATUS.

## SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE AND FOUR CORNERS | TONIGHT

Sunday Evening Praise continues tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dr. Sean Lucas and the other IPC pastors are teaching a new homily series, *Gospel in the Wilderness: Studies in Numbers*. Four Corners also continues for kids. 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.

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## AMAZING GRAZING *Wednesday Nights This Fall*

We all hunger for different things. Join us for Amazing Grazing on Wednesday nights. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m., then at 6:30 p.m. you choose the shepherding elective you're needing most.

Five 6-week electives will be offered twice this fall.

Sessions are September 1-October 6 and October 13-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

Additional offerings:

DivorceCare, led by Danielle Hansen | September 1- December 1 | 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Leadership Seminar, led by Dr. Sean Lucas | October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10

*Nursery and children's activities are provided.  
Complete details can be found at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

Menu for Wednesday, September 15

*Chicken artichoke casserole, petite green beans, Italian breadsticks, Caesar salad, lemon icebox pie, cookies. Kid's menu: pizza, carrot sticks, juice.*

## ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

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.

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## BLAST!

*Building Lives Around Sound Truth*  
Grades PreK-5 | Wednesday Nights at IPC

*Building Lives Around Sound Truth* is our Children's and Music Ministries' combined program for PreK through 5th grade on Wednesday nights, from 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 for BLAST! at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

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## TIME TO JOIN IPC'S STUDENT MUSIC MINISTRY!

When your son or daughter joins our Student Music Ministry, they experience much, much more than singing in a choir! IPC's outstanding Junior and Senior High Choirs also...

- Develop life-long worship skills • Receive vocal training
- Learn music notation and reading • Discuss music in the Bible
- Explore musical instruments • Establish lasting friendships
  - Lead worship and devotions • Travel
  - Enjoy an annual "Day at the Lake"

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

Senior High Choir (grades 9-12) rehearses on Sundays, 5:00-5:50 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall — STARTING TONIGHT.

For more information, please contact the IPC music office,  
[musicoffice@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:musicoffice@ipcmemphis.org), or 901-685-9707.

We'd love for your student to join us — no need to register, just show up!

*Friends are always welcome, too.*

## STUDENT MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us on Wednesday nights this fall!

IDK (Middle School) still meets from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the gym parking lot.

Senior High time has changed and also meets from 6:15-7:30 p.m. in the Senior High room.

### BUFFALOLYMPICS

Our Buffalo Retreat is back November 12-14! We invite your middle school student to join us at Victory Ranch in Bolivar for an amazing time of fellowship and spiritual encouragement centered on the gospel. In addition to large group worship sessions, we'll have bonfire & s'mores Friday night, ropes course activities Saturday morning, the Great Stampede Saturday afternoon, and a dance party Saturday night. This year's theme is:

*What I Wish I had Known About the Gospel in Middle School*; our speakers will be selected guests who are IPC members. Cost of \$160 covers activities, transportation, t-shirt, meals, lodging, and all the fun you can have in just under 48 hours!

Sign up at [ipcmemphis.org/ministries/ipc-idk/](http://ipcmemphis.org/ministries/ipc-idk/)

### IDK AND SENIOR HIGH SMALL GROUPS

We are so excited to bring back our small groups this semester. Small groups are a place for students to grow together in relationship with God and with one another. Each small group is led by a staff member and a volunteer, with meetings mostly every other week. Snacks and drinks are provided for each meeting. Some groups start meeting September 12; but please check our website and social media pages to see the dates and times for each group!

### IDK AND SENIOR HIGH WHITE STATION TOY DRIVE

Join us in serving our adopted school by purchasing toys (\$5 or less) for students to receive for incentives, awards, or achievements. Hit the toy aisle of your favorite grocery or department store and send your gifts with your student on Wednesday night or Sunday morning.

## IPC WOMEN'S MINISTRY SIMPLY TUESDAY FALL 2021

Our women's fall Bible study starts Tuesday, September 14. Choose from three Tuesday morning studies — *Engaging God's Words: Acts* by Engage Bible Studies; *Loving Jesus More* by Phil Ryken; and *Discovering Deuteronomy* (DVD series) by W. Robert Godfrey. The Tuesday evening group will study *Engaging God's Words: Acts*. Morning groups meet from 10:00-11:30 a.m., with childcare available. The evening group meets from 6:00-7:30 p.m. For more information on the studies, group leaders, and registration details, go to [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

Also starting this fall is our new Simply Speaker Luncheon Series, based on Jen Wilkin's *Ten Words to Live By: Delighting in and Doing What God Commands*. Mark your calendar for Tuesday, September 21, 11:30 a.m., when the Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr., Senior Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church in Oakland, speaks on *The First Word: Undivided Allegiance*. For more information on the luncheon series schedule and speakers, go to [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

Our Women's Prayer Ministry meets on Tuesdays, 9:00-9:45 a.m., in the Bride's Room (229). Anyone is welcome; feel free to come and pray out loud or silently for the needs in our church. To submit prayer requests or for more information, contact Suzanne Wexler at [swexler1@bellsouth.net](mailto:swexler1@bellsouth.net).

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## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF EVENT AT IPC

Independent Presbyterian Church is hosting the Memphis kick-off rally for this fall's 40 Days for Life vigil, Saturday, September 18, 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. 40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses. It focuses on bringing together the body of Christ in a spirit of unity to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. Steven Coplton, CEO of Life Choices of Memphis, will be keynote speaker at the kick-off event. Steve has nearly 40 years of experience in healthcare management, business management, finance, politics, public policy making, and advocacy.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE VIGIL

From September 22 to October 31, our community will unite with thousands of others, coast to coast and internationally, for a major simultaneous pro-life mobilization — the 40 Days for Life campaign. Faithful believers are praying these efforts will mark the beginning of the end of abortion.

## IPC IS COLLECTING COOL GREEN BAG FOOD ITEMS TODAY!

Did you remember to bring your Cool Green Bag for today's collection? Stop by the Rotunda and drop off your non-perishable food items, such as tuna, vegetables, fruit, soup, beans, chili, juices, tomato sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni & cheese, cereal, oatmeal, rice, sugar, and flour. If you forgot to bring your Green Bag items this morning, you can drop them off at the reception desk tonight before Sunday Evening Praise. Also, be sure to grab another Green Bag to be filling for our November 14 collection. IPC's Cool Green Bag Ministry collects food items the second Sunday of every other month, and donations are given to the Mid-South Food Bank to help relieve hunger in Memphis.

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## RECESS IS BACK

October 1, November 5, December 3 | 6:30-10:00 p.m.

Our RECESS ministry for families with children ages 12 and under who have special needs is back for fall. The program offers parents a monthly night out while their children enjoy an evening of fun activities in a secure environment. Specially trained volunteers are paired one-to-one with the children, engaging them in crafts, songs, games, movies, and more. A medical professional is present; siblings are welcome; and the evening's free of charge.

Our ministry is growing and can always use new volunteers.

For information about children's registration or volunteering, please contact Carol Stokes, [carolstokes61@gmail.com](mailto:carolstokes61@gmail.com), or Janet Leavell, [jan.leavell@gmail.com](mailto:jan.leavell@gmail.com).

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## 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.

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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

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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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