

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

“Sanctus”

Prizeman

*Elaine Clowers and Elena Efthimiou, Sopranos*

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3, 8

*The Minister:* “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

*The Congregation:* My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

*The Minister:* Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

*The Minister and Congregation:* Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!” Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 94

(stanzas 1-4)

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“How Firm a Foundation”

No. 94

(stanzas 5-6)

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

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, Amen. —*The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins to God because God's unconquerable love draws us to do so. God's Word says, “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Thanks be to God that not even our sin will separate us from his love in Christ Jesus! — *Romans 8:38-39*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Henry W. Baker, 1868

St. Columba



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is, Whose  
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my  
3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
4. And so through all the length of days thy



good - ness fail - eth nev - er, I noth - ing lack if  
ran - somed soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant  
yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I



I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing brought me.  
sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 94-95

Question and Answer 94

*The Minister:* What does the Lord require in the first commandment?

*The Congregation:* That I, not wanting to endanger my very salvation, avoid and shun all idolatry, magic, superstitious rites, and prayer to saints or to other creatures. That I sincerely acknowledge the only true God, trust him alone, look to him for every good thing humbly and patiently, love him, fear him, and honor him with all my heart. In short, that I give up anything rather than go against his will in any way.

Question and Answer 95

*The Minister:* What is idolatry?

*The Congregation:* Idolatry is having or inventing something in which one trusts in place of or alongside of the only true God, who has revealed himself in his Word.

## 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

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Martin

*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all! Amen!

## THE SERMON

Proverbs 4:1-9; 20-27 (*pew Bible pages 529-530*)

“An Invitation to Life”

*The Reverend Mike Malone*

*Assistant Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

No. 457

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

*Choir and Congregation*

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

## THE POSTLUDE

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Bock



## SERMON NOTES

May 14, 2017

Proverbs 4:1-9; 20-27  
“An Invitation to Life”

*The Reverend Mike Malone*

1. An Invitation to Life

2. The Key to Life

3. The Source of Life

## 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 *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members*, August 25-26. For more information or to register, please contact Maureen Odiam, [modiam@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:modiam@ipcmemphis.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.*

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

Our sermons are now available on Sunday mornings via Live Stream. Visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.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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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams (Rosemary)

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 14

8:30 a.m. ....Worship Service  
8:30 a.m.....K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)  
9:30 a.m..... Congregational Meeting/Election Booths Open  
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  
5:00 p.m..... Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | RULING ELDER ELECTIONS

In accord with the PCA *Book of Church Order* 24-1, the Session of Independent Presbyterian Church has called a Congregational Meeting for **today** following the 8:30 a.m. service for the purpose of electing Ruling Elders for the class of 2023. The election booths, located in the Fellowship Hall, will open at the conclusion of the Congregational Meeting and will remain open until 1:00 p.m. Communing members may vote for as few or as many of these men as they wish; in order to be elected, a candidate must receive more than fifty percent of the total eligible ballots cast.

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MAY 17

5:30 p.m.....Dinner — 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

## WEDNESDAY EVENING PARENTING SERIES

Join us this Wednesday evening, May 17, 6:30-7:30, in the Fellowship Hall, as we continue our parenting series entitled *Parenting: I Feel Like I'm Taking Crazy Pills!* This week, we will hear from Dr. Sean Lucas about gracious parenting principles, and next Wednesday, May 24, 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.

## IPC PALMER HOME WORK AND PLAY DAY | MAY 20

Palmer Home needs your help! Join us for a day of service and fellowship at the Hernando campus on Saturday, May 20, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. There are jobs available for all skill levels and physical abilities. We also need help preparing lunch and playing with the younger children who are not able to work. Do you have questions? Would you like to sign up? Contact Matt Olson, (901) 335-7024, or email him, [matt@noblesolson.com](mailto:matt@noblesolson.com).

## 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.ipcmemphis.org/vbs](http://www.ipcmemphis.org/vbs). We are also in need of volunteers! You may sign up online, or contact the Church Office.



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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.