

SERMON NOTES

May 4, 2014

Matthew 6:19-24

“The Heart of the Matter”

*The Reverend Richie Sessions*

THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*

by Leslie and Garnett Murphy in loving memory of her sister,  
Ashley Ann Hamilton.

OUR CHURCH TODAY

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  
9:45 a.m..... Pathway Class, 3rd Floor Conference Room  
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

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY

5:15 p.m.....Jr. High and Sr. High Choir Rehearsals  
5:30 p.m.....Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m.....*Through the Wardrobe*, Bookstore  
6:30 p.m.....An Evening with the Beatles: *50 Years of Beatlemania*

AN EVENING WITH THE BEATLES: 50 YEARS OF BEATLEMANIA

This Wednesday, May 7 | 6:30 p.m.

IPC Junior High and Senior High Choirs,

with special guest appearances by a tribute band and string quartet.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AND OFFICER ELECTIONS

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 18, immediately following the 8:30 worship service, for the purpose of voting on the Session’s recommendation to elect new Ruling Elders and Deacons.

The election booths will open at the conclusion of the Congregational Meeting and remain open until 1:00 p.m.

They will re-open on Wednesday evening, May 21, from 5:30 to 8:00.

If the congregation fails to elect the desired number of officers on the first ballot, the congregation will vote on a second ballot Sunday morning, June 1, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., in order to achieve the election of its desired number of officers.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY PHOTOS

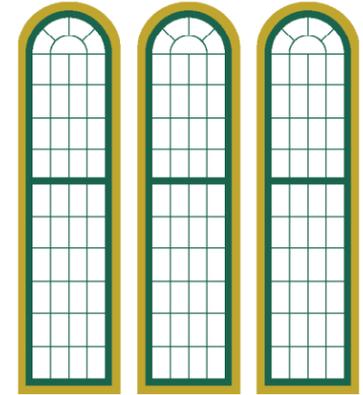
Final make-up days for directory photos are available. You may sign up online for Thursday, May 8 - Saturday, May 10. Sign up sheets are on a table in the rotunda for Thursday, May 29 - Saturday, May 31. Please visit [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org), or contact Jennifer Ellis [jellis@indepres.org](mailto:jellis@indepres.org)

WOMEN’S MINISTRY@IPC

Ladies, join us this Tuesday, May 6, at 11:30 a.m., in the IPC Fellowship Hall for our Spring Luncheon. Our guest speaker will be Ephie Johnson. Please R.S.V.P. to Barbara Collins at 901.685.8206, or email her at [bcollins@indepres.org](mailto:bcollins@indepres.org). Lunch is \$7/person.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

On Sunday, June 8, there will be a Congregational Meeting immediately following the 11:00 Worship Service for the purpose of voting on how to proceed with funding of the IPC Renovation Campaign.



INDEPENDENT  
*Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*We are happy to welcome into the membership of our church the following new members:*

Mr. and Mrs. John Alexander (Melissa)

Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Foy (Tammy)

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Grantham (Mary Grace)

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hackett (Merri)

Mr. Paul Husband

Jim Kay

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Lott (Brittany)

Madeleine Donati Ryan

*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).*

*~Please do not bring your coffee or food into the IPC Sanctuary. Thank you.~*

THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Memphis, calling them into a devoted community of worshipping and maturing believers, and sending them out to be salt of the earth and light in the world,  
*all to the glory of God.*

# THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

THE FOURTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

*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

“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Bock  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-3, 6

*The Minister:* “Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

*The Congregation:* Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*The Minister:* For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

*The Minister and*

*Congregation:* Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!”

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton  
Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

## 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. *Amen, amen.*

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

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word. You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not Your true self but who we wish You to be. We too often ask You to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what You bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want instead of shaping us into what You want. Help us to meet You here, that we might bow before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and ever, in Christ. *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

Trinity

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.  
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore. *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

“Lord, We Bow Before Your Glory” P. Jones  
*Randal Rushing, Director*

Lord, we bow before Your glory manifested in Your Son.  
Radiant with Your perfect beauty He is Heav’n’s Beloved One.  
Saving grace has giv’n us vision, opened eyes that once were blind.  
He on whom we brought derision now delights our heart and mind.

Such a Savior, now exalted, well deserves our heartfelt praise.  
Dying He has death defeated; ris’n He reigns for endless days.  
Now in heaven interceding; Jesus, Friend of sinners,  
Prays for the weakest, daily pleading; all sufficient is His grace.

O that we might know You better, Jesus Christ, our living Lord.  
Let our love grow daily greater as we hear Your Holy Word.  
There You have revealed Your glory, there we marvel at Your grace.  
Feed our souls and make us like You till we see You face to face.

## THE SERMON

Matthew 6:19-24 (*pew Bible, page 811*)  
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Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” No. 254

## 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 252

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“My Treasure Thou Art” Slane

## THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in B Major” Dupré

*If you would like to pray with someone, please come to the Chapel after the 8:30 or 11:00 service.*