

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FOURTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

*And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14*

## THE PRELUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Jeep  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:1-2

*The Minister:* “Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

*The Minister and Congregation:* Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.”

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones  
Assistant Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 203

## THE INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## THE GLORIA PATRI

Adeste Fideles

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;  
glory to God in the highest;  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Forgive us our sins, O Lord. Forgive us the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our soul and the sins of our body, our secret and our whispering sins, our presumptuous and our careless sins, the sins we have done to please ourselves, and the sins we have done to please others. Forgive us the sins that we know, and the sins that we know not; forgive them, O Lord, forgive them all because of Your great goodness. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

— *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you, you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud, and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.” — *Isaiah 44:21-22*

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Catechism Q & A 27

*The Minister:* Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist:

*The Congregation:* Christ's humiliation consisted in His being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

## THE DOXOLOGY

Regent Square

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;  
evermore Your voices raising to th' eternal Three in One:  
Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn King. *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

“Ding Dong! Merrily on High” arr. Willcocks  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

Ding dong! merrily on high in heav'n the bells are ringing:  
Ding dong! verily the sky is riv'n with angel singing.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen,  
And *i-o, i-o, i-o*, by priest and people sungen.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

Pray you, dutifully prime your matin chime, ye ringers;  
May you beautifully rime your evetime song, ye singers.  
*Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!*

## THE SERMON

Daniel 9:24-27 (*pew Bible page 747*)  
Resident Aliens: Living Life As A Colony Of Heaven — Part 11  
“Don't Let the Numbers Confuse You”  
*The Reverend Mike Malone  
Assistant Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices” (*Please see next panel*)

## 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

“Angels We Have Heard on High” No. 214

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Be Near Me, Lord Jesus” Mueller

*Choir and Congregation*

Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray;  
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,  
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

## THE POSTLUDE

“The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” arr. Johnson



“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

Gerhardt, 1653

Warum Sollt' Ich Mich Denn Gramen



Choir 1. All my heart this night re-joice -  
All 2. Shall we still dread God's dis-plea -  
All 3. Come, then, ban-ish all your sad -



es as I hear far and near  
sure, Who, to save, free-ly gave  
ness, one and all, great and small;



sweet-est an-gel voic-es. "Christ is  
His most cher-ished Treas-ure? To re-  
come with songs of glad-ness. Love Him



born," their choirs are sing-ing till the air  
deem us, He hath giv-en His own Son  
Who with love is glow-ing; hail the star,



ev-ry-where now with joy is ring-ing.  
from the throne of His might in heav-en.  
near and far light and joy be-stow-ing.

## SERMON NOTES

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December 4, 2016

Daniel 9:24-27

Resident Aliens: Living Life As A Colony Of Heaven — Part 11

“Don’t Let the Numbers Confuse You!”

*The Reverend Mike Malone*



**Music of Christmas**  
2016

28th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE  
of **LESSONS & CAROLS**

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 | 6:30 P.M.

Advent Scripture readings and a variety of Christmas anthems and carols featuring the IPC Choirs accompanied by members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra

### WOMEN’S MINISTRY LUNCHEON

*This Tuesday, December 6, 11:30 a.m., IPC Fellowship Hall*

Join IPC Women’s Ministry for lunch *with* Pastor John Bryson,  
Lead Pastor of Fellowship Memphis church.

RSVP 901.685.8206 or [smartin@indepres.org](mailto:smartin@indepres.org) | Lunch is \$7 per person

### OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 7

5:15 p.m.....Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Rehearsal  
5:30 p.m.....Dinner — Fellowship Hall  
5:45 p.m..... Girls Choirs meet in their room  
6:00 p.m..... 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Choir and Boys Choirs meet in their rooms  
6:30 p.m..... Graded Choir Christmas Program, *He is Born* (Sanctuary)

### WELCOME TO IPC

Visitors are special at IPC. Please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it down the aisle so that we will know you were here. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206.



Our Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, and for any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.



### THE FLOWERS

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

### OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 4

8:30 a.m.....Worship Service and Communion  
8:30 a.m..... K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)  
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service and Communion  
11:00 a.m..... K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)  
6:30 p.m..... 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

*Our sermons are now available on Sunday mornings via Live Stream. Visit [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org) for the link. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning’s sermon are available in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on our website.*



## INDEPENDENT Presbyterian Church

*Please join us for Christmas services.*

### Christmas Eve

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

Family Service | 4:00 p.m.

*Nursery provided for infants through two year olds.*

Candlelight Communion | 5:30 p.m.

*Full Nursery Provided*



### Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 | 11:00 A.M. ONLY

*No Sunday School. No childcare or nursery provided.*



### New Year’s Day

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 | 11:00 A.M. ONLY

*No Sunday School. No childcare or nursery provided.*

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 15, 2017, for the purpose of voting on the recommended changes to the constitution and by-laws regarding the election of officers. The vote will take place on Sunday, January 15, by written ballot, between 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

*~Please enjoy your coffee outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you.~*

### THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

is to make disciples of Jesus by *gathering* for worship,  
*growing* in community, and *going out* in love.