

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE PRELUDE

“Trumpet Tune and March” Clarke
David Spencer, Trumpet
Nathaniel Efthimiou, Organ

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:3, 23:1-3; Romans 10:4, 13

The Minister: “Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together! The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.

The Congregation: He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.”

The Minister and Congregation: “For Christ is the end of the law of righteousness to everyone who believes. For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul” No. 57

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

Meineke

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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Most just and gracious God, we confess that we were conceived in sin, and are by nature children of wrath. We confess that we have not loved You with all that we have and that we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves, not doing to others as we would have them do to us. Instead of seeking first Your kingdom, we have been troubled about many things,

neglecting the one thing necessary. Have mercy on us for Your own name's sake. Let the blood of Jesus cleanse us from all our sins. Grant us to sit at Jesus' feet that we might walk in newness of life. Through Christ our Lord we pray. *Amen.* — *adapted from Richard Baxter*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” — *1 John 4:10*

THE MISSIONS HYMN

“O Church, Arise”

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choir men 1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; Hear the
choir men 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, But to
all 3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, As the
all 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev' - ry stride, Give



call of Christ our cap - tain; For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev' - ry hur - dle, That we may run with faith to



they are strong In the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
wound - ed whole We will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
neath His feet, For the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
win the prize Of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth We'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
trials on ev' - ry side, We know the out - come is se -
stone is rolled a - way, And Christ e - merg - es from the
old still line the way, Re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His



lies; An ar - my bold whose bat - tle
cure, And Christ will have the prize for
grave, This vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
grace, We hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is "Love!" Reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
till the day Ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day When, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 26

The Minister: What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?”

The Congregation: That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

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.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Lift High the Cross”

arr. Larson

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in unity combine.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee.

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

Choir and Congregation

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

THE SERMON

Acts 14:8-20 (*pew Bible page 923*)

“Missions and Mercy in the 21st Century”

Dr. Brian Fikkert

Founder and Chairman, The Chalmers Center, Lookout Mountain, GA

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” No. 164

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah!” Ripley

Choir and Congregation

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever, through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, your God, O Zion, joyful hallelujahs sing.

THE POSTLUDE

“Festive Trumpet Tune” German

SERMON NOTES

Acts 14:8-20

“Missions and Mercy in the 21st Century”

Dr. Brian Fikkert

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 Bible Study, Grace Groups and Small Groups.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, **beginning Sunday, February 5, at 9:45 a.m.** 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.

Our sermons are now available on Sunday mornings via Live Stream. Visit 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.

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2017 MERCY CONFERENCE | THIS MORNING AND EVENING

We are excited to welcome Brian Fikkert, co-author of *When Helping Hurts*, to our worship services this morning. Dr. Fikkert will teach during the 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services **and in Joint Adult Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.**

Close out the conference with us at an **Evening Worship Service tonight at 6:00, in the Sanctuary.** Sean Lucas will preach from Isaiah 58:1-14, “Worship That God Accepts: Justice for a New Memphis.”

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JANUARY 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
4:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Music Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Discipleship Groups
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service, Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Small Groups

2017 RULING ELDER NOMINATIONS

2017 Ruling Elder Nominations are now open until next Sunday, February 5. Communing members of IPC in good standing may recommend men for nomination to the office of Ruling Elder. Please review the Ruling Elder nomination summary at www.indepres.org, or pick-up a printed copy at IPC, before placing a nomination. Nomination forms are available at the main church entrances and in Gayle Hardee's office during the week.

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 1

5:30 p.m. Dinner — Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Teaching, Mike Malone
6:30 p.m. Grace Groups, Small Groups
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals
6:30 p.m. C.I.A. (Christ in Action) — Romper Room (Grades 2-5)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNION

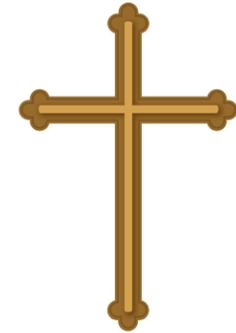
The Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday, February 5, at both the 8:30 and 11:00 morning Worship service.

PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Beginning Sunday, February 5

Visitors at IPC are very important, and we, as a church, desire to help you understand more about the Gospel of Jesus Christ and about our faith family. Join us for our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members* beginning next Sunday, February 5. The class meets for four Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour starting at 9:45 a.m., in the third floor conference room. Contact Maureen at modiam@indepres.org, or call 901.685.8206 if you would like to attend.

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



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