

## SERMON NOTES

March 30, 2014

Psalm 130

“Trusting God with Our Guilt”

*The Reverend Richie Sessions*

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*

by Mary Ellen, John, Mary Catherine and Will Chase in honor  
of Wilhelmina C. Chase on her 93rd birthday, and in loving memory  
of William J. Chase and John Q. and Mildred R. Poindexter.

### 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  
6:30 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

### UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION

Have you moved? Have you changed emails or cell phone numbers?  
Does the church have your contact information? Please fill out the Friendship  
Pad, or online form at [www.indepres.org/contact/update-your-information](http://www.indepres.org/contact/update-your-information)

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS

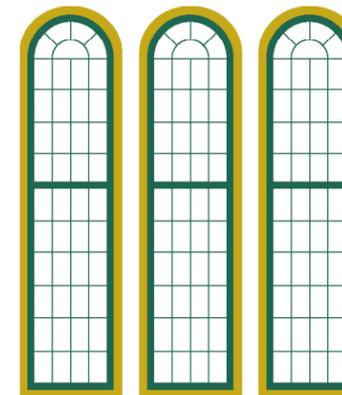
Sign up today in the IPC Rotunda! You may also schedule online,  
[www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org) or contact Jennifer Ellis, [jellis@indepres.org](mailto:jellis@indepres.org).  
Photo sessions are April 8-12 (Tuesday through Saturday), and make-up  
days are now available in May - please don't miss this opportunity!

### COMMUNION

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

### UPCOMING IPC EVENTS

“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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## 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* on Sunday mornings in May.  
For more information, please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206.

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](http://www.indepres.org).

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THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Memphis,  
calling them into a devoted community of worshipping  
and maturing believers, and sending them out to be  
salt of the earth and light in the world,  
*all to the glory of God.*

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTIETH 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

"Lamb of God, Our Savior" J.S. Bach  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

Lamb of God, our Savior, Who our sins dost take away, Have mercy on us.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 117

*The Minister:* "Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples!

*The Congregation:* For great is His steadfast love toward us,

*The Minister:* And the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.

*The Congregation:* Praise the Lord!"

*Dr. T. Murray Garrott*  
*Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"From All That Dwell below the Skies" No. 7

## 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 SOLO

"Thy Mercy, My God, Is the Theme of My Song" McCracken  
*Lindsey Hughes, Soprano Rob Halford, Violin*

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine.

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*  
— *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"The Lord is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down." — *Psalm 145:13-14*

## THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my  
2. In Christ a-lone! Who took on flesh, full-ness of  
3. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this Cor-ner-  
God in help-less Babel! This Gift of  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first



stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the  
love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the  
cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-



fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of  
ones He came to save. 'Til on that  
mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace when fears are  
cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er



stilled, when striv-ings cease. My com-fort-er, my all in  
God was sat-is-fied. For ev-'ry sin on Him was  
pluck me from His hand; 'til He re-turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

## THE DOXOLOGY

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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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" Distler  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
Gather ye round, Let us make music resound!  
Praise Him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wond'rously reigneth.  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;  
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

## THE SERMON

Psalm 130 (*pew Bible pages 518-519*)  
"Trusting God with Our Guilt"  
*The Reverend Richie Sessions*  
*Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" No. 32

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"O for Grace to Trust Him More!" Kirkpatrick

## THE POSTLUDE

"O World, I Must Now Leave Thee" Brahms

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