

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Trumpet Voluntary” Goodwin  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 18:1-3

*The Minister:* “I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.” Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Justin Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” No. 76

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee” Ripley

Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love bestows,  
For the pard'ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows.  
Help, O God, my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise:  
Thou must light the flame, or never can my love be warmed to praise.

Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand'rer far astray;  
Found thee lost, and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away.  
Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, him who saw thy guiltborn fear,  
And, the light of hope revealing, bade the blood-stained cross appear.

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

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Stephen Craig Christenbury (8:30 a.m.)*

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*Alden Roberts Southerland (11:00 a.m.)*

### 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

We confess our sins to God because God's unfailing, steadfast love draws out our confession. God's Word says, “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.” Thanks be to God for his steadfast love, his compassion, and his full forgiveness through Jesus! — *Psalm 103:10-13*

### THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

*The Psalter, 1912* Miner



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on Thy grace I  
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; Thou de - sir - est  
4. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; Plen - teous in com - pas - sion Thou,  
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst Thy grace  
truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,  
right and true. Cast me not a - way from Thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
and pro - voked Thee to Thy face; I con - fess Thy  
teach Thy wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, Thy  
let Thy Spir - it dwell in me; Thy sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
judg - ment just, speech - less, I Thy mer - cy trust.  
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

### THE STATEMENT OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 86 and 91

*Question and Answer 86:*

*The Minister:* Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

*The Congregation:* Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, is also restoring us by his Spirit into his image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for his benefits, so that he may be praised through us, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and so that by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

*Question and Answer 91:*

*The Minister:* What are good works?

*The Congregation:* Only those which are done out of true faith, conform to God's laws, and are done for God's glory; and not those based on our own opinion or human tradition.

### 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

“A Psalm Folksong” arr. Penhorwood  
*Elena Efthimiou, Director*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want:  
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;  
He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness, E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,  
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;  
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me:  
And in God's house for evermore My dwelling place shall be.

### THE SERMON

Galatians 5:1-15 (*pew Bible page 974-975*)  
“Gospel Freedom”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

### THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” No. 530  
(stanzas 1-3)

### THE BENEDICTION

### THE RESPONSE

“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian” No. 530  
*Choir and Congregation* (stanza 4)

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

In my heart, in my heart, Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

### THE POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” arr. W. T. Allen

## SERMON NOTES

Galatians 5:1-15  
“Gospel Freedom”  
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Freedom from
  - A. Law
  - B. License
2. Freedom for
  - A. Faith
  - B. Hope
  - C. Love

## 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.

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of E. Brady Bartusch by Caroline Bartusch and her family.*

*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 26

8:30 a.m. .... Worship Service  
8:30 a.m. .... K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)  
9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. .... Reception for Justin Jones (Sr. High room)  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. .... K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)  
4:00 p.m. .... Jr. High Discipleship Groups  
4:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal  
4:00 p.m. .... Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Small Groups  
7:30 p.m. .... 20s Community Sunday Night Fellowship  
*(home of Mary and Fred Stukenborg, 176 Cherry Road, Memphis)*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 29

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 and Sr. High Youth Group  
7:30 p.m. .... Adult Choir Rehearsal

## SHORT-TERM GLOBAL MISSIONS INTEREST MEETING

*Sunday, April 2, Room 237, 12:15 p.m.*

If you would like to participate in a global mission trip, join us for a global missions interest meeting following the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, April 2. The meeting will highlight current missions opportunities: New York, New York, Tanzania, Africa, and Athens, Greece.



## ALL NEW PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND | APRIL 28-29

*Taught by Dr. Sean Lucas*

Join us for our next Pathway Class for Prospective Members. When the Lord leads you to officially join our faith family, our desire is for you to be known by name and prayed for by the leadership. If you would like to attend, contact Maureen Odiam at [modiam@indepres.org](mailto:modiam@indepres.org), call 901-685-8206, or go to [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org) to register online.

## Sign up for CAMP PALMER 2017 | MAY 26-31

*Camp DeSoto ~ Mentone, Alabama*

Children from Palmer Home (Columbus and Hernando, MS) and IPC go to camp together every year. Pray for the week of camp, for physical safety and that children will learn more about their Savior, or meet him for the very first time. Pick-up a brochure in the main lobby and **complete a registration form by Sunday, April 30.**



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