

THE LORD’S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O’clock

THE PRELUDE

“Overture” from *Fireworks Music* Handel
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1, 19-22

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, O you His angels, you mighty ones who do His word, obeying the voice of His word!

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

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

*Dr. Murray Garrott
Executive Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy God, We Praise Your Name” No. 103

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

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 CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, I am blind, but You be my light. I am ignorant, but You be my wisdom. I am self-willed, but You be my mind. Holy Spirit, melt my conscience that no hardness remains and make it alive to evil’s slightest touch. I was a stranger, an outcast, a slave, a rebel, but Jesus Your Cross has brought me near; Your Cross has softened my heart; Your Cross has made me Your Father’s child. May I always see Your beauty with the clear eye of faith and feel the power of the Holy Spirit in my heart, for we pray this in the name of Jesus, Amen!

— adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“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. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust.” — *Psalm 103:10-14*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 32

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

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

The Congregation: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also 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

“A Psalm Folksong” arr. Penhorwood

The Lord’s my shepherd, I’ll not want:
He makes me down to lie in pastures green;
He leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again; And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for His own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life Shall surely follow me:
And in God’s house for evermore My dwelling place shall be.

THE SERMON

Revelation 4:1-11 (*pen Bible page 1030*)
“The Unveiled Throne”
*The Reverend Johnathan Keenan
RUF Campus Minister, The University of Memphis*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Before the Throne”

Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the Throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ri - sen Lamb! My per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest Whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there, Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
Am, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace. One with Him -



grav - en on His hands. My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by His



heart. I know that while in heav - n He stands, no tongue can
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Thy Matchless King”

Diademata

THE POSTLUDE

“Minuet Finale” from *Fireworks Music* Handel

SERMON NOTES

May 31, 2015
Revelation 4:1-11
“The Unveiled Throne”
The Reverend Jobnathan Keenan

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 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* to begin, Sunday, June 7, 9:45 a.m. This class will run for 6 consecutive Sundays. To register or for more information, please contact Gayle Hardee in the Church Office, 901.685.8206, email her at ghardee@indepres.org, or you may sign up in the Rotunda.

A fully staffed nursery is available during all services.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in honor of Tina Edge and Laura Martin
for their tireless efforts on behalf of Streets Ministries.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 31

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 (Grades 1 & 2)

VOTING ON SECOND BALLOT IS TODAY

The congregation will vote on a second ballot today, May 31, from 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., in order to achieve the election of its desired number of eight deacons. Members can vote yes or no to approve Alex Ransone for the office of Deacon.

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | JUNE 3

5:30 p.m.Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.“Ministry Partners: Loving Memphis — *God’s Love for Justice*”
6:30 p.m.“That Thing” — Romper Room
6:30 p.m.Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups

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.

PRAYER FOR MISSION TRIPS

Please pray for the safety and health of the members of the Uganda Mission Team and the Rwanda Mission Team. You may get updates and photos at www.rwandaipc.blogspot.com.

MINISTRY PARTNERS: LOVING MEMPHIS

GOD’S LOVE FOR JUSTICE | JUNE 3

Join us in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday, June 3, for dinner at 5:30, followed by teaching, a presentation and panel Q &A, with David Montague of Memphis Teacher Residency, and Sarah Hamer and Tracie Thomas of White Station Elementary.

SENIOR HIGH CHOIR

NORTHEASTERN TOUR AND HOMECOMING CONCERT

Our Senior High Choir is on tour, travelling and performing in the states of KY, PA, NY, MD, VA, and TN. Please join us for their Homecoming Concert this Friday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary, followed by a short fellowship program.

SUNDAY SCHOOL JUNE 2015

June 7, 14, 21 and 28 Sunday School Electives

The Final Apologetic | Parker Tenent | Chapel
The Big Story of the Bible | Mike Malone | Room 237
Addiction, Estrangement, Terminal Illness: Ministering To Others in Difficult Places | Steven Guenther and Ed Norton | Room 132
Pathway Class | Murray Garrott | Third Floor Conference Room | 6 Sessions
The Book of Job | Rankin Fowlkes | Fellowship Hall North
Lost and Found, Luke 15 | Jeremy Jones and Nate Kellum | Fellowship Hall South
Loving Jesus and the Sanctifying Grace of Keeping His Commandments, John 14 and 15
Jurey Howard | Room 130
Christianity Explored | Feb Boswell | Brides Room
The History of Southern Presbyterianism | David Dunlap | Groom’s Room
For The Life of The World, Part One | Samuel Husband | Room 131

Sign up sheets are available in the Rotunda.

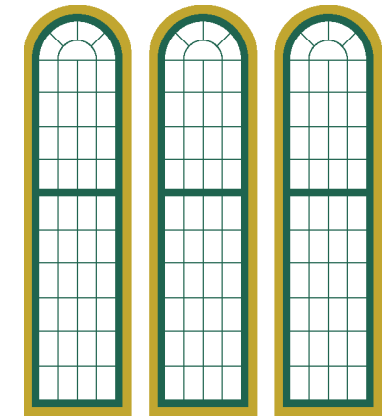
VBS 2015

Space Trek is going to be a blast!
The VBS Outreach Picnic is Wednesday, June 10.
Register to be a VBS Leader. **Scan the code below to register.**
Download the QR Code Scanner App.



Come help decorate the church for VBS this Monday - Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m. For more information contact Elizabeth Fowlkes, efowlkes@indepres.org.

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



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