

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” arr. Willan  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

*The Minister:* “Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?”

*The Congregation:* The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

*The Minister:* Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?”

*The Congregation:* The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!”

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!” No. 198  
(stanzas 1-4)

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

#### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Truro

Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

So come, my Sovereign, enter in! Let new and nobler life begin!  
Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on, until the glorious crown be won.

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

### THE RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2017 (11:00 a.m.)

#### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief. I have failed to find your mind in your Word and neglected to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I bless you that they will not stand against me for all have been laid on Christ. Go on with your patient work. Purge me from every false desire, every base aspiration, everything contrary to your rule. And grant me continued grace to take up the cross, to die daily, and to rise to follow you. In Jesus' name, *Amen.* — from *The Valley of Vision*

#### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we believe that the Lord of glory is also our chief advocate with the Father. God's Word says: “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.” Thanks be to God that Jesus Christ the righteous one pleads his blood and righteousness with the Father and secures forgiveness of sins for us! — *1 John 1:9-2:1*

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“And Can It Be”

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Scott Roley



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - terest in the Sav-  
2. He left his Fa-ther's throne a - bove so free, so in - fin - ite  
3. No con - dem-na-tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in him,



- ior's blood! Died he for me, who caused his pain! For me,  
his grace! Emp - tied him - self of all but love, and bled  
is mine; a - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed



who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can  
for A - dam's help - less race: 'tis mer - cy all, im - mense  
in right - eous-ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach the e - ter -



it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A - maz -  
and free, for O my God, it found out me!  
- nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.



- ing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die



for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be, that thou,



my God, shouldst die for me?

#### THE STATEMENT OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 35-36

Question and Answer 35

*The Minister:* What is sanctification?

*The Congregation:* Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Question and Answer 36

*The Minister:* What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?

*The Congregation:* The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification, are, assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end.

#### THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

O ur 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

“My God Is So High” arr. Hogan  
*Beth Rushing, Soprano*  
*Elena Efthimiou, Director*

My God is so high you can't get over him,  
He's so low you can't get under him,  
He's so wide you can't get 'round him,  
You must come in by and through the Lamb.

One day as I was a walkin' along the heav'nly road,  
My Savior spoke unto me and he filled my heart with his love.

I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow,  
And if my Savior helps me I'll blow wherever I'll go.

#### THE SERMON

Galatians 6:11-18 (*pew Bible page 975*)  
“What Really Matters”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor*

#### THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Lift High the Cross” No. 263

#### THE BENEDICTION

#### THE RESPONSE

“Bound by Grace” Nettleton  
*Choir and Congregation*

O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

#### THE POSTLUDE

“Lift High the Cross” arr. Burkhardt



## SERMON NOTES

Galatians 6:11-18  
“What Really Matters”  
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Cross of Jesus (14)

2. New creation (15)

3. Israel of God (16)

## 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*, August 25-26. For more information please contact Maureen Odiam, [modiam@indepres.org](mailto: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 Bob and Juanita Acree in loving memory of their parents,  
Sol and Idessie Thomas and Grover and Mildred Ailene Acree.

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

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.

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## OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 30

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)  
12:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Recognition Banquet (Fellowship Hall)

## 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 today.**

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MAY 3

5:30 p.m. .... Dinner — Fellowship Hall  
5:30 p.m. .... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal  
6:15 p.m. .... Jr. High Choir Homecoming Concert (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 p.m. .... Parenting: *I Feel Like I'm Taking Crazy Pills!* (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30 p.m. .... “That Thing” (K-5th)  
6:30 p.m. .... Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. .... Adult Choir Rehearsal

## JR. HIGH CHOIR HOMECOMING CONCERT

*Wednesday, May 3 | 6:15 p.m.*  
in the IPC Fellowship Hall

## 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.

## BALLET RECITAL AND RECEPTION

*Saturday, May 6 | 5:00 p.m.*

Join Rachel Meis Himebook and her ballet students as they present a spring recital, *The Fruit of the Spirit*, on Saturday, May 6, 5:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. After the performance, please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall for the performers and all of the attendees.

## 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 forthcoming.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 12-16

IPC Vacation Bible School is just around the corner! Join us June 12-June 16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., for *Treasure Island* — discovering the real treasure, Jesus Christ. Pick up a registration form in the lobby, fill it out, and drop it in the box at the VBS table in the lobby, or you can register online at [www.indepres.org/vbs](http://www.indepres.org/vbs). Volunteers are needed, as well, to help out during this special week. Please contact Lucy Green or Rachel Wukasch at the church to find out how you can help.



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## THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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