

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God” Buxtehude
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 66:1-4

The Minister: “Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

The Congregation: Say to God, ‘How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.’

The Minister: All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name!” Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No. 53

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Hyfrydol

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Matthew Walter Phelan, 8:30 a.m.

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Daniel Wade Thornton, 11:00 a.m.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, I am so weary of the fight against my sin. This past week, I caved in repeatedly to my wayward and disordered desires. I am tired of living a life dominated by the flesh. Please have mercy upon me, and forgive all my sin and sinning. Look at Jesus and pardon me; see me as both righteous and sinner; empower me by your Spirit to say no to my sin and yes to your way; and above all, grant me soul rest through Jesus. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We come to Jesus and confess our sins because he promises to give us rest. God's Word says, “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” Thanks be to God that he gives soul rest through Jesus our Lord! — *Matthew 11:28-30*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Elaine Clowers, Soprano Lauren Griffin, Violin

Congregation please join in singing Stanzas 2 and 3.

Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Dear ref - uge of my wea - ry soul, on
2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I
3. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



thee, when sor - rows rise; on thee, when waves of
fear to call thee mine; the springs of com - fort
let my soul re - treat, with hum - ble hope at -



trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re -
seem to fail, and all my hopes de -
tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy



lies. To thee I tell each ris - ing grief,
cline. Yet gra - cious God, where shall I flee?
feet. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still,



for thou a - lone canst heal;
Thou art my on - ly trust;
here let my soul re - treat;



thy word can bring a sweet re - lief,
and still my soul would cleave to thee,
with hum - ble hope at - tend thy will,



for eve - ry pain I feel.
though pros - trate in the dust.
and wait be - neath thy feet.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A 77 and 78

Question and Answer 77

The Minister: Wherein do justification and sanctification differ?

The Congregation: Although sanctification be inseparably joined with justification, yet they differ, in that God in justification imputes the righteousness of Christ; in sanctification of his Spirit infuses grace, and enables to the exercise thereof; in the former, sin is pardoned; in the other, it is subdued: the one doth equally free all believers from the revenging wrath of God, and that perfectly in this life, that they never fall into condemnation; the other is neither equal in all, nor in this life perfect in any, but growing up to perfection.

Question and Answer 78

The Minister: Whence arises the imperfection of sanctification in believers?

The Congregation: The imperfection of sanctification in believers arises from the remnants of sin abiding in every part of them, and the perpetual lustings of the flesh against the Spirit; whereby they are often foiled with temptations, and fall into many sins, are hindered in all their spiritual services, and their best works are imperfect and defiled in the sight of God.

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

“Who at My Door Is Standing?” arr. K. Lee Scott
Nathaniel Efthimiou, Director

Who at my door is standing, There patiently drawing near,
Who entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear?
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”

Within, the rooms are darkened, All filled with dust and sin;
How shameful, how unworthy For Christ to enter in.
Yet, the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!
If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.”

Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide.
Though he rebuke and chasten, He shall with me abide.
Sweetly the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me!”
Lord God, I hear thee calling, Come now, abide with me.
Dear Lord, abide with me!

THE SERMON

Galatians 5:25-6:10 (*pew Bible page 975*)

“Keep in Step with the Spirit”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, I Live to Thee” No. 516

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God” Iverson

Choir and Congregation

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

THE POSTLUDE

“Toccatina in F Major” Pachelbel

SERMON NOTES

Galatians 5:25-6:10
“Keep in Step with the Spirit”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Others (5:25-6:6)
A. Restore

B. Restrain

2. Ourselves (6:7-10)
A. Purpose

B. Patience

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. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members*, led by Dr. Sean Lucas, on April 28-29. For more information please contact Maureen Odiam, modiam@indepres.org, or 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
by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pang in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Doler, Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hall, Jr., and Mr. Wally Pang.
Mrs. Pang is the former Miss Mary Rachel Hall.

Our sermons are now available on Sunday mornings via Live Stream. Visit 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.

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OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 23

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
4:00 p.m. Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Discipleship Groups
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Small Groups

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | APRIL 26

5:30 p.m. Dinner — Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Children's Choirs Program, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS SPRING PROGRAM

A Peek Inside IPC Children's Choirs
This Wednesday, April 26 | IPC Sanctuary ~ 6:30 p.m.

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, call 901-685-8206, or go to www.indepres.org to register online.

Sign up today 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.**

WEDNESDAY EVENING PARENTING SERIES | MAY 2017

Join us on Wednesday evenings, May 3, 10, 17 and 24, 6:30-7:30, in the Fellowship Hall, for a short series entitled, *Parenting: I Feel Like I'm Taking Crazy Pills!* We will hear from Dr. Sean Lucas and Parker Tenent about gracious parenting principles, and from a panel of parents and grandparents in our church who are on this hard, joyous, and yet fulfilling journey with their children and grandchildren.

RULING ELDER ELECTIONS | MAY 14, 2017

In accord with the PCA *Book of Church Order* 24-1, the session of Independent Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting for Sunday, May 14, 2017, following the 8:30 a.m. service for the purpose of electing ruling elders for the class of 2023. Further information on the men standing for office and the election process will be given in coming weeks.

~Please enjoy your coffee outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you.~



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is to make disciples of Jesus by *gathering* for worship,
growing in community, and *going out* in love.