

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

September 5, 2021

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As we continue to explore this so-called prologue to John's Gospel, we will pay special attention to the work that the Word of God, Jesus, does. He has come on a search and rescue mission, out of eternity into time and space. And he has done this for a specific reason: that you and I might become sons and daughters of God, born by his will and for his glory. All this, not because we deserve it, but because our God is a God of amazing grace. Shouldn't we receive him, rest upon him, embrace him as he is offered in the Gospel?

Our service this morning uses these ordinary means of Word, sacrament, and prayer to reshape us as God's people. As God's people, we don't boast in what the world does—rather, we boast in the fact that we know and are known by our God. He has bought us with the precious blood of Christ, made us right with him, and seated us at his banqueting table. He has spread his banner of love over us and set us out into this world as new people to tell all the world how good our God truly is. He is the sum and ground of all our hopes! O, let us worship him!

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.

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

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

September 5, 2021

8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"It Is Well with My Soul"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Phillips

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 9:23-24

The Minister: Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord." Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

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

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

No. 75

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

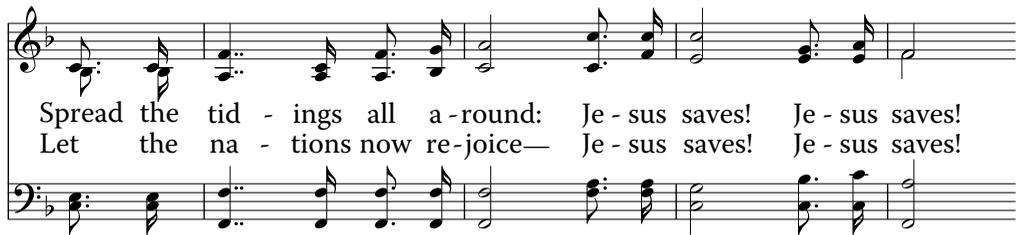
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Priscilla J. Owens, 1868

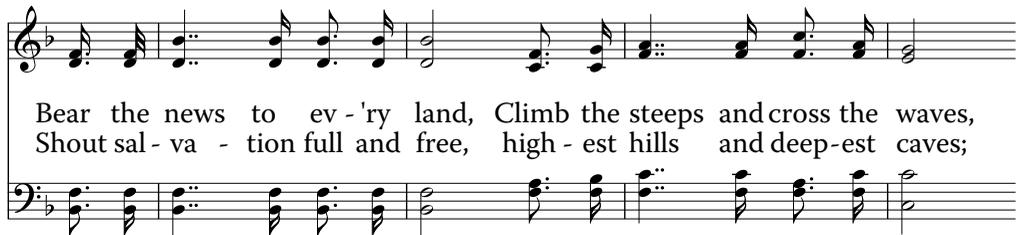
Jesus Saves



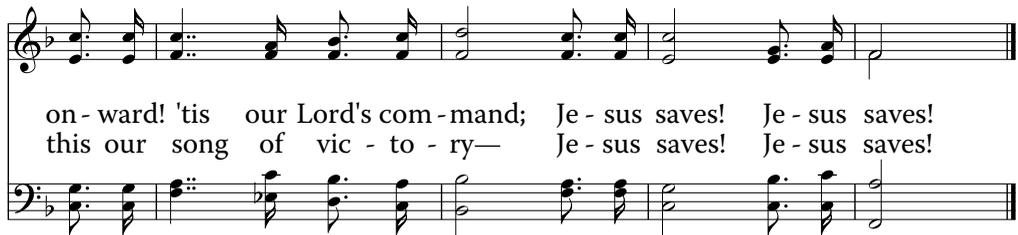
1. We have heard the joy - ful sound: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
2. Give the winds a might - y voice, Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Spread the tid - ings all a - round: Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
Let the na - tions now re - rejoice— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!



