



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

This morning, we return to Mark's Gospel, and we have come to the zenith of the book. From Mark 8, the story will rush toward Jerusalem. By Mark 11, we come to Palm Sunday; by Mark 13, we come to the final hours of Jesus's life. And so, in many ways, all that we have studied thus far has been leading us to this chapter.

But before we can entertain Jesus' question to his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" we have this text, Mark 8:1-21. Another feeding, another negative interaction with the Pharisees, another example of the cluelessness of the disciples. What is this scene doing, especially in the light of what we will consider next time? I think that Mark is showing us this: it wasn't obvious that anyone saw, really saw and understood, that Jesus was the Messiah. And so, Jesus' questions to his disciples are also directed to us: "Do you not yet perceive or understand? Are your hearts hardened?"

In order for our hearts to receive the Gospel, God meets us in corporate worship. His Spirit uses these ordinary means of grace to make us new men and women in Christ. God calls us to worship with Psalm 121, words that remind us that our help comes from the Lord — seeing and understanding comes from God alone! And yet, we see our sin and sinning; we use powerful words from the collection of Puritan prayers, *The Valley of Vision*, and make them our own as we confess our sins to God. In response, God's Gospel comes to us from Micah 7 — he has cast our sins into the depths of the sea! Thanks be to God for his Gospel, which is good news for sinners like us!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

As a fellowship of believers, we like to know all who are worshipping with us today, so please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it down the aisle. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask a member on your aisle, an usher, or a minister for help. They can answer your questions or assist you in finding someone who can.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members*, Friday, August 17, and Saturday, August 18. For more information or to register, please contact Tamera Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or (901) 685-8206.

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

We also live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 services at ipcmemphis.org. 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.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Speak, O Lord”

arr. McDonald

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 121

The Minister: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

The Congregation: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

The Minister: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Congregation: The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The Minister: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

All: The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in, from this time forth and forevermore. Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

No. 53
(stanzas 1-4)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lobe den Herren (stanza 5)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, may your Spirit speak in me that I may speak to you. I have no merit; let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to your tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; 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. I have gone from one odious room to another, walked in a no-man's land of dangerous imaginations, pried into the secrets of my fallen nature. O my God, have mercy on me. Rescue me from my love of sinning and grant me grace to follow after my Master and Lord, your Son, Jesus Christ. In his name I pray, *Amen*.

— adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God forgives our sins not because he is obligated to do so, but because he loved us and sent his Son to take our sins away. God's Word says, "Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea." The good news is that our sins have been buried in the sea of God's grace! Thanks be to God! — *Micah 7:18-19*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"O Great God"

John Chase, Clint Early, and Blake Glass, Tenors
James Brown, Tom Horner, and Harrison Howle, Baritones
Emily Edwards, Flute Drew Lucas, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer,

Music and Words by Bob Kauflin

"Regeneration"



1. O great God of high - est heav'n oc - cu - py my low - ly
2. I was blind - ed by my sin, had no ears to hear your
3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pend - ent on your



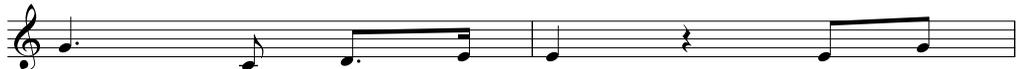
heart. Own it all and reign su - preme, con - quer
voice, did not know your love with - in, had no
grace. Keep my heart and guard my soul from the



ev - ery reb - el pow'r. Let no vice or sin re -
taste for heav - en's joys. Then your Spir - it gave me
e - vils that I face. You are wor - thy to be



main that re - sists your ho - ly war. You have
life, o - pened up your Word to me through the
praised with my ev - ery thought and deed. O great



loved and pur - chased me, make me
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yours for - ev - er - more.
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fy your Name through me.

Children (kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader on the last verse.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE COMMISSIONING OF 2018 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

Glasgow, Scotland (Holiday Club and Youth Outreach)

Tanzania (Pastors' Conference)

New York, New York (Summer Camp)

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

“Immortal, Invisible”

Thiman

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee. Amen.

THE SERMON

Mark 8:1-21 (*pew Bible pages 843-844*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Do You Not See? Do You Not Understand?”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Seconds

A. Compassion

B. Action

2. Sign

3. Seeing

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

No. 80

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Nettleton

Choir and Congregation

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

THE POSTLUDE

“Rigaudon”

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

Campra



THE FLOWERS

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

by Dr. and Mrs. Randal Rushing in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Brandon James Rushing.

Mrs. Rushing is the former Miss Scovia Wilson.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | AUGUST 19

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, August 19, 10:00 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, for the purpose of electing the following men to the office of Deacon, class of 2024: Dan Butler, Colton Cockrum, John Edwards, Kevin Garrett, Jay Jacks, James McDonald, Bill Mueller, Chris Rogers, Fred Stukenborg, and Jay Vaughn. Each man has been nominated by the congregation, completed rigorous officer training, and been interviewed by the Session. ***You must be present at the meeting to vote.*** 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 fifty percent of the total eligible ballots cast.

