

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWELFTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Come, Thou Fount” arr. Larson  
*Luke Folse, Clarinet*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 36

*The Minister:* “Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast, you save, O Lord.

*The Congregation:* How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

*The Minister:* They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

*The Minister and Congregation:* Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!” Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Justin Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!” No. 535

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“We Come, O Christ, to You” Darwall

We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,  
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:  
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,  
To you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:  
So fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.  
☞ *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.* ☞

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Patrick James Walton, Jr. (8:30 a.m.)*

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Sloan Gray Fagan (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength, through Jesus Christ your Son, *Amen.*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins in the sure confidence that our sins cannot separate us from God's steadfast love in Jesus. God's Word says, “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Thanks be to God for his abiding, faithful, transforming love displayed in the cross of Jesus! — *Romans 8:38-39*

### THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“O Love that Will Not Let Me Go”

Words: George Matheson, 1882 Music: Christopher Miner



1. O Love that will not let me go, I  
2. O Light that fol-low'st all my way, I  
3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I  
4. O Cross that lift-est up my head, I



rest my wea-ry soul in Thee; I  
yield my flick'-ring torch to Thee; My  
can-not close my heart to Thee; I  
dare not ask to fly from Thee; I



give Thee back the life I owe, that  
heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that  
trace the rain-bow through the rain, and  
lay in dust life's glo-ry dead, and



in Thine o-cean depths its flow May  
in Thy sun-shine's blaze its day May  
feel the prom-ise is not vain, That  
from the ground there blos-soms red Life



rich-er, full-er be.  
bright-er, fair-er be.  
morn shall tear-less be.  
that shall end-less be.

### THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Belgic Confession, Article 1

*The Minister:* What do you believe about God?

*The Congregation:* We all believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths that there is a single and simple spiritual being, whom we call God —eternal, incomprehensible, invisible, unchangeable, infinite, almighty; completely wise, just, and good, and the overflowing source of all good.

### 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

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Rutter  
*Nathaniel Efthimiou, Director*

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of Thine To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.

### THE SERMON

Galatians 4:8-20 (*pew Bible page 974*)  
“A Gospel Minister's Heart”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor*

### THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All for Jesus!” No. 565

### THE BENEDICTION

### THE RESPONSE

“Ever, Only, All for Thee” Hendon  
*Choir and Congregation*

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

### THE POSTLUDE

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones” arr. Schack  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## SERMON NOTES

Galatians 4:8-20  
“A Gospel Minister’s Heart”  
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Have my efforts been wasted? (8-11)
  - A. Freedom from slavery
  - B. Returning to slavery
2. How I become your enemy? (12-16)
  - A. Welcoming
  - B. Withholding
3. How I wish I could be with you! (17-20)
  - A. Partisanship
  - B. Passion

## 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 *Pathway Class Weekend 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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the membership of our church the following new member:  
Miss Leslie Janikowsky

## THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson in honor of our Founding Members, and with gratitude for the blessing of God’s hand on the ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church in our community for fifty-two years.  
To Him belongs eternal praise.

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.

~Please enjoy your coffee outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you.~  
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## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 12

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)  
(Due to Spring Break week, Jr. High Discipleship Groups, Sr. High Small Groups, Sr. High Ensemble and Sr. High Choir will not meet this afternoon and evening.)

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 15

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 Youth Group  
7:30 p.m. .... Adult Choir Rehearsal

## WINDOWS SPRING 2017 | COMING THIS MONTH

Through our transition from our bi-monthly Windows newsletter to *IPC Life*, we have established a revised *Windows* publication. *Windows* will be printed and mailed twice a year and filled with articles and testimonies from IPC staff, pastors, and members. Look for our first edition of the new publication in your mailbox this month.

## ADORE THE LAMB! | PALM SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM

Sunday, April 9, 6:00 p.m.

*Worshiping our Lord in Word and Song*

The congregation is invited to join IPC Adult, Senior High, and Junior High Choirs in singing traditional and modern hymns, accompanied by a variety of orchestral and acoustic instruments. Scripture readings appropriate to the Easter season will assist us in praising our God and adoring the Lamb. *Nursery provided.*

## CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

*Holy Week Services and Events*

Looking ahead to Holy Week and celebrating the Resurrection season, mark these dates on your calendar:

Maundy Thursday Service | April 13, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Eve Concert | April 15, 6:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday | April 16, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.



Everyone is welcome to attend this FREE event at the historic Levitt Shell, located in Overton Park. Invite your family and friends to enjoy a spring evening on Easter Eve, featuring singer/songwriter, Sam Mooney.



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## THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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