Bear the news to ev - 'ry land, Climb the steps and cross the waves,
Shout sal - va - tion full and free, high - est hills and deep - est caves;



on - ward! 'tis our Lord's com - mand; Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!
this our song of vic - to - ry— Je - sus saves! Je - sus saves!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful Creator, Judge of all the earth, and Father of all who trust in you; with heavy hearts, we confess that we have fallen short of your glory by our words, thoughts, and actions. We have not and cannot live up to the demands of your holy law. All of us, like wayward sheep, have gone astray; we have turned from you and gone our own way. As a result, you have laid on Jesus all of our sins. Forgive us for our rebellion, our hard hearts, and our apathy toward our sin and toward our Savior. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Cleanse us with your blood, which you shed for us. Through Jesus Christ we pray, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. — *Romans 3:23-25*

THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen*.

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

“Immortal, Invisible”

Thiman

James Brown, Director

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.
Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee. Amen.

THE SERMON

John 1:6-13 (*pew Bible page 886*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“The Word’s Work”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Reality
 - A. John’s witness

 - B. Jesus’ work

2. Response
 - A. Reject

 - B. Receive

3. Result

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”

Lauren Griffin, Violin James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

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.

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

"Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground"

No. 518
(Stanzas 1-4)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hendon

Thus, O thus, an entrance give to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live," let me know it "gain to die," let me know it "gain to die."

THE POSTLUDE

"March"

Thiman



EVENING PRAISE

September 5, 2021

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ephesians 3:14-21

Minister: For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,

Congregation: That according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Minister: May have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

All: Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Fount”

Words: Robert Robinson, 1758

Nettleton



1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er
 by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be; let that grace now, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus
 fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee. Prone to



some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring
 wan - der Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove; praise the mount! I'm fixed up -
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love: here's my heart, O take and



on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

SONG OF PRAISE

“His Love Can Never Fail”

Words: E.S. Hall

Music: Chris Miner



1. I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to
 2. And if my feet would go a - stray, they can - not, for I
 3. I will not fear, tho' dark-ness come a - broad o'er all the



tread; but on - ly that my soul may feed up - on the Liv - ing
 know that Je - sus guides my falt'r-ing steps, as joy - ful - ly I
 land, if I may on - ly feel the touch of his own lov - ing



Bread. 'Tis bet ter far that I should walk by faith close to his
 go. And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and
 hand. And tho' I trem ble when I think how weak I am, and



side; I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my
 clear, that in each hour of sore dis - tress my Sav - ior will be
 frail, my soul is sat - is - fied to know his love can nev - er



Guide. His love can nev - er fail, his love can
 near.
 fail.



nev - er fail, my soul is sat - is - fied to know his love can



nev - er fail. My soul is sat - is - fied to



know his love can nev - er fail.

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

“Glorious Things Of Thee”

Words: John Newton

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3. Blessed in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I, through grace, a



of our God; he, whose word can - not be bro - ken,
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters,
 deem - er's blood; Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of
 and all fears of want re - move; who can faint while
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his
 I will glo - ry in thy name. Fad - ing is the



Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 such a riv - er, ev - er flows their thirst to quench?
 peo - ple rais - es, o - ver self to reign as kings
 world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,
 Grace which like the Lord, the giv - er,
 and as priests his sol - emn prais - es
 sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ures



thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
 nev - er fails from age to age.
 each for a thank off - 'ring bring.
 none but Zi - on's child - ren know.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Holy Spirit"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing
life in - to my will - ing soul.
joy be seen in all I do.
life to all that God has made,
Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -
Love e - nough to cov - er ev' - ry sin in each
show your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause your
new my heart and make me whole.
thought and deed and at - ti - tude,
church to hun - ger for your ways.
Cause your Word to come a - live in me;
kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise.
give me faith for what I can - not see;
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice
give me pas - sion for your pu - ri - ty. Ho - ly
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace. Breath of
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be
Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
God, show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Beneath The Cross of Jesus”

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane

Music: Christopher Miner

Women



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
3. I take, O cross, the shad - ow for my a - bid - ing

