

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" arr. Colvin
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

The Minister: "May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

The Congregation: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

The Congregation: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The Minister: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

The Minister and Congregation: God shall bless us; let the ends of the earth fear him!" Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O God, Give Us Your Blessing" Psalm 67
(Tune: Aurelia)

O God, give us your blessing, Extend to us your grace,
And cause to shine upon us The radiance of your face;
In order that your pathways Would through the earth be known,
That you to ev'ry nation Would your salvation show.

O God, let peoples praise you; Let all the peoples praise.
Let nations come rejoicing, And songs of gladness raise;
For you will judge the peoples With perfect equity;
You will for all earth's nations Their guide and leader be.

O God, let peoples praise you; Let all the peoples praise.
The earth has brought its bounty Throughout its harvest days;
Since God, our God, will bless us; Yes, God will blessing send,
That all the earth may fear him To its remotest end.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

"O God beyond All Praising" No. 660

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

THE TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GRACE

Mr. Russ White

Executive Director, Citizens for Community Values of Memphis

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father and Creator, may your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you. I am undeserving, but I look to your tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sins; you are full of grace. I confess my sin, my frequent sin, my willful sin; all my powers of body and soul are defiled: a fountain of pollution is deep within my nature. Help me in all my doings to put down sin and to humble pride. Save me from the love of the world and the pride of life, from everything that is natural to fallen man. Enable me to never lose sight of the glory of Christ. In his name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our sins would have overwhelmed us if God had not acted for us in and through Jesus. But God's Word says, "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved!" Thanks be to God for his grace that saved us and made us alive in Jesus Christ!

THE HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

"The Perfect Wisdom of Our God" Getty and Townend

Elaine Clowers, Lindsey Hughes, and Beth Rushing, Sopranos

Congregation please join in singing Stanza 3

The perfect wisdom of our God revealed in all the universe.
All things created by his hand and held together at his command.
He knows the myst'ries of the seas; the secrets of the stars are his.
He guides the planets on their way and turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of his ways, that mark the path of righteousness.
His Word a lamp unto my feet; his Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And O the myst'ry of the cross, that God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise, and all the glory might go to Christ!

3. O grant me wis-dom from a - bove to pray for
peace and cling to love and teach me hum-bly to re -
ceive the sun and rain of your sove-reign - ty. Each
strand of sor-row has a place with - in this tap-est-ry of
grace. So through the trials I choose to say: "Your per-fect
will in your per - fect way."

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

The Minister: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through him and for him.

The Congregation: And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

The Minister: And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent."

The Congregation: For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of the cross."

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord!

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

"Lauda Anima" (Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven) Andrews
Randal Rushing, Director

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like he tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet his mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore him! Ye behold him face to face;
Saints triumphant bow before him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. *Amen*.

THE SERMON

Proverbs 31:10-31 (*pew Bible page 552*)

"A Final Picture of True Wisdom"

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

No. 679

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“Jesus, Jesus, Precious Jesus!” Kirkpatrick
Choir and Congregation

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

THE POSTLUDE

“Foundation” arr. Sanders

SERMON NOTES

July 16, 2017

Proverbs 31:10-31
“A Final Picture of True Wisdom”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Worth (10-12)
2. Work (13-27)
 - Diligent (13-15)
 - Discerning (16-18)
 - Generous (19-20)
 - Gracious (25-27)
3. Words (28-31)

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 for Prospective Members*. For more information please contact the church, (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.

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

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.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JULY 16

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. Hymn Seminar
 6:00 p.m. Matthew Smith Concert

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY

There will be no Wednesday evening dinner or activities during the month of July.

IPC SUMMER COLLEGE SERIES

Join us this Wednesday evening as we complete our study of
Jesus’ Playlist: The Psalms of Ascent

July 19 | 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship • Music • Teaching • Desserts

Home of Whitney and James McDonald | 5401 Collingwood Cove

For more information visit ipcmemphis.org.

MATTHEW SMITH CONCERT AND HYMN SEMINAR | TONIGHT

IPC is bringing Matthew Smith of Indelible Grace to Memphis for a concert in the Fellowship Hall **tonight** at 6:00 p.m. The Nashville-based singer-songwriter is best known for writing new folk melodies to centuries-old hymn texts. *Admission is free.* Join us for this special evening, and be sure to bring your friends! *The nursery will be available during the concert for children ages 3 and under.*

Matthew is also leading a seminar at 4:00 p.m., on the enduring relevance of hymns and how he discovered the way hymnody engages our imagination, intellect, will, and emotions during worship. The second half of the hour-long seminar will be a Q & A session.

A LOOK AHEAD | WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST

Come Celebrate the Legacy of the Reformation — 500 Years and Beyond!

Join us on Wednesday evenings in August at 6:30, following dinner, as we begin our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Come hear Ligon Duncan, Jemar Tisby, John Sartelle, Scotty Smith, and Sean Lucas, as they teach on the Five Solas: *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone); *Sola Fide* (Faith Alone); *Solus Christus* (Christ Alone); *Sola Gratia* (Grace Alone); and *Soli Deo Gloria* (To God’s Glory Alone).

PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining IPC? Would you like to know more about what we believe? Our next *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members* is Friday evening, August 25, and Saturday morning, August 26. To register, or for more information, contact Maureen Odiam, modiam@ipcmemphis.org, or (901) 685-8206.

LET’S STAY IN TOUCH!

If you would like to receive our weekly *E-News*, or Sean Lucas’ weekly letter, or if you just need to update your contact information, please email Cindy Howell, chowell@ipcmemphis.org.



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