



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We have entered a strange season as a congregation — this strange season caused by “social distancing,” novel coronavirus, isolation, and all the rest. It is in times like these that we need God’s Word even more. Because when we come to God’s Word, we hear who God is for us: he is our refuge, our fortress, our God, our protector, and upholder. This morning, we are going to take a short break from our series in Romans 8 to look at Psalm 91, a passage that speaks to directly us in the place that we find ourselves right now.

It is another reminder that God’s Word is imminently practical and relevant. We don’t make God’s Word relevant; it already is. From our call to worship this morning from Psalm 62 to the assurance of pardon from Psalm 103; from the prayers of God’s people to the ministry of the Word; and in all the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs that we will sing — God’s Word meets us right where we are and gives us just what we need. Thanks be to God!

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"How Firm a Foundation"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Wood

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 62

The Minister: For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

The Congregation: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall never be shaken.

The Minister: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

The Congregation: Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

The Minister: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

All: Amen! Let us worship our God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 30

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone and our defense is sure.

Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,
from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,
are carried downward by your flood, and lost in following years.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Hyfrydol

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michael Walker Jones, Junior

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” — *Psalms 103:10-13*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Lauren Griffin, Violin Drew Lucas, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Words: Habershon and Merker

Music: Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me
3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast. When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
fast. Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,
fast. Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied,



he will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my
he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end - less



hold through life's fear - ful path;
lost his prom - is - es shall last;
life, he will hold me fast;



for my love is of - ten cold, he must hold me
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me
till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at



fast. He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
fast.
last.



5 For my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 12

The Minister: Why is he called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

The Congregation: Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

The Minister: But why are you called a Christian?

The Congregation: Because by faith I am a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing. I am anointed to confess his name, to present myself to him as a living sacrifice of thanks, to strive with a free conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for eternity.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE ANTHEM

“The Secret Place”
John Chase, Director

Lippencott

Who dwells within his most secret place Is never far from his blessed grace.
'Neath his great shadow all will be well; No better place now for us to dwell.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

Fear not the terror that comes at night Nor flaming arrows by morning light.
His truth is always our sword and shield; Against his power all foes must yield.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

A thousand fall now at ev'ry side; Ten thousand more may have yet to die.
Yet plague and sword can ne'er kill the soul; His angels guard us now safe and whole.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

Refuge and fortress for all who trust. No safer pasture for men of dust.
'Neath wings and feathers of Holy Lord; no greater comfort can he afford.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;
the dwelling place where angels cry is where our praise will forever ring.

THE SERMON

Psalm 91

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“The Shadow of the Almighty”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 94
(stanzas 1-4)

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said, to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give
you aid; I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous,
omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your
supply; the flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume and your gold
to refine.”

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Foundation

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

THE POSTLUDE

“St. Anne”

arr. Willan



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Rebekah and Jeff Payne on the birth
of their daughter, Elizabeth Mae Payne,
on March 13.

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

IPC is suspending all activities and
special events through April 11.

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP
WILL BE LIVESTREAM ONLY
AT 11:00 A.M.**

The church facility, except for the
gym, will be open during regular
weekday hours. For more details,
go to ipcmemphis.org.

TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor
Rev. Robert Browning
Associate Pastor
Rev. Edward Norton
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Jones
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brad Robson
Pastor of Student Ministries
Rev. Parker Tenent
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.
Pastoral Associate
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.
Senior Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Bill Hogan
Assistant Pastor Emeritus

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Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.
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Mr. Scott Suddoth
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn

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Mr. William Kay
Mr. James McDonald
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Mr. Joseph Womack

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Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Friday

Church's Main Office	901-685-8206
Music Office	901-685-9707
Recreation Office	901-763-3857

COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday — Closed
901-763-3932

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Independent Presbyterian Church
is to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for worship,
growing in community, and going out in love.

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