

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As I mentioned, we are extending our break from the Gospel of Mark through the month of January and taking a short detour through a minor prophet named Habakkuk. We call him a “minor” prophet, not because his message is unimportant, but because his is relatively brief compared to Isaiah or Jeremiah. And yet, how important Habakkuk’s word is! Because coming out of Christmas, having loved and sung and wondered, we’ve come back to the real world: loneliness, darkness, difficulty, sorrow, evil. How do we continue to trust God in this sad world? Why should we continue to do so?

Habakkuk will help us with this, teaching us how to live by faith in this unjust world. We are reminded this morning of the steadfast love of God displayed in Jesus Christ, not only in the ministry of the Word and sacrament, but from the very opening words of this year: “Your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds!” This holy God is also a God of steadfast love! He has shown us that love in the Cross of Jesus — the power of the cross to transform our understanding of our lives in this world. And he continues to demonstrate his love as he leads us through sadness and sorrow to peace and joy. Thanks be to God, indeed!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

As a fellowship of believers, we like to know all who are worshipping with us today, so please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it down the aisle. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask a member on your aisle, an usher, or a minister for help. They can answer your questions or assist you in finding someone who can.

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 Weekend for Prospective Members*, February 15-16. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via live stream 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 live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 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 in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on our website.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Be Thou My Vision”
Emilee Garrett, Organ

arr. Manz

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 108:1-6

The Minister: My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

The Congregation: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

The Minister: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds. Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

All: That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

No. 100

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Greatorrex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light or trusted the good news to be good. We have failed to be your agents of peace on earth. We have resisted your mighty rule in our lives. We have been reluctant to glorify and praise you for becoming God with us. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace, through Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins in the confidence that God will forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. God's Word says, "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Thanks be to God that he blots out our transgressions and remembers our sins no more!

— *Isaiah 43:25*

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 (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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, 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 OFFERTORY

"Who at My Door Is Standing?"

K. Lee Scott

John Chase, Director

Who at my door is standing, There patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Within, the rooms are darkened, All filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy For Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: "Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee."

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling; "Now open the door for me!"
Lord God, I hear thee calling, Come now, abide with me.

Dear Lord, abide with me!

THE SERMON

Habakkuk 1:1-11 (*pew Bible page 785*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Living By Faith in An Unjust World”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Faith's hard questions (1-4)

A. How long?

B. Why?

2. Faith's surprising answers (5-11)

A. Shock and awe

B. Sovereign Lord

C. Steadfast love

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

"The Power of the Cross"

Getty/Townend

Kelly Turner, Mandolin James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass



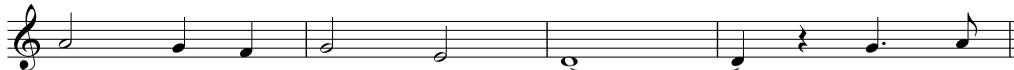
1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
 2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
 3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath
 4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
 bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
 quakes as its Mak - er bows his head.
 for through your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
 Ev' - ry bit - ter thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed
 Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
 Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. This, the
 crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This, the
 "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This, the
 won through your self - less love! This, the



pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
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 pow'r of the cross: Son of God,



sin for us; took the blame, bore the
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 sin for us; took the blame, bore the
 slain for us; what a love! What a



wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
 cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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

Michelle Crews, Piano

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

No. 528

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Dubois

"Christ, We Do All Adore Thee"

Choir and Congregation

Latin hymn

Adore Thee

Christ, we do all a - dore thee, and we do praise thee for -
ev - er; Christ, we do all a - dore thee,
and we do praise thee for - ev - er.
for on the ho - ly cross hast thou the world from sin re -
deem - ed. Christ, we do all a - dore thee,
and we do praise thee for - ev - er. *instrumental*
Christ, we do all a - dore thee.

