

A LETTER FROM DR. SEAN LUCAS

March 19, 2020

My dear Friends:

As I mentioned yesterday through our video message (if you missed it, you can see that message here: <http://www.ipcmemphis.org/resources/covid-19-updates/>), this is a follow-up letter with a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) sheet that provides information about **moving our Sunday morning worship services exclusively online through April 8, 2020, which would include the services for March 22 and 29 as well as April 5.**

Here are some specific things to know:

- The easiest place to access our Livestream and Sunday morning worship bulletin is our website: www.ipcmemphis.org. As the FAQ will tell you, there are large buttons that should take you directly to the Livestream on YouTube or the page where we store our worship bulletins.
- You can also download the IPC app from either Android or the Apple App Store and watch the Livestream on your phone or tablet. Again, there are instructions on the FAQ to assist you. On the dashboard of the app, there are large buttons that will take you directly to the Livestream on YouTube or the page where we store our worship bulletins.
- There will only be one worship service—the 11:00 a.m. CDT worship service. As the FAQ notes, the Livestream will be “live” approximately 10-15 minutes before the hour. The service will be our typical Sunday morning service, led by our pastors with different congregational musicians.
- Unless Comcast lets us down, our IT infrastructure should deliver excellent video quality to YouTube. And so, if you have trouble with the video feed, it may be the result of bandwidth issues in your neighborhood.
- Generally, as soon as the service is completed, it is archived on our YouTube channel for viewing. Thus, if you miss the “live” window, you can still watch and participate in the service at your convenience. Ordinarily, we leave the entire service uploaded for 1-2 weeks before we edit it down to the sermon for our permanent archive.
- If you would like a hard copy of the worship bulletin and/or a Trinity Hymnal to use during this interim season, we will have those available at the church on Friday during our regular hours, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
- Likewise, during the week, if you want to drop off a tithe or offering, we will have the giving boxes available in the rotunda, and those are accessible during regular office hours. In addition, we have added a clearer access for online giving on all our online platforms.
- If you have a question about the logistics of this, please contact your community pastor. He is ready to refer a deacon or elder to you to ensure that you can access the Livestream.

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As we walk into this new way of being for a while, let me tell you a story. My dear friend and former colleague, Dr. David Calhoun, once told the story of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Fleece. The Fleeces were veteran missionaries; Dr. Fleece himself had been president of Columbia Bible College. But by the time Mrs. Fleece got to her early 90s, she was experiencing significant memory loss. In fact, her memory loss was so significant that one day she asked David, “David, does Jesus love me?”

Rather than correct or unbraided his mother-in-law, David wisely told her the story of the Gospel, going back to the Garden of Eden through the fall on through the Old Testament to Jesus, dying for sinners and rising for our justification. And at the end of hearing the Gospel once again, Mrs. Fleece said, “Oh, David, that is so good!”

The point that David took from this story was this—here is why corporate worship is so important. We all experience forms of spiritual amnesia—we all forget that Jesus loves us, that God’s grace is real and true and for us, that God’s salvation purpose will be accomplished no matter what stands in the way, whether war or famine or violence or disease. And that’s why we need to worship: we need to hear the good news of Jesus over and over and over.

And so, I hope that as we go through this strange and unusual season that you will avail yourself of our common worship at 11:00 a.m. on our Livestream. And may God grant you grace to hear the good news of Jesus and his love for you this Sunday and all of your days!

In the grip of God’s grace,

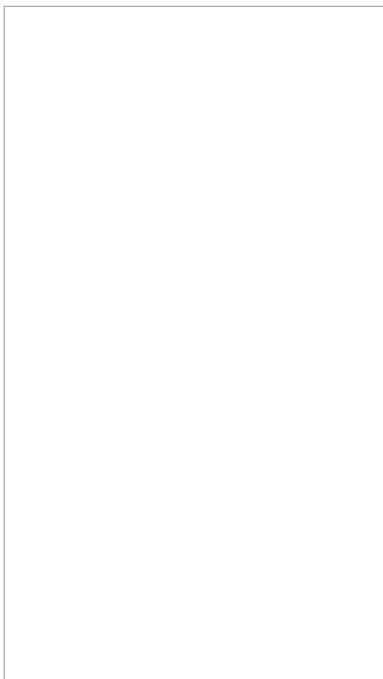
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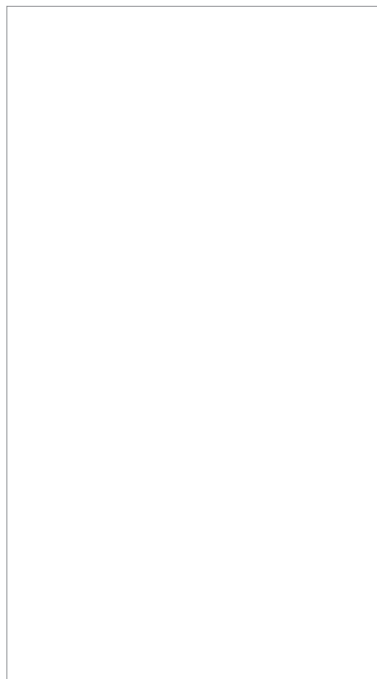
As an IPC member, another way to watch the Livestream is by using the IPC App on your smart phone or tablet. If you have the App downloaded*, make sure you are logged into your account. When you open the App, the Livestream button is the second button on the dashboard **(F)**.

You will see three additional options on the App dashboard: The first is a message regarding IPC operations during COVID-19. The third links you to the weekly Bulletin **(G)**. The fourth links you to our online giving options **(G)**.

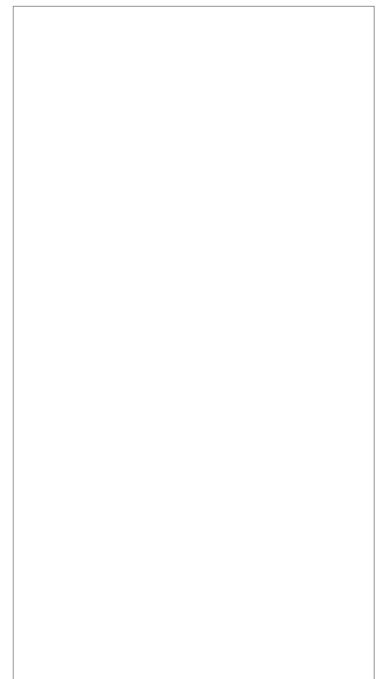
*If you have not downloaded the IPC App and would like access, the App is compatible with both iPhones (iOs) and Android devices. Go to the App Store or Google Play and search for “Independent Presbyterian” **(H)**. Click on “GET” and allow the App to download to your phone or tablet.



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When you first open the App, you'll have three options to log into the App:

Login with Phone

Login with Email

Login with Password

Regardless of the login method, your phone number and email address must match the corresponding information within the IPC database.

If you "Login with Password" and have an existing MyIPC portal account for the church's website, please use the same username and password. However, you are not required to have a username and password to use the App.

If you have any questions, email:
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