

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

August 22, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As we come to the end of Genesis, this book of beginnings, we find that how the book began is similar to how it ends. The book began with God as the main actor in this story, creating all things by his powerful Word. The book ends with the promise that God will continue as the main actor, redeeming his people out of slavery and bringing them to the Promised Land. All of this reminds us that the Biblical story — and our stories — are shaped by God from first to last. The God who was, who is, and who is to come will continue to be with us into our future — all the way to the new heaven and new earth.

Our service this morning reminds us of our God who is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is the one who calls us into his presence, to Zion itself, so that we might know his joy. He is the one who assures us that he is the same and so his love is the same, never changing, always true. And he is the one who provides for his people, especially the gift of elders, who shepherd God's people and follow the Good Shepherd's lead into green pastures and quiet waters. May God grant us grace this day to adore this One who is always for us!

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 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.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

August 22, 2021
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"The Prayer of St. Patrick"
Arron Powell, Violin Estefan Perez, Cello

Schoenfeld

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122

The Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

The Congregation: Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!

The Minister: Jerusalem — built as a city that is bound firmly together, to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

The Congregation: There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.

The Minister: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they be secure who love you! Peace be within your walls and security within your towers!"

All: For my brothers and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!" For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your good. Amen! Let us worship God!

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness”

Psalm 122

Rhondda

1. I was filled with joy and glad-ness when they said with
2. As a cit - y bound to - geth - er is Je - ru - sa -
3. Pray for peace, the peace of Zi - on: “Pros - per those who
4. For the sake of my com - pan - ions, for my broth - ers,

one ac - cord, “Let us make our pil - grim jour - ney
lem de - signed. There, by law, the tribes as - cend - ing
love you well! Peace be in your walls for - ev - er;
I will say: “May God’s peace a - bide with - in you!”

to the house of God the LORD.” O Je - ru - s’lem,
thank the LORD in praise com - bined. Thrones of Da - vid,
safe - ty in your tow - ers dwell!” Peace and safe - ty,
For the tem - ple’s sake I pray. For the LORD’s house,

O Je - ru - s’lem, we are stand - ing in your
thrones of Da - vid, there for roy - al jus - tice
peace and saf - ety in Je - ru - sa - lem a -
for the LORD’s house I will ev - er seek your

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the notes. The lyrics are: "gates; we are stand - ing in your gates. stand; there for roy - al jus - tice stand. bound; in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bound. good; I will ev - er seek your good." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a mix of quarter and eighth notes.

gates; we are stand - ing in your gates.
stand; there for roy - al jus - tice stand.
bound; in Je - ru - sa - lem a - bound.
good; I will ev - er seek your good.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Oh How Good It Is”

Janey Fletcher, Guitar Emily McKelroy, Bass

Words and Music by Getty,
Getty, Holmes, Townend



1. Oh how good it is when the fam - 'ly of
2. Oh how good it is on this jour - ney we
3. Oh how good it is to em - brace his com -



God dwells to - geth - er in spir - it in
share, to re - joice with the hap - py and
mand to pre - fer one an - oth - er, for -



faith and u - ni - ty. Where the bonds of
weep with those who mourn. For the weak find
give as he for - gives. When we live as



peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the fruit of his
strength, the af - flict - ed find grace, when we of - fer the
one, we all share in the love of the Son with the



pres - ence here a - mong us.
bless - ing of be - long - - - ing. So
Fa - ther and the Spir - - - it.



with one voice we'll sing to the Lord; and with one

heart we'll live out his Word. Till the whole earth
 sees the Re-deem - er has come for he dwells in the
 pres-ence of his peo - - - ple.

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

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. . . ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

— *Revelation 1:5-6, 8*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

No. 520
 (stanzas 1,2,4)

Children’s Church (SK) may be dismissed to their worship leader during the last verse. (8:30 only)

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The New City Catechism Q and A 27-28

The Minister: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

The Congregation: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

The Minister: What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

The Congregation: At the day of judgment they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

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

“O Love”

Hagenberg

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy, O Joy, O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O Joy, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.

O Love, O Love, O Love, that will not let me go,
O Love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.

THE SERMON

Genesis 49:29-50:26 (*pew Bible pages 43-44*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“God from First to Last”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. God who was — God in our dying

2. God who is — God in our living

3. God who will be — God in our futures

THE INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (11:00 a.m.)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 529
(stanzas 1-3)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Beecher

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav’n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

THE POSTLUDE

“O God beyond All Praising”

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Forrest



OFFICER INSTALLATION | 11:00 A.M.