THE POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible”

arr. Burkhardt



THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Tom Callihan in honor of his wife, Robin,
on their wedding anniversary.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to
Lisa Robinson on the death
of her mother, Pat Robinson,
on December 28.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JANUARY 6

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
8:30 a.m.	Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Children’s Church (Kindergarten)



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool – <i>First floor, rooms divided by age</i>	1st grade — <i>Room 216</i>	4th grade — <i>Room 204</i>
Kindergarten — <i>Room 220-222</i>	2nd grade — <i>Room 215</i>	Junior High — <i>Room 155</i>
	3rd grade — <i>Room 217</i>	Senior High — <i>Room 254</i>

College | Mr. Zach Hood | *Room 125*

20s Community | Dr. Sean Lucas and Teaching Team | *Room 131*

30s Community | Rev. Parker Tenent | *Fellowship Hall South*

40s Community | Rev. Jeremy Jones | *Fellowship Hall North*

50s Community | Rev. Ed Norton | *Chapel*

60s+ Community | Rev. Mike Malone | *Room 237*

The Westminster Class | Mr. Jurey Howard and Dr. Ray Wilson | *Room 233*

Line by Line Class | Mr. Rankin Fowlkes | *Room 132*

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 9

5:30 p.m.	.....	Dinner | Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	.....	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.	.....	Jr. High Youth Group
6:15 p.m.	.....	BLAST! | (K - 5 th grade)
6:30 p.m.	.....	Teaching with Sean Lucas: <i>An Overview of the Gospel of John</i> | Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	.....	Pre-Elementary Choir
7:10 p.m.	.....	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Baked Ham, Black-eyed Peas, Slow-Cooked Turnip Greens,
Mac and Cheese, Delta Cornbread, Blackberry Cobbler, Chocolate Brownies
Kids Menu: Chicken Leg, Mac and Cheese



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, January 15
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

IN THE WORD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Begins Thursday, January 17
6:30 a.m.

FAITH AND WORK FELLOWSHIP

If you long for mentoring, networking, and fellowship with other Christians in the work place, please join our monthly Faith and Work gathering on Thursday, January 17, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Chapel. You'll find new friends and compatriots as we explore how faith and work intersect. January's topic: *How Do I Know What God Wants Me to Do with My Life?*

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare is a seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. It's led by people who understand your hurt and want to help you find comfort and encouragement. Beginning January 23, IPC's new GriefShare will meet for 13 weeks on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., in Room 233. For more information, contact Dixie Power, jamesmoorep83@bellsouth.net or (901) 652-2030.

50'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY
The Chronological Reading of the New Testament
led by Ed Norton
*Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m., beginning January 23,
in the third-floor conference room*

PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS | FEBRUARY 15-16

Are you interested in joining IPC?
Would you like to know more about what we believe?
Our next *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members* is
Friday evening, February 15, and Saturday morning, February 16.
To register, or for more information,
contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.

SR. HIGH SPRING RETREAT

February 15-17
YMCA, Nashville, TN
Final day to sign up is January 16!

SR. HIGH CHOIR TOUR

May 30-June 6
Northeast, U.S.

JR. HIGH THE EDGE

June 22-26
Covenant College, Lookout Mountain
Sign up today!

SR. HIGH RYM TRIP

July 8-13
Laguna Beach Christian Resort
Sign up today!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m. (*beginning January 8*)
Come and join a group of men who meet faithfully for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Hall.
Enjoy a good, hot breakfast for \$3.00.

Women's Prayer Time | Led by Suzanne Wexler | Bride's Room | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Men's Prayer Breakfast Begins | January 8

Wednesday Evening Teaching and Activities Resume | January 9

Short-Term Mission Trips Interest Meeting | January 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Bride's Room

Women of the Church Bible Study Begins | January 15

In the Word Men's Bible Study Begins | January 17

Faith and Work Fellowship | January 17 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Chapel

Sunday Evening Praise Begins | January 20

Wednesday Evening Grace Groups Begin | January 23

Grief Share Begins | January 23

IPC Scouts Pinewood Derby | January 26

Souper Supper | January 27 | Following Sunday Evening Praise

Troop and Pack 81 Scout Sunday | February 3

Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | February 15-16

Sr. High Spring Retreat | February 15-17 | YMCA Nashville, TN

Missions Conference | February 20-24

Women of the Church Dinner | March 21

Women of the Church Spring Retreat | March 22-23 | The Country Place

Handel's *Messiah* (complete) | April 14 | Sanctuary

Sr. High Choir Tour | May 30-June 6 | Northeast, U.S.

Vacation Bible School | June 10-14

Jr. High The Edge | June 22-26 | Covenant College, Lookout Mountain

Sr. High RYM Trip | July 8-13 | Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, Panama City Beach



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