

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

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

“Larghetto” from *Organ Concerto in F* Handel
Lauren Griffin and Ryan Thompson, Violins
Daniel Strawser, Cello
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1, 19, 21-22

The Minister: “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!”

The Congregation: The Lord has established His throne in the heavens, and His kingdom rules over all.

The Minister: Bless the Lord, all His hosts, His ministers, who do His will!

The Congregation: Bless the Lord, all His works, in all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!”

The Reverend Justin Jones
Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord” No. 6

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

Regent Square

Glory be to God the Father, and to Christ His only Son; praise we too the Holy Spirit, binding all the church in one: as it was in the beginning, is for now and ever more. *Amen.*

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

THE RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2016 (11:00 a.m.)

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God our Heavenly Father: You are mighty and You are fearful. And yet to our amazement and delight, You keep covenant and show mercy to those who seek You. We confess that we have offended You. We have acted in wickedness and stubbornly have turned away from Your laws and precepts. Your word is life to us, yet we have rejected it in thought, word and deed. Time and time again You have delivered us from the misery of foolishness, error and blindness. And yet we persist in our unbelief. We are displeased with ourselves. Humbly we ask that You shower us in Your mercy. Forgive us all our sins and increase Your Holy Spirit in us that we may perfectly love You and more fully magnify Your name, for the sake of Jesus Christ our one Lord, Redeemer and Friend. *Amen.* — adapted from *Knox's Form of Prayers*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.” — *Psalm 103:8, 10-12*

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH The Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 1

The Minister: “What is your only comfort in life and in death?”

The Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.”

THE DOXOLOGY

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. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“The Heavens Are Telling” from *The Creation* Haydn
Beth Rushing, Soprano Randal Rushing, Tenor Tom Horner, Baritone
Harrison Howle, Director

The heavens are telling the glory of God.
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
The day that is coming speaks to the day,
The night that is gone to following night.
In all the lands resounds the word,
Never unperceived, ever understood.

THE SERMON

Acts 1:1-5 (*pew Bible page 909*)
THE PATH TO THE CROSS . . . AND BEYOND
Part 7: “What Was Jesus Doing: Teaching!”
The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me” No. 500

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

“Lead On, O King Eternal” No. 580

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Lead On, O God of Might!” Larson

THE POSTLUDE

“Allegro” from *Organ Concerto in F* Handel



SERMON NOTES

May 1, 2016

Acts 1:1-5

THE PATH TO THE CROSS . . . AND BEYOND
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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 Bible Study.

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.

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 Josephine Schaeffer in loving memory of her infant grandson,
Robert Culpepper Covington, III.
He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart.
— Isaiah 40:11

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 1

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 (Grade 1)
12:15 p.m..... Sr. High Recognition Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)
3:30 p.m..... Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 p.m..... Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MAY 4

5:30 p.m..... Dinner — Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m..... Dr. Bill Hogan, Teaching, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m..... "That Thing" — Romper Room
6:30 p.m..... Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
7:30 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNICATION SURVEY

In order to best evaluate communications at IPC, the Communications Committee is requesting that our members complete a brief survey. The survey is anonymous and will be used to derive information about best communication practices at IPC. **Your feedback is important to us.** Please visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/ipccom to take the survey. The survey will be available to complete until next Sunday, May 8.



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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.