Statement Concerning the Office	Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Questions to the Elders-Elect	
Questions to the Congregation	
Laying On of Hands and Prayer	Reverend Mike Malone
Right Hand of Fellowship	
Pronouncement and Declaration	
Exhortation to the Officers and Congregation	Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

EVENING PRAISE

August 22, 2021

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 113

Minister: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

Congregation: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

Minister: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

Congregation: The Lord is high above all the nations, and his glory above the heavens!

Minister: Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

Congregation: He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.

Minister: He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of her children. Praise the Lord!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come Ye Sinners”

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



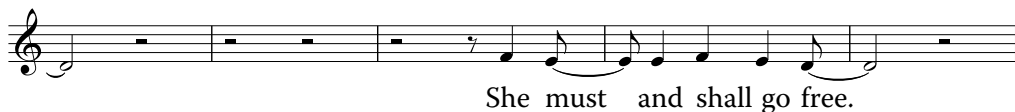
he is will - ing; doubt no more.
 come to Je - sus Christ and buy.
sin - ners Je - sus came to call.
 'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.
 can do help - less sin - ners good.



still speaks with power, "All her debts



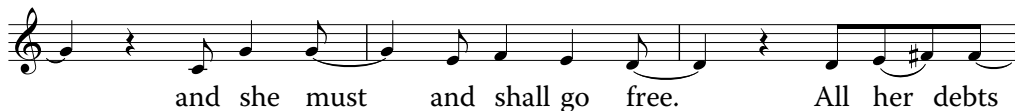
were cast on me, and she must and shall go free."



She must and shall go free.



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"All her debts were cast on me,



and she must and shall go free. All her debts



were cast on me, and she must



and shall go free. All her debts free."



"And she must and shall go free."



"And she must and shall go free."

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

“From the 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 -

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,

O who shall
 and live a -
 I wait for
 and wait till
 from all their

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Nothing but the Blood”

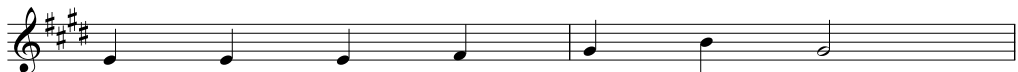
Words and Music by Robert Lowry



1. What can wash a - way my sin?
2. For my cleans - ing this I see—
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone—
4. This is all my hope and peace—



noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;



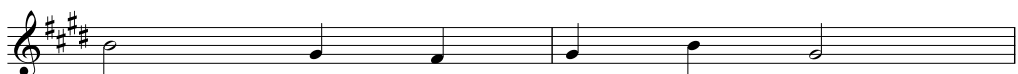
what can make me whole a - gain?
for my par - don this my plea,
naught of good that I have done,
this is all my right - eous - ness,



noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.



O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know, -



noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

5. Glory, glory thus I sing--nothing but the blood of Jesus;
all my praise for this I bring--nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

SONG OF PREPARATION "Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers and Wyse

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er Spir - it we
3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther faith - ful - ly

deem - er and Friend; who would have thought that a
long to em - brace; you of - fer hope when our
lov - ing your own; here in our weak - ness you

Lamb could res - cue the souls of men.
hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
find us fall - ing be - fore your throne.

Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.

You are the one that we praise, you are the one we a - dore.

You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger
for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 6:22-27 (*pew Bible page 114*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“God Blesses Us”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

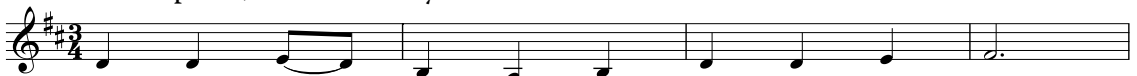
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SONG OF PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision”

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th century

Slane



1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. *Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight;*
 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;
thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

BENEDICTION



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

by Mr. and Mrs. Scott Walker in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Watson Collins.

Mrs. Collins is the former Miss Margaret Walker.

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Whitney and Jordan Thompson on the birth of their son,
William Wolf Thompson, on August 16.

OFFICER INSTALLATION TODAY | 11:00 A.M.

Congratulations to the newly-elected members of the IPC Session, Class of 2027:

Matt Buyer, Sam Graham, Lee Greene, Hollis Halford, Jurey Howard, Matthew Kennedy,
George Leavell, Matt Olson, Jack Stokes, and Peter Winterburn

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

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 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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE CONCLUDES THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Christian Life Conference, *Knowing God: The Doctrine of God for the Christian Life*, concludes this Wednesday evening, August 25, with our guest speaker Dr. Richard Pratt.