Men



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
3. I take, O cross, the shad - ow for my a - bid - ing



stand, the shad - ow of a migh - ty Rock with - in a wea - ry
see the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - ered there for
place: I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun shine of his



stand, the shad - ow in a wea - ry
see the One who suf - ered there for
place: I ask no oth - er than his



land; a home with - in the wil - der - ness a
me: and from my smit - ten heart with tears two
face; con - tent to let the world go by, to



land; a home of rest up -
me: and from my heart two
face; con - tent to know no

rest up - on the way, from the burn - ing of the
 won - ders I con - fess, the won - ders of his
 know no gain or loss; my sin - ful self, my
 on the way, from the burn - ing of the
 I con - fess, the won - ders of his
 gain or loss; my sin - ful self, my

noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 on - ly shame; my glo - ry all the cross.
 noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 on - ly shame; my glo - ry all the cross.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 9:15-23 (*pew Bible page 118*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“His Presence”

The Reverend Ed Norton

Associate Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

"Jesus, I My Cross"

Words: Henry F. Lyte, 1824, 1833

Music: Bill Moore



1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and fol -
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav -
 3. Go, then earth - ly fame and treas - ure, come, dis - as - ter, scorn,
 4. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and winged



- low thee; na - ked, poor, de - spised, for - sak - en,
 - ior, too; hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me;
 and pain; in thy ser - vice pain is pleas - ure,
 by prayer; heaven's e - ter - nal day's be - fore thee,



thou from hence my all shalt be. Per - ish ev - ery fond
 thou art not like them un - true. Oh, while thou dost smile
 with thy fa - vor, loss is gain. I have called thee, "Ab -
 God's own hand shall guide thee there. Soon shall close thy earth



am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped or known.
 up - on me, God of wis - dom, love and might.
 - ba, Fa - ther," I have stayed my heart on thee..
 - ly mis - sion, soon shall pass thy pil - grim days.



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion,
 Foes may hate and friends dis - own me,
 Storms may howl and clouds may gath - er,
 Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion,



God and heaven are still my own.
 show thy face and all is bright.
 all must work for good to me.
 faith to sight and prayer to praise.



*NEW MASK ADVISORY FROM THE
INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SESSION*

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.

IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

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

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BIRTHS

Congratulations to Noelle and Gene Douglass on the birth of their son,
Louis McLean Douglass, on August 27.

Congratulations to Katie and Bubba Badgett on the birth of their daughter,
Mary Nell Badgett, on August 29.

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DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to the family of Dorothy Dickey on her death on August 26.

We extend our sympathy to the family of Paige Griffin on her death on August 30.

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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

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.

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, led by Dr. Sean Lucas

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

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

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

Nursery and children's activities are provided.

Complete details can be found at ipcmemphis.org.

Menu for Wednesday, September 8

Meatloaf with roasted tomato glaze, loaded mashed potatoes, green peas and petite carrots, whole wheat rolls, cookies, peach cobbler with ice cream. Kid's menu: meat ravioli, Jell-O cup.

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.

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.

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 SEPTEMBER 12

For more information, please contact the IPC music office,
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 annual Buffalo Retreat for middle school will take place at Victory Ranch, November 12-14.

Cost is \$160. Signups will start this Tuesday, September 7.

Join us for our favorite weekend of the year!

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 SERVICE DAY

We have an opportunity to serve our adopted neighborhood school, White Station Elementary, on Saturday, September 11, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Meet our staff at the White Station Elementary front entrance.

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.

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 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.

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.

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.

COOL GREEN BAG MINISTRY

Do you have 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.

RECESS IS BACK!

September 10, 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 starts back this Friday night! The program offers parents a 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.

For information about children's registration or volunteering, please contact Carol Stokes, carolstokes61@gmail.com, or Janet Leavell, jan.leavell@gmail.com.

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

Friday and Saturday — Closed

901-763-3932

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