

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE PRELUDE

"I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ" J.S. Bach
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, O hear my sore complaining!
In Thy good time unto me list, Thine ear to me inclining!
True faith in Thee, O Lord, I seek;
O make me now and wholly Love Thee solely,
My neighbor hold as self, And Keep Thy word e'r holy.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Exodus 15:26; Isaiah 6:10

The Minister: "God invites us into His healing presence with these words:
I am the Lord, who heals you."

The Congregation: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come
hungering for health that only God can provide.

The Minister: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender
hearts turned toward Him, the Great Physician.

*The Minister and
Congregation:* We bow before Him in faith and expectancy!"

*The Reverend Samuel Husband
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" No. 498

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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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Allison Elizabeth Stewart, 8:30 a.m.

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Luke Douglas Husband, 11:00 a.m.

THE MEN'S ENSEMBLE

"Steal Away" arr. Bartholomew

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus,
Steal away, steal away home! I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, He calls me. He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here!

Green trees a-bendin'. Poor sinner stands a-tremblin',
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here!

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our
shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we
have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your
love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done
to displease You. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in Your light and walk in
Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in Him will not be put to shame.'
For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of
all, bestowing His riches on all who call on Him." — *Romans 10:11-12*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"It Is Well with My Soul" No. 691
(stanzas 1-3)

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

Trinity

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

"Lauda Anima" (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven) Andrews
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. *Amen.*

THE SERMON

Luke 6:45-49 (*per Bible page 863*)
"The Authentic Christian"
*The Reverend Richie Sessions
Senior Pastor*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Jesus, I Come to Thee"

Words: William T. Sleeper, 188□ Music: Greg Thompson



1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I
3. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I



come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the glor - ious gain of Thy
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy



light Je - sus, I come to Thee, Out of my
cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of earth
home, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of the



sick - ness, in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and
sor - rows, in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and
depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy



in - to Thy wealth, Out of my sin and
in - to Thy calm, Out of dis - tress in - to
shel - ter - ing fold, Ev - er Thy glo - rious



in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Sevenfold Amen" Lutkin

THE POSTLUDE

"Tocatta in C" Pachelbel



SERMON NOTES

March 8, 2015
Luke 6:45-49
“The Authentic Christian”
The Reverend Richie Sessions

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.

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.

A fully staffed nursery is available during all services.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and to commemorate the founding of Independent Presbyterian Church on March 14, 1965, and with gratitude for the blessing of God’s hand on the ministry of this church in our community for fifty years. To Him belongs eternal praise!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the membership of our church the following new members:

Mr. Jacob Davis
Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kinzler (Nicole)
Mr. and Mrs. James Weir (Holly)

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 8

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)
4:00 p.m.Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 11

5:30 p.m..... Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.....Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.....Teaching by Mike Malone, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.Grace Groups, 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

2015 OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Officer Elections are scheduled for Sunday, May 10, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, May 17, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Nomination submissions for Deacons and Elders have begun, and will continue through March 15. Nomination forms and deposit boxes will be located in the Narthex and the Rotunda.

You will find a list of active Deacons and Ruling Elders attached to each deposit box. Those scheduled to rotate off this year are highlighted in yellow. Please note these men are eligible to be nominated for another four-year term.

BRADLEY UNIVERSITY CHORALE IN CONCERT

Saturday, March 14, 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel

Come support these college students as they sing Bach’s Easter Cantata and other great works in our beautifully renovated chapel. If you would like to host students for the night, email Kathy at musicoffice@indepres.org.

“SING TO THE LORD”

Adult Choir Palm Sunday Program

March 29, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for this celebration of great church music throughout the ages. The congregation will join the choir in singing powerful settings of well-known hymns of our faith accompanied by brass, organ, and an orchestra that includes members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.

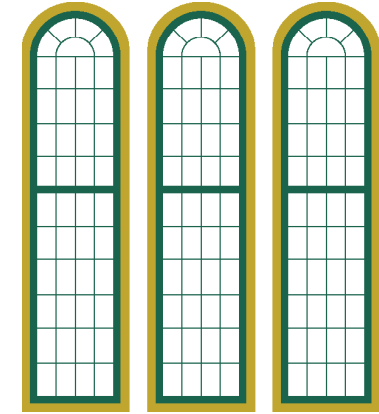
EASTER EVE CONCERT

Mark your calendars for our annual Easter Eve Concert on Saturday, April 4, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Join us at the Levitt Shell for a family-friendly event as we enjoy the music and talent of the Visible Music College of Memphis. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs or blanket and your picnic basket.

SAVE THE DATE - IPC BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, April 15

4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



INDEPENDENT *Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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