Dr. Pratt is president and co-founder of Thirdmill, a ministry providing seminary-level education worldwide at no cost to those who need it. Previously chair of the Old Testament department at Reformed Theological Seminary, he is the general editor of the *NIV Spirit of the Reformation Study Bible*, a translator for the *New Living Translation*, and the author of numerous articles and books. Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by Dr. Pratt at 6:30 p.m.

Nursery is available; older children attend *That Thing*.

Menu for Wednesday, August 25

Mexican Night: chips and dip, beef burrito with red chili sauce, chicken enchilada with sour cream sauce, beef and cheese taco, Mexican rice, black beans, lemon squares, cookies

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE:

Exploring Jesus through the Gospel of John

Starting Sunday morning, August 29, join us as we begin to explore the Gospel of John together. John tells us that his book was “written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ” (John 20:31). Thus, each scene in John's Gospel will show us different reasons to believe that Jesus is the Messiah—but more, to encourage us to believe in his name and so gain eternal life. Our journey together begins next Sunday!

ALL-CHURCH GATHERING TO HONOR BARB AND MIKE MALONE

As you may know by now, Reverend Mike Malone is retiring from full-time ministry at the end of this month. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service next Sunday, August 29, for an all-church gathering to honor Barb and Mike and to thank them for their many years of faithful service to IPC and her members.

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.

JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR LAKE DAY

Saturday, August 28 | Horseshoe Lake | 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

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.

NEW PATHWAY CLASS

If you or your friends are considering joining IPC, or if you just want to know more about what we believe, come to our fall Pathway Class, taught by Dr. Sean Lucas on Wednesday nights, September 1, 8, 15, 22. To register, visit ipcmemphis.org. Questions? Call Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or email: trackley@ipcmemphis.org. You may want to purchase *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Lucas, available at our bookstore, but the book is not mandatory for the class.

DIVORCARE

Find help. Discover hope. Experience healing.

If you know someone who is experiencing the crisis of divorce, please recommend IPC's DivorceCare support group that begins Wednesday evening, September 1.

DivorceCare is an outreach ministry providing Christian resources for healing, recovery, and support, in a warm and encouraging environment. IPC's DivorceCare meets weekly through the fall, from 6:00–7:30 p.m., in room 233. For more details, visit ipcmemphis.org/ministries.

AMAZING GRAZING

Wednesday Nights This Fall

We all hunger for different things. Join us on Wednesday nights, starting September 1, for dinner at 5:30 p.m., then 6:30 p.m. for the shepherding elective you're needing most. IPC will offer two 6-week electives each semester. Fall sessions are September 1-October 6 and October 13-November 17. You can choose from 5 electives, each offered during both fall sessions. Nursery and children's activities will be provided.

Complete details can be found at ipcmemphis.org.

Romans 1-7, led by Robert Browning | Room 237

Gentle and Lowly book study, led by Andrew Ginn | Room 229

Knowing God, led by Jeremy Jones | Fellowship Hall North

Financial Workshop, led by Jim Burnett | 3rd Floor Conference Room

Marriage Booster, led by Parker Tenent | Fellowship Hall South

Additional offerings, led by Dr. Sean Lucas | Chapel

Pathway Class for Prospective Members | September 1, 8, 15, 22

Leadership Seminar | October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10

BLAST!

Building Lives Around Sound Truth

Grades PreK-5 | Wednesday Nights at IPC, beginning September 1

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.

COOL BAG GREEN MINISTRY

Have you picked up a Cool Green Bag to fill for our next food pick up on Sunday, September 12? If not, grab one today from the Green Bag rack in the Rotunda and use it to collect extra non-perishable food items from the grocery to help relieve hunger in Memphis. Suggested items include tuna, vegetables, fruit, soup, beans, chili, juices, tomato sauce, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, oatmeal, macaroni & cheese, rice, sugar, and flour. Donations collected by IPC will be given to the Mid-South Food Bank.

ARISE2READ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

IPC's ARISE2Read team is currently recruiting 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 now underway. Attend a training session in August or September to learn more about opportunities to serve with IPC's ARISE2Read team. For more information, please contact Catherine Wilfong, (901) 833-2769 or cdub@me.com.

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. Watch your mail for the Simply Tuesday brochure with more information on the studies, group leaders, and registration details.

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*.

Our Women's Prayer Ministry will meet 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.

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sunday — Open between services

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Friday and Saturday — Closed

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