



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

*August 29, 2021*

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

For many years, I've studied the Gospel of John and understood that John 20:31 is the keynote of the entire book: "These are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." But it never struck me how each scene in John's Gospel actually drives to that point—how is it that Jesus is the Messiah? Why should we believe in him? How might we have life in his name?

Starting today, we will be journeying through the Gospel of John with that theme in mind: how does this text point us to Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God? What demands does this text put on us to believe in him? What difference does this make to me today?

One difference we find is this: what we are doing today makes sense. We are coming into the presence of the God who has spoken to us perfectly in his Word, Jesus the Messiah. He continues to speak as God's Spirit uses the written Word to point us to the ever-living Word. The Word gives us light—the light of his salvation—and life—eternal life, life of the age to come in the present. And he allows us to know the fullness of the Father's love as he declares out of his fullness both grace and truth. May our God stir your heart to praise him, the one who is Father, Son, and Spirit!

## 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 Tameria 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

August 29, 2021  
*8:30 and 11:00 a.m.*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"The Lord Is My Light"  
*Tom Horner, Baritone*

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## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1, 4

*The Minister:* The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

*The Congregation:* That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us worship God!

*Mr. Andrew Ginn, Presbytery Intern (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

## “I Ask the Lord and Seek”

*Mitchell Cloutier, Violin Junius Johnson and Brandon Rushing, Horns*

*Peter Winterburn, Bassoon*

*Psalm 27:4-6*

St. Thomas

1. I ask the Lord and seek this one thing to ob -  
2. To gaze up - on the Lord, his beau - ty to ad -  
3. He'll hide me in his tent when comes the e - vil  
4. My head shall high - er be than all my foes a -

tain; that in the Lord's house I may live, and  
mire; and in his tem - ple I would stay to  
day. He'll set me high up - on a rock; I'll  
round; I'll in the Lord's tent sac - ri - fice, and

ev - er there re - main.  
pon - der and in - quire.  
in his shel - ter stay.  
sing with joy - ful sound.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

St. Thomas

I love thy kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,  
thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.

Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n  
the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

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

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Ruth Beatrice Gamble (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away. Even before a word is on our tongues, O Lord, you know it completely. We cannot flee from your Spirit, nor your presence. You search out our paths and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways. Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting. Through your Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. *Amen.*

— based on *Psalms 139*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. — *Psalms 32:3-5*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“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 - fered 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 - fered 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  
wonders I confess, the wonders of his  
know no gain or loss; my sin - ful self, my

on the way, from the burn - ing of the  
I confess, the wonders of his  
gain or loss; my sin - ful self, my

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

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on - ly shame; my glo - ry all the cross.

*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 29 & 30

*The Minister:* How can we be saved?

*The Congregation:* Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

*The Minister:* What is faith in Jesus Christ?

*The Congregation:* Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

## 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

"Gloria in Excelsis" from *12th Mass*

Mozart

*Elaine Clowers, Soprano Caroline Garrett and Emilee Garrett, Altos  
Van Oliver, Tenor Tom Horner, Baritone  
John Chase, Director*

Glorious is thy name, Almighty Lord,  
All the angels stand round about thy throne;  
Let all nations bow before thee, and declare thy wondrous works.

We praise thee, we give thanks to thee, we adore thee, we glorify thee.  
Lord, we adore thee, we bless thee; Lord, we thank thee for thy great glory.

Heav'n is thy throne, and earth is thy footstool.  
Thou art King over all the world. Glorious is thy name, O Lord.  
Blessing and honor be to God, for ever and evermore.

## THE SERMON

John 1:1-5 (*pew Bible page 886*)  
*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“The Word in the Beginning”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Who the Word is (1-2)
  - A. Expression
  
  - B. Distinction
  
  - C. Identification
  
2. What the Word does (3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. What the Word gives (4-5)
  - A. Life
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Light

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”

No. 203

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Germany

God, in the gospel of his Son, makes his eternal counsels known;  
where love in all its glory shines, and truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes a brighter world beyond the skies;  
here shines the light which guides our way from earth to realms of endless day.

