

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” arr. Burkhardt
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP — based on Revelation 5:11-14

The Minister: “Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

The Congregation: ‘Worthy is the lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessings!’

The Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

The Congregation: ‘To him who sits on the throne and to the lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!’

The Minister and Congregation: And the four living creatures said, ‘Amen!’ and the elders fell down and worshiped.”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy!” No. 100

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Ein’ Feste Burg

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he, Lord Sabaoth his name,
From age to age the same, and he must win the battle.
☩ *Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.* ☩

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

James Houston Barnes, 11:00 a.m.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, help me. I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb; I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights; I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my laziness in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. I am blind

to the light of truth and wisdom which shines around me; take the scales from my eyes, grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you, sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast, appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. I believe, help my unbelief. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.” —*Romans 8:1-2*

THE HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

Elena Efthimiou, Violin

Getty and Townend

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing breath of God, breathe new
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in, may your
3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing
life in - to my will - ing soul.
joy be seen in all I do.
life to all that God has made,
Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord, come re -
Love e - nough to cov - er ev - 'ry sin, in each
show your pow - er once a - gain on earth, cause your
new my heart and make me whole.
thought and deed and at - ti - tude.
church to hun - ger for your ways.
Cause Your Word to come a - live in me;
Kind - ness to the great - est and the least,
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise;
give me faith for what I can - not see,
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,
give me pas - sion for your pu - ri - ty; Ho - ly
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace; Breath of
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ may be
Spir - it, breathe new life in me.
God show Christ in all I do.
clear for all the world to see.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

2 Peter 1

The Minister: How is it that we are to live for Jesus and before a watching world?

The Congregation: “His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

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

“Spirit, Now Live In Me” Leech/arr. Bock
Elena Efthimiou, Director

O holy Dove of God descending, you are the love that knows no ending,
All of our shattered dreams you're mending, Spirit, now live in me.
O holy Wind of God now blowing, you are the seed that God is sowing,
You are the life that starts us growing, Spirit, now live in me.
O holy Rain of God now falling, you make the Word of God enthralling,
You are that inner voice now calling, Spirit, now live in me.
O holy Flame of God now burning, you are the pow'r of Christ returning,
You are the answer to our yearning, Spirit, now live in me.

THE SERMON

Proverbs 9 (*pew Bible page 533*), Matthew 11:28-29
“Dying for Wisdom”

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“In Christ Alone” Getty and Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

(continued on the back)

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Ein' Feste Burg

Choir and Congregation

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

THE POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress” arr. Young

SERMON NOTES

May 28, 2017

Proverbs 9

“Dying for Wisdom”

The Reverend J. Edward Norton

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 or to register, please contact Maureen Odiam, 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.

Our sermons are now available on Sunday mornings via Live Stream. Visit 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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THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Billie Jean Graham and Margaret and Sam Graham in memory of
Dr. Joseph William Graham, Sr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 28

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)
4:00 p.m. Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal

CHURCH OFFICES AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED TOMORROW

The Church Offices and Bookstore will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 29, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. **Please note: The Bookstore will be closed on Fridays through September 1.**

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MAY 31

There will be no Wednesday Evening dinner or activities this Wednesday, May 31. **However, the Sr. High Ensemble will rehearse at 4:00 p.m., the Sr. High Choir will rehearse at 5:00 p.m., and the Adult Choir will rehearse at 7:00 p.m.**

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 ipcmemphis.org. We are also in need of volunteers! You may sign up online, or contact the Church Office.

IPC SUMMER COLLEGE SERIES

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we study

Jesus' Playlist: The Psalms of Ascent

June 7, 14, 21, 28 and July 12, 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship • Music • Teaching • Desserts

Home of Whitney and James McDonald | 5401 Collingwood Cove

For more information visit ipcmemphis.org.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY | SUMMER 2017

Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow

June 20-August 1, 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 6:00-7:30 p.m.

To register, please contact Sandy Martin, smartin@ipcmemphis.org.

Purchase your copy of *Calm My Anxious Heart* at Covenanters' Corner.

Note: The morning Bible Study has nursery available and activities for children K-5th grade. For nursery reservations, contact cwright@ipcmemphis.org.

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



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growing in community, and *going out* in love.