

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" — Psalm 122:1

THE PRELUDE

"Morning Has Broken" arr. Adams
Luke Folse, Clarinet

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:1, 10, 12, 15

The Minister: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

The Congregation: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

The Minister: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

The Congregation: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise."

The Reverend J. Edward Norton
Associate Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" No. 302

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

Lois Elizabeth Turpin, 8:30 a.m.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most great, just and gracious God: You have promised mercy in Jesus Christ to all who believe in You. Our transgressions are multiplied before You and our sins testify against us. If You were to deal with us as we deserve we would be cast away from Your presence into eternal condemnation and destruction. But Your mercy, Your Son and Your promises are our hope. We thank You that You have reconciled Yourself to us and that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all our sins. We praise You that You have taken us for Your children, and given us the Spirit of Your Son. Sanctify us wholly. Shed abroad in our hearts Your

love. Make Your face to shine upon us. Make us a peculiar people, zealous for good works that we may please You and show forth Your praise. Do this for the sake of Him who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Jesus our one Lord, Redeemer and Friend. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." — *Romans 5:19-21*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

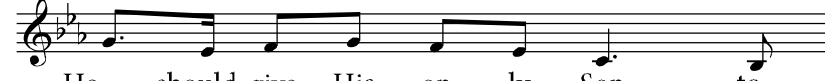
Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No



vast be - yond all meas - ure that
sin up - on His shoul - ders a -
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom, But



He should give His on - ly Son to
shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His



make a wretch His treas - ure. How
out a - mong the scof - fers. It
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



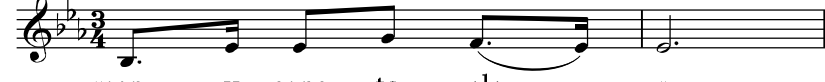
great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
was my sin that held Him there un -
should I gain from His re - ward? I



Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
til it was ac - com - plished, His
can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One, bring
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
this I know with all my heart: His



man - y sons to glo - ry.
know that it is fin - ished.
wounds have paid my ran - som.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 37

The Minister: "What do you understand by the word 'suffered'?"

The Congregation: That during His whole life on earth, but especially at the end, Christ sustained in body and soul the anger of God against sin of the whole human race. This He did in order that, by His suffering as the only atoning sacrifice, He might set us free, body and soul, from eternal condemnation, and gain for us God's grace, righteousness, and eternal life."

THE DOXOLOGY

Duke Street

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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" arr. Sjolund
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

THE SERMON

Matthew 20:17-34 (*pew Bible pages 825-826*)

THE PATH TO THE CROSS . . . AND BEYOND

Part 1: "A Greater Beauty"

The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" No. 184
(Tune: St. Columba)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"In Mansions of Glory" Sjolund

THE POSTLUDE

"Fuga in Eb" J.S. Bach
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

SERMON NOTES

March 13, 2016

Matthew 20:17-34

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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*. 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
by Richard Vining in loving memory of Kristen Vining's mother,
Patricia Buttke.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Mary Cannon

Maggie Page

Margaret Patterson

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.

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OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 13

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)
9:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting — Sanctuary
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
3:30 p.m. Jr. High Small Groups "Grill and Games"
4:00 p.m. Adult Choir *Messiah* Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Small Groups

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TODAY

The Session of IPC has called a Congregational Meeting for today at 9:45 a.m., in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of amending the IPC Constitution and Bylaws to suspend Officer Elections for 2016, and to extend the terms of all active officers for one year. Following the Congregational Meeting, ballots will be available in the Fellowship Hall for all active communing members to record their vote. Voting will end at 1:00 p.m. *Please note: There will be no Adult Sunday School today.*

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 16

5:30 p.m. Dinner — Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Dr. Bill Hogan, Teaching, 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

IPC PALM SUNDAY COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Please invite your friends, and join us for Worship and a Covered Dish Luncheon, March 20, in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 a.m. service.

Bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name.
You may drop these off in the kitchen anytime that morning.

A-F: Entrée

G-K: Vegetable Side Dish

L-P: Salad

Q-U: Dessert

V-Z: Rolls/Bread

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, March 24, at 6:00 p.m., for our Maundy Thursday Service and Communion.

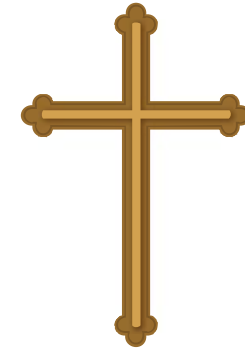
GOOD FRIDAY

The Church Office and Bookstore will be closed on March 25, in observance of Good Friday.

THE EDGE SUMMER CONFERENCE

The Edge is for middle school students who have completed 5th, 6th, and 7th grade at the beginning of the summer. The Edge is a reformed youth conference centered on the gospel at Covenant College. The trip is June 25-29, and the cost is \$325 — our lowest price we've been able to offer! Registration is now open, and last year we filled up fast. For all the information about this trip, please visit our website: www.indepres.org/ministries/junior-high.

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



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