

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"The Heavens Declare the Glory of God" Marcello
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

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.

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

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King" No. 310

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claude Bankston Russ, 8:30 a.m.

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Olivia Marie Bailey, 11:00 a.m.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Sovereign God, we acknowledge and confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, and neglect to seek you in our daily lives. We have been timid disciples, afraid of putting our lives on the line for the good of your reign on the earth. Forgive our prayerless days, our poverty of love, our sloth in the heavenly race, our wasted hours, and our unspent opportunities. We

have sought comfort in possessions, prestige and power. We have tried to save our lives by building our own little kingdoms; yet you call us to find life in laying down our lives for your eternal kingdom. We ask your forgiveness and seek the renewal of our covenant with you. Conform us to the image of our Savior, Jesus, that we may bring you glory. Through Christ we pray, *Amen*.

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!

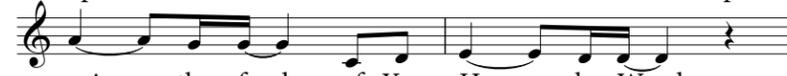
THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Speak, O Lord"

Getty and Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To re -
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us



ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time That will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, That the
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



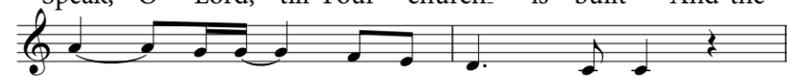
light of Christ might be seen to - day In our
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your ma -
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, And by



acts of love and our deeds of faith.
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us All Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail — Let their
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built And the



pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH from Belgic Confession, Article 29

We believe that we ought to discern diligently and very carefully, by the Word of God, what is the true church. The true church can be recognized if it has the following marks: the church engages in the pure preaching of the gospel; it makes use of the pure administration of the sacraments as Christ instituted them; it practices church discipline for correcting faults.

In short, it governs itself according to the pure Word of God, rejecting all things contrary to it and holding Jesus Christ as the only Head. By these marks one can be assured of recognizing the true church—and no one ought to be separated from it.

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

"Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing" Young
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Now let us all praise God and sing Our great Redeemer's praise;
That we may all with one accord Our joyful voices raise.
Sing Alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, Praise him forever,
Sing Jehovah's mighty pow'r, Praise him forever.
Sing of his righteousness, Praise him forever.

THE SERMON

John 3:22-30 (*pew Bible page 888*)
"Knowing Complete Joy"
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

"Leap, Ye Lame, for Joy!" Azmon
Choir and Congregation

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

THE POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Gladness" arr. Dupré



SERMON NOTES

July 23, 2017

John 3:22-30

“Knowing Complete Joy”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Problem (22-26)
2. Place (27-29)
 - A. Heaven’s gift (27-28)
 - B. Friend’s joy (29)
 - C. Bride’s place

3. Perspective (30)

Our services 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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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.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Elizabeth H. “Tootsie” Stone by her husband, John Stone, and her daughters, Margaret Graham and Suzanne Hinson.

The flowers in the Narthex are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Bailey in honor of the baptism of their granddaughter, Olivia Marie Bailey.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JULY 23

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)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN JULY

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

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST | STARTING AUGUST 2

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

Join us each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m., during the month of August, 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.

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



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is to make disciples of Jesus by *gathering* for worship,
growing in community, and *going out* in love.