

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

*Ob come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*  
— Psalm 95:6

## THE PRELUDE

“How Great Thou Art” arr. Courtney/Powell  
*Bob Conley, Lauren Conley, Sierra-Skye Olson, Jackson Post, Justin Post, McCheyne Post, Taylor Post, Mary Wright and Wes Wright, Violins*  
*Daniel Strawser, Cello*  
*Christi Fleming, Flute*  
*Virginia Folsie, Clarinet*  
*Brandon Rushing, Horn*  
*Daniel Scott, Tuba*

## THE CHORAL INTROIT (11:00 a.m.)

“Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice” Page  
*Combined Elementary Choirs*  
*Alicia Bartusch, Susan Ervin, Harrison Howle, and Beth Rushing, Directors*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

*The Minister:* “He is risen!

*The Congregation:* He is risen indeed!

*The Minister:* You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because You were slain, and with Your blood You purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

*The Congregation:* You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.

*The Minister:* Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

*The Congregation:* To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!”

*The Reverend Richie Sessions*  
*Senior Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation” No. 347  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## 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

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 ENSEMBLE

“Psalm 100” Clausen  
*The Women of the Choir*  
*Pam Brown, Piano*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, Serve the Lord with gladness,  
Come into His presence with singing. Alleluia!  
Know that the Lord is God: it is He Who made us, not we ourselves;  
We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Alleluia!  
Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise:  
Give thanks to Him, and praise His holy name. Alleluia!  
For the Lord is good; His mercy endures forever;  
And His faithfulness endures, from generation to generation, from age to age.  
Alleluia! Amen!

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, You have changed us. We are not the people we once were. In Christ and by the power of His Spirit we are being inwardly transformed. Yet the love of the self and sin is too much in us. We are persistent in being who we should not be. Who will deliver us from this body of sin? When will the transformation be complete? When will this creation be liberated from decay and death? Father, help us to be as impatient with our own sins as we are with the sins of others. Grow in us a holy intolerance with evil, sickness, and death. Hasten the Day when swords will be remade into plows, when harmony will overcome hostility, accord will conquer animosity, and compassion will crush conceit. Help us to live in the confidence that He who began this work of redemption will complete it. Be ever changing us into the image of Your Son until the day of His appearing, for His glory, *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; but the Lord has caused the iniquity of us all to fall on Him.” — *Isaiah 53:5-6*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 32

## 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

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

“I Sing the Greatness of Our God” arr. Bock  
*The Adult Choir with Members of the Senior High Choir, Junior High Choir, and Girls Choir 2*  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

I sing the greatness of our God, that made the mountains rise;  
That spread the flowing seas abroad And built the lofty skies.  
I sing of the Wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command, And all the skies obey.

I sing the greatness of our God that filled the earth with food;  
He formed all creatures with His Word, And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eye;  
If I survey the ground I walk or look up to the sky!

There is no plant or flower below, But make Thy glories known;  
The clouds arise, and tempests blow, By order from Thy throne;  
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,  
And everywhere that we can be, Lord, Thou art present there.

## THE SERMON

Romans 11:33-36 (*pen Bible page 947*)  
“The Ultimate Anniversary Celebration”  
*The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.*  
*Interim Minister at Christ Presbyterian Church, Fayette County*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“For All the Saints” No. 358

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“God Be with You till We Meet Again” Wilberg  
*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

## THE POSTLUDE

“How Great Thou Art!” Courtney



“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.  
To Him be the glory forever! Amen.” — *Romans 3:36*

## SERMON NOTES

April 26, 2015

Romans 11:33-36

“The Ultimate Anniversary Celebration”

*The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.*



### 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 celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of Independent Presbyterian Church and in honor of The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr., and his 27 years of ministry to this church.*

### INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHARTER MEMBERS

*On this special day in the life of our church,  
we would like to recognize our Charter Members:*

Frances Adams, Paul Adams, Charles Costello, Kaki and John Crews,  
Betty and Louis Dickinson, Lillian Gardner, Joyce and Ted Johnson,  
Willis Lanier, Callie and Warren Meyer, Burt Robinson, Greg Robinson,  
Nell Robinson, Kathryn Smallwood, Elizabeth Stanford, Tee Turberville,  
Margaret and Bryce Warren, JoAnn and Milton White, and  
Betty Ann and F.B. “Son” Williamson.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 26

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)  
12:30 p.m.....Congregational Picnic in the IPC Gym  
4:00 p.m.....Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m.....Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | APRIL 29

5:30 p.m. ....Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. ....Children’s Choir Spring Program: *Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice*  
6:30 p.m. ....Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. ....Adult Choir Rehearsal

### CHILDREN’S CHOIR SPRING PROGRAM

Join us in the IPC Sanctuary this Wednesday, April 29, 6:30 p.m., for the Children’s Choir Spring Program, *Body, Mind, Spirit, Voice*. Come listen and enjoy anthems that illustrate it takes the whole person to sing and rejoice!

### SENIOR HIGH RECOGNITION SUNDAY AND BANQUET | MAY 3

If you will be participating in our Senior High Recognition Sunday and Banquet, please email Justin Jones, [justinjones@indepres.org](mailto:justinjones@indepres.org), or Mary Virginia Felker, [mvfelker@indepres.org](mailto:mvfelker@indepres.org), by Thursday, April 30.

Also, if you have not been receiving emails from IPC Senior High, unfortunately we do not have your email address. Please send your name and email address to [Seniorhighipc@gmail.com](mailto:Seniorhighipc@gmail.com). We want to make sure that all IPC Senior High students are included on this special day!

### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

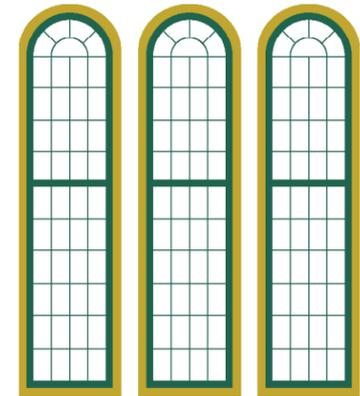
The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 10, immediately following the 8:30 worship service, for the purpose of voting on the Session’s recommendation to elect The Class of 2019 of Ruling Elders and Deacons. The election booths will open at the conclusion of the Congregational Meeting and will remain open until 12:30 p.m. They will re-open on Wednesday evening, May 13, from 5:30 to 8:00, and on Sunday morning, May 17, 8:30 to 12:30.

### HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR IPC SUMMER INTERNS

Junior and Senior High Summer Interns are in need of host families. If you have a back house or an extra room and would like to host an intern for 10 weeks this summer, please contact Brad Robson by phone, 901-833-2424 or email at [brobson@indepres.org](mailto:brobson@indepres.org).

*~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](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 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.*