## THE POSTLUDE

“God Is My Strong Salvation”

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Young



# EVENING PRAISE

*August 29, 2021*

*6:00 p.m.*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 53

*The Minister:* Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

*The Congregation:* But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

*The Minister:* All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*All:* Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

## INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Words: James Montgomery

Music: Sandra McCracken

CHORUS



Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, great Da - vid’s great - er Son!



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!



His reign on earth be - gun!

VERSES



1. He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer
3. *To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to*
4. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful
5. The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion,  
 wrong, to help the poor and need - y,  
*light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing,*  
 earth, love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers,  
 move. His Name shall stand for - ev - er,



and rule in eq - ui - ty.  
 and bid the weak be strong.  
*are pre - cious in his sight.*  
 spring in his path to birth.  
 that Name to us is Love.

- to chorus
- to v. 3
- to chorus
- to v. 5
- to chorus

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.

## 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

“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

Words: Augustus Toplady

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of  
 2. The work which his good-ness be - gan the  
 3. My name from the palms of his hands e -



cove - nant mer - cy I sing; nor fear, with thy  
 arm of his strength will com-plete; his prom - ise is  
 ter - ni - ty will not e - rase; im - pressed on his



right-eous-ness on, my per-son and of - f'ring to bring. The  
 yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things  
 heart it re - mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes



ter - rors of law and of God with me can havenoth - ing to do  
 fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low nor a - bove,  
 I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is given;



my Sav - ior's o - bed - ience and blood hide  
 can make him his pur - pose fore - go, or  
 more hap - py but not more se - cure, the



all my trans - gres - sions from view.  
 sev - er my soul from his love.  
 glor - i - fied spir - its in heaven.

# SONG OF PRAISE

## "Thy Mercy, My God"

Words: John Stoker

Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the  
2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;  
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart, which  
4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy  
sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but  
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -  
cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath  
through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and  
solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground, and  
praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.  
he that first made me still keeps me a - live.  
weep to the praise of the mer - cy I've found.  
mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.



All praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

# SONG OF PREPARATION

“Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery”

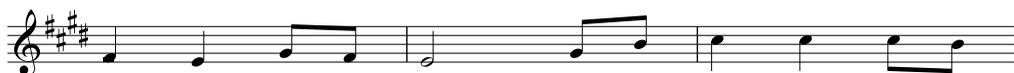
Words and Music:  
Boswell, Papa, and Blecker



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



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



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



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



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

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

## SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 9:1-14 (*pew Bible pages 117-118*)

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

*Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“Stopping to Celebrate God’s Grace in the Wilderness”

*The Reverend Brad Robson*

*Assistant Pastor*

## SONG OF PRAISE

## "Amazing Grace"

John Newton, 1779

Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! — how sweet the sound — that  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3. Thro' man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I  
 saved a wretch like me! I  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis  
 once was lost, but now am  
 pre - cious did that grace ap -  
 grace has brought me safe thus  
 found, was blind, but now I see.  
 pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 far, and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me,  
 his Word my hope secures;  
 he will my shield and portion be,  
 as long as life endures.

5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,  
 and mortal life shall cease,  
 I shall possess within the veil  
 a life of joy and peace.



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*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*  
by Mr. and Mrs. Nate Phillips. Mrs. Phillips is the former Miss Sandy Henin.

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to* Lauren and Philip Albertine on the birth of their daughter  
Abby Elizabeth Albertine, August 18, 2021.

### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to* Jennifer and Steve Guenther and family on the death  
of Steve's father, Bayless Guenther, August 18.

### 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

### 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 today 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.

## 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.

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## 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](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

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 | Chapel  
Pathway Class for Prospective Members | September 1, 8, 15, 22  
Leadership Seminar | October 6, 13, 27, November 3, 10

Menu for Wednesday, September 1  
*Southern fried chicken or baked chicken breast, southern-style green beans,  
rice and gravy, biscuit, pecan pie, Rice Krispies Treats*

## 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, beginning September 1

*Building Lives Around Sound Truth* is our Children's and Music Ministries' combined program for PreK through 5<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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](http://ipcmemphis.org). Questions? Call Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or email: [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto: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.

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## DIVORCECARE

*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](http://ipcmemphis.org/ministries).

## 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 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](mailto: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.

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## 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](mailto:cdub@me.com).

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Friday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

Church's Main Office 901-685-8206

Music Office 901-685-9707

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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

901-763-3932

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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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