

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN
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

"Andante tranquillo" from *Sonata III* Mendelssohn
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136: 4-6, 23, 26

The Minister: "To Him who alone does great wonders,

The Congregation: For His steadfast love endures forever;

The Minister: To Him who by understanding made the heavens,

The Congregation: For His steadfast love endures forever;

The Minister: To Him who spread out the earth above the waters,

The Congregation: For His steadfast love endures forever;

The Minister: It is He who remembered us in our low estate,

The Congregation: For His steadfast love endures forever;

The Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven,

The Congregation: For His steadfast love endures forever."

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Give to Our God Immortal Praise" No. 3

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 PROFESSION OF FAITH

Katherine Mai Yelverton, 11:00 a.m.

THE DUET

"Welcome Home, Children" King/arr. Huff
James Brown, Tenor Tom Horner, Baritone

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at Your feet. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name." — *Acts 10:43*

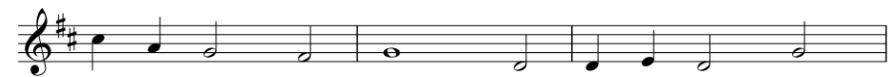
THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"My Faith Has Found a Resting Place"

Lidie H. Edmunds Landas



1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from
2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this



guilt my soul is freed; I trust the e - ver -
ends my fear and doubt; a sin - ful soul I



liv - ing One, His wounds for me shall plead. I
come to Him, He'll nev - er cast me out.



need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea, it



is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that He died for me.

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

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

"In Christ Alone" Getty and Townend/
Arron Powell, Violin arr. Powell
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babel!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.

Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine—Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home—Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

THE SERMON

Psalm 40 (*few Bible pages 468-469*)
"Is God Trustworthy?"
*The Reverend Richie Sessions
Senior Pastor*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way" No. 128

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Here in the Pow'r of Christ I'll Stand" arr. Powell

THE POSTLUDE

"Prelude and Fugue in E Major" Fischer



If you would like to pray with someone, please come to the Chapel after the 8:30 or 11:00 service.

SERMON NOTES

March 23, 2014

Psalm 40
“Is God Trustworthy?”
The Reverend Richie Sessions

THE FLOWERS

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

OUR CHURCH TODAY

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 *Light Eternal* Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.Jr. High Small Groups
5:00 p.m.....Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m.....Sr. High Small Groups

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.....Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.....Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
5:30 p.m.....Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.....*Through the Wardrobe*, Bookstore
6:00 p.m.....Divorce Care, Room 229
6:00 p.m.Prayer Time for Rwanda Mission Trip, Chapel
6:30 p.m.....Dr. Bill Hogan, teaching from Hebrews
6:30 p.m.....Grace Groups and 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

2014 OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Officer Elections are scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., and
Wednesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. *The final day for nomination submissions for
Deacons and Elders is TODAY.* Forms and deposit boxes are located in the Narthex
and the Rotunda and at the Avon entrance.

IT’S TIME FOR A NEW IPC PICTORAL DIRECTORY

Sign up today in the IPC Rotunda! You may also schedule online, www.indepres.org/resources/directory, or contact Jennifer Ellis, jellis@indepres.org. Photo sessions have begun, and will continue April 8-12 (Tuesday through Saturday).

VBS LEADER REGISTRATION

VBS Leader registration has begun! You may sign up online, www.indepres.org, or pick up a form at the church. VBS, *A Knightly Tale*, is June 9-13.

COMMUNION

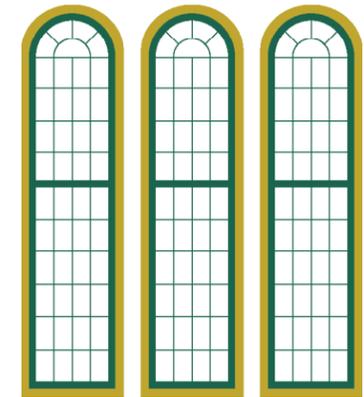
The Lord’s Supper will be observed on Sunday, April 6,
at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

UPCOMING IPC EVENTS

IPC Mission Trip to Rwanda — March 29 - April 7
The Commissioning for this trip will be Wednesday, March 26, 6:20 p.m.

“Light Eternal” — Palm Sunday, April 13, 6:00 p.m.
IPC Adult Choir with members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra

Easter Eve Concert — Saturday, April 19, 6:00 p.m.
Myla Smith and her band perform at this free concert at the historic Levitt Shell.



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MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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, Grace Groups, 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* in May. Please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206, for more information.

A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

~Please do not bring your coffee or food into the IPC Sanctuary. Thank you.~

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.

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.