JOINT SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE WITH ESPERANZA

July 29 | 6:00 p.m. | IPC Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday evening at 6:00 we will gather in the IPC Fellowship Hall and worship together with our brothers and sisters in Christ from Esperanza Presbyterian Church. Esperanza, closely aligned with Su Casa Family Ministries, is a local church plant that is supported by IPC. Nursery provided (no Four Corners or childcare K-5th)

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JULY 22

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m.Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m.Children’s Church (Kindergarten)



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –
First floor, rooms divided by age
Kindergarten — Room 220-222

1st grade — Room 216
2nd grade — Room 215
3rd grade — Room 217

4th grade — Room 204
Junior High — Room 155
Senior High — Room 254

College | Teaching Team | Room 125
50s Community | Ed Norton and Rankin Fowlkes | Chapel
The Westminster Class | Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson | Room 233

COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES FOR JULY

Did Jesus Really Mean That? Difficult Passages in Luke

Fellowship Hall | 9:45 a.m.

20s (career), 30s, 40s, and 60s+ Communities



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

COMMISSIONING SERVICE

*The following are participants in the 2018 short-term mission trips,
which are being commissioned this morning:*

Glasgow, Scotland (July 27-August 4):

Emily Dafferner, Brantley Davidson, Katie Davidson, Jacob Davis, Lauren Griffin,
James McDonald, Whitney McDonald, Clara McDonald, Thompson McDonald,
Cole McDonald, Alex Ransone, Catherine Wilfong, Rachel Wukasch, Abby Zumbach

Tanzania (July 25-August 7):

Matt Buyer, Mike Malone

New York, New York (July 28-August 4):

Gene Brent, Shelli Brent, Caroline Brent, Christina Brent, Preston Brent,
Isabella Bridges, Paul Gerhardt, Jeremy Jones, Lucy Jones, Tim Keith,
Jack Keith, Lori Kellum, Abbay Kellum, Sarah Frances Kellum, Don Kilgore,
Sandy Kilgore, Sam Kilgore, Sam Olson, Taylor Olson

A CALL FOR TEACHERS

We have a ***GREAT NEED*** for classroom leaders to teach our Covenant Children in the 2018-2019 church year that starts August 12. There are several openings we need to fill in our Toddler through 5th Grade Sunday Schools and Children's Church Hours! Reservations about doing it alone? No worries! You can team teach with someone you know or someone we will find to partner with you, and the teaching materials are provided.

Please contact Lucy Green, lgreen@ipcmemphis.org, for details.

PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS | AUGUST 17-18

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 17, and Saturday morning, August 18.

To register, or for more information,
contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.

EVANGELISM CONFERENCE | AUGUST 2018

Engaging Contemporary Culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

is the theme of our August Evangelism Conference.

Plan to join us on Wednesday nights, August 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 for dinner and speakers Rev. Leon Brown, Rev. Richie Sessions, Rev. Randy Pope, Dr. David Robertson, and Dr. Sean Lucas.

Dr. Robertson will also speak at a congregational lunch on Thursday, August 23, and preach on Sunday, August 26.

IN THE WORD: BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

Have you wished there was a venue where you could gather with other men to get in the Word together? Starting Thursday, August 30, at 6:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, join Dr. Sean Lucas as we get in the Word by studying the book of Exodus.

Over 13 weeks, we will not only engage in the Word as part of a large group, but we will study God's Word for ourselves during the week, using the Bible study guide *Exodus* by Matthew Newkirk from Crossway's *Knowing the Bible* series (available for purchase in the IPC Bookstore).

If you have never studied the Bible in-depth with a master teacher, make your plans to be In the Word with Dr. Lucas this fall!

rECESS | IPC'S NEW MINISTRY

*A parents-night-out for families with children
ages 12 and under who have special needs*

— Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7, Feb. 1, Mar. 1, Apr. 5, and May 3 —

Founded by 99 Balloons, this ministry is now offered at 42 churches across the country. rEcess gives parents a monthly respite, while specially-trained volunteers treat their children to a fun night of activities. A medical professional is present, siblings are welcome, and the evening is free of charge. For information about registration or volunteer training, please contact Carol Stokes, carolstokes61@gmail.com, or Janet Leavell, jan.leavell@gmail.com.

*Learn more about the story of Eliot
and 99 Balloons rEcess at 99balloons.org.*

PRAYER MINISTRY

The IPC Men's Prayer Breakfast will not meet during the month of July.
They will resume on Tuesday, August 7, 6:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Prayer Time | Bride's Room | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Too Fun Tuesdays (K-4th Grade) | July 24

Joint Sunday Evening Praise with Esperanza | Sunday, July 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Jr. High Fellowship Bible Studies | July 31 | 10:00 a.m.-noon | IPC

Sr. High Fellowship Bible Studies | July 31 | 10:00 a.m.-noon | IPC

Women's Summer Bible Study | July 24 | 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.

Jr. High and Sr. High Service Over Self (SOS) | July 22-28 | Memphis

Regular Wednesday Evenings Resume | August 1 | 5:30 p.m.

Evangelism Conference 2018 | August 1, 8, 15, 22, 23, 26, 29

Jr. High and Sr. High Guys | August 2 | Gus's, Gibson's, Gym | 6:00-9:00 p.m. | IPC Gym | Free

Jr. High and Sr. High Girls | August 2 | Brinner & Movie | 6:30-9:30 p.m. | Sr. High Room | Free

Sr. High Choir Ski Day | August 11 | Pickwick

Promotion Sunday for K-4th | August 12

Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | August 17-18

Sunday Evening Praise Resumes: *Jesus Teaches Us to Pray* | August 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Four Corners Resumes (K-5th grade) | August 19

In the Word: Bible Study for Men | August 30 | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Vocation Mini-Conference with Dr. Donald Guthrie | September 7-8



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