

## SERMON NOTES

January 26, 2014

Ephesians 5:15-21  
“Walking in Wisdom”  
*The Reverend Richie Sessions*

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by The Reverend and Mrs. Gary Clowers and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Washburn  
in honor of the baptism of their granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Clowers,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clowers.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY

8:30 a.m.....Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)  
9:45 a.m.....Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service  
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)  
5:00 p.m.....Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.....Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m.....Jr. High Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m.....*Through the Wardrobe*, Bookstore  
6:00 p.m.....Divorce Care, Room 229  
6:00 p.m.....Prayer Time for Rwanda Mission Trip, Chapel  
6:30 p.m.....Dr. Bill Hogan, teaching from Hebrews  
6:30 p.m.....Grace Groups and Small Groups  
6:30 p.m.....Preschool and Children’s Choir Rehearsals  
6:30 p.m.....C.I.A. (*Christ In Action*), Romper Room  
6:30 p.m.....Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir Rehearsal

## PRAYER TIME FOR THE RWANDA MISSION TRIP

You are invited to a time of prayer for the Rwanda Mission Trip in the Chapel each Wednesday, January 22 - March 19, from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

## PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, February 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour, in the 3rd floor conference room. Please contact Gayle Hardee, 901.685.8206, or ghardee@indepres.org, to make your reservation.

## SOUP’S ON

Ladies, join us on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:30 p.m., or Thursday, February 6, at 6:30 p.m., for a night out of dinner and fellowship in different homes. For questions, or to RSVP, please contact Barbara Collins, bcollins@indepres.org, or 901.685.8206.

## IT’S TIME FOR A NEW IPC PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Photo sessions are March 18-22, and April 8-12 (Tuesdays through Saturdays). You may schedule online, [www.indepres.org/resources/directory](http://www.indepres.org/resources/directory), or contact Jennifer Ellis, jellis@indepres.org.

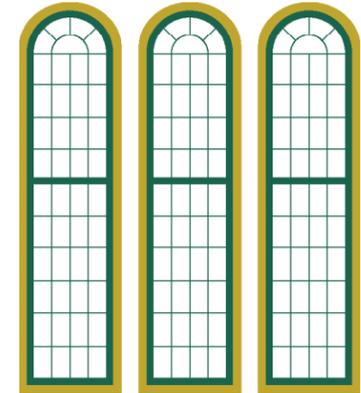
## SAVE THE DATES

*Visit [indepres.org](http://indepres.org) for more information.*

Global Outreach Conference - Church Planting on the Arabian Peninsula  
February 19-23

IPC Winter Blood Drive  
February 26 - Room 237 - 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Confident Parenting Seminar  
March 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.



# INDEPENDENT *Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

## 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. Join us on Wednesday evenings for our Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by an adult Bible Study, Small Groups, and youth and children’s programs at 6:30 p.m.

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A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

*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 the internet at [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org).*

*Please do not bring your coffee or food into the IPC Sanctuary. Thank you.*

THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Memphis,  
calling them into a devoted community of worshipping  
and maturing believers, and sending them out to be  
salt of the earth and light in the world,  
*all to the glory of God.*

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE PRELUDE

“Variations on *Kum Ba Yab*:  
Someone's Praying, Lord; Someone's Crying, Lord” arr. Behnke  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP — adapted from Psalms 96 and 100

*The Minister:* “Sing to the Lord a new song;

*The Congregation:* Sing to the Lord, all the earth.

*The Minister:* Sing to the Lord, and praise His name;

*The Congregation:* Proclaim His salvation day after day.

*The Minister:* Shout for joy to the Triune God who has redeemed us!

*The Congregation:* Let us come before Him with joyful songs!”

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones  
Assistant Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord” No. 16

## 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, for ever. *Amen.*

## THE GLORIA PATRI

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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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Elizabeth Grace Clowers, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE SOLO

“In Christ Alone” Getty and Townend  
*Harriet Gosborn, Soprano*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My comforter, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless Babe!  
This Gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
’Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;  
’Til He returns or calls me home, here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand!

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through Your name. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.” — *Acts 10:43*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

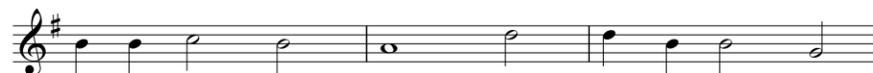
“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Charles Wesley, 1□ 39

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1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
2. He breaks the pow□r of reign - ing sin, He  
3. Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your



great Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
sets the pris - □ner free; His blood can make the  
loos - ened tongues em - ploy; ye blind, be - hold your



God and King, the tri - umphs of His grace.  
foul - est clean, His blood a - vailed for me.  
Sav - ior come, and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

*The Minister:* What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

*The Congregation:* That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## THE DOXOLOGY

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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.*

## THE OFFERTORY

“Be Still, My Soul”  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

arr. Courtney

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
Leave to your God to order and provide;  
In every change God faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake  
To guide the future as in ages past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
the Christ who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast’ning on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord,  
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## THE SERMON

Ephesians 5:15-21 (*pew Bible, page 978*)  
“Walking in Wisdom”  
*The Reverend Richie Sessions  
Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” No. 335

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” arr. K. Lee Scott

## THE POSTLUDE

“Someone’s Singing, Lord” Behnke

*If you would like to pray with someone, please come to the Chapel after the 8:30 or 11:00 service.*