

THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWELFTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O’clock

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14

THE PRELUDE

“Old Hundredth” arr. Held
Emilee Garrett, Organ

THE CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Isaiah 57:15, Psalm 119:114

The Minister: “For this is what the high and exalted One says—
He who lives forever, whose name is holy:

The Congregation: I live in a high and holy place,
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,

The Minister: to revive the spirit of the lowly
and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

*The Minister and
Congregation:* “You are our hiding place and our shield;
We hope in Your word.”

*The Reverend Ed Norton
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Thou Almighty King” No. 101

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, forever. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA PATRI

Ode to Joy

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
we, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
with our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill. *Amen.*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elena Louise Cook, 8:30 a.m.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Christina Rebecca Brent, 11:00 a.m.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, You said, “If you love me, you will obey what I command.” Forgive us our lukewarm love and our disobedience. Lord, You said, “You may ask for anything in my name.” Forgive us when we think we need to solve our own problems. Lord, You said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety. Lord, You said, “If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.” Forgive us our barren lives, Lord. Lord, You said, “You must testify, for you have been with me.” We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent. Lord, You said, “Love each other as I have loved you.” In this and in so many other ways, We confess our failures and shortcomings. *Amen. — The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

THE DOXOLOGY

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.*

Duke Street

THE OFFERTORY

“I Believe This Is Jesus”

arr. McGlohon

*Amy Cresswell, Soprano Soloist
James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

I believe this is Jesus. Come and see.
The light of God shines in His face,
He offers all His pard’ning grace.
The love of God shines in His eyes.
He tells of mansions in the skies.

THE SERMON

Luke 7:18-35 (*pew Bible pages 863-864*)
“Jesus and John the Baptist”
*The Reverend Richie Sessions
Senior Pastor*

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” No. 500
Michelle Crews, Piano

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 295

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Grace, Love, and Fellowship” Cane Peak

THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude in G Major” BWV 550 J.S. Bach



SERMON NOTES

April 12, 2015

Luke 7:18-35

“Jesus and John the Baptist”
The Reverend Richie Sessions

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, 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*. For more information, please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206.

A fully staffed nursery is available during all services.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Buster Turner by Lisa and Kelly Turner.

CONGREGATIONAL SURVEY

As many of you know, the Session is working to develop a strategic vision for IPC in order to determine the key attributes we desire in our next Senior Minister. A congregational survey that provides insight into your experience at IPC will assist us in this strategic work.

This survey is now ready for you to take. It is an online survey that you can fill out from the comfort of your own computer. It should take approximately 20 minutes or so to complete. It is also 100% anonymous. We hope that each of you will take the survey.

The survey web address is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/indepres>. If you would prefer not to fill out the survey online, there are hard copies available in the Lobby, along with a box for submission. **The final day to complete the survey is Thursday, April 23.**

Thank you!

“OUR SESSIONS EXPIRED” | MAY 13

Please join us at a dinner to honor our Senior Pastor of five years, Reverend Richie Sessions, on Wednesday, May 13. Come and show your gratitude to the Sessions Family as they prepare to begin RUF Campus Ministry at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 12

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 (IPC Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)
4:00 p.m.....Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.....Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | APRIL 15

5:30 p.m.....Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.....Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m.....Grace Groups, Small Groups, Bible Study
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

GRACE GROUPS

The last Grace Groups meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 15.

IPC BLOOD DRIVE

this Wednesday, April 15, Room 237
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

WOC SPRING LUNCHEON

Ladies, warmer weather is finally here, and it’s time for our Spring Luncheon! Join us at 11:30, on Tuesday, April 21, in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a wonderful meal, followed by speaker Susan Yates. The cost is \$7/person, and you can reserve a table, as well. Please RSVP to Barbara Collins, 901-685-8206, or email her, bcollins@indepres.org.

COVENANTERS’ CORNER

Covenanters’ Corner bookstore closed its downstairs location Monday, April 6. It will reopen upstairs in its new location on Sunday, April 26.

~Please enjoy your coffee outside of the 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.