



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

This morning, we finally arrive to the mountaintop, the place where Mark's Gospel has been driving us — the question above all others, "Who do you say that I am?" And yet, this climactic scene is not as clarifying as one might think. In fact, Jesus' key question is the third that we will hear; and the healing of the blind man in Bethsaida is far more significant than we realize. What we will realize, I trust, is that all too often we see Jesus, but only partially. We confess him, but then want to confine him. We trust him, only to try him. How we are like Peter and the rest of the disciples!

But God in his steadfast love and mercy continues to form and reform us. That's why corporate worship is so important: Word, sacrament, and prayer are the means by which God reshapes us into the image of Christ, renews our faith and restores our hope and reinvigorates our love for God and each other. And so, as we hear God call us to worship with the words of Psalm 45, let us ask him to give us such a sight of Jesus the King that we will fall in love with him all over again. As we confess our sins, let us ask God to help us believe that he loves us as "Married" and "My Delight is in Her." And as we affirm our faith in this Redeemer of God's elect, let us ask God for clear eyes and to see him so much more clearly than we did yesterday. May God make it so!

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Andante” from *Sonata VI*  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

Mendelssohn

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 45

*The Minister:* My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to the king. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever.

*The Congregation:* Gird your sword on your thigh, O Mighty One, in your splendor and majesty!

*The Minister:* Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness.

*The Congregation:* Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

*The Minister:* Hear, O daughter and consider, and incline your ear: forget your people and your father's house, and the king will desire your beauty. Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hail to the Lord's Anointed”

No. 311

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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.

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.

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

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. *Amen.*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Gospel tells us that God pursues us as his bride, even when we are wayward, even when we sin. God's Word says, "You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is In Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you." Thanks be to God that God our bridegroom delights in us through Jesus Christ! — *Isaiah 62:4-5*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

*Kelly Turner, Mandolin   Drew Lucas, Guitar   James Brown, Percussion*

Words: William Kirkpatrick

Music: Darwin Jordan



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -  
2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to  
3. Food he dail - y gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing  
4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,  
be his aid; he is blest whose hope of bless - ing  
pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,  
ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,



of my God thru all my days. Put no con - fi -  
on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the  
makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah  
of my God thru all my days. O - ver all God



dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;  
loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,  
reigns for - ev - er, through all ag - es he is King;



he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,  
he de - liv - ers from op - press - ion,  
helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,  
un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
right - eous - ness he will main - tain.  
judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Catechism Q and A 20-21

### Question and Answer 20

*The Minister:* Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

*The Congregation:* God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

### Question and Answer 21

*The Minister:* Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

*The Congregation:* The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

## 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

"I Believe This Is Jesus"

arr. McGlohon

*Beth Rushing, Soprano*

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

I believe this is Jesus. Come and see.  
The light of God shines in his face,  
He offers all his pard'ning grace.  
The love of God shines in his eyes.  
He tells of mansions in the skies.

# THE SERMON

Mark 8:22-30 (*pew Bible page 844*)

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Three Questions”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Do you see anything? (22-26)

A. Sign

B. Seeing

2. Who do people say that I am? (27-28)

3. Who do you say that I am? (29-30)

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 642

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

*Choir and Congregation*

Amazing grace! — how sweet the sound — that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

## THE POSTLUDE

“Fuga” from *Sonata VI*

Mendelssohn



## THE FLOWERS

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

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*

Abby and Stephen Ellis on the birth  
of their daughter, Magnolia Mattox Ellis,  
on July 23, 2018.

### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*

Rev. John Sartelle and his family  
on the death of his wife, Janet,  
on July 25, 2018.

TONIGHT: SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE WITH ESPERANZA

*6:00 p.m. | IPC Fellowship Hall*

This 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-5<sup>th</sup>)*

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | JULY 29

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)
4:00 p.m.....	Sunday Evening Praise Music Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. ....	Sunday Evening Praise with Esperanza   Fellowship Hall

## 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.



## 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 | Mr. Zach Hood | *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

*Please note: Adult Sunday School classes will return to their respective rooms next Sunday, August 5.*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 1

5:30 p.m.	.....	Dinner   Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	.....	<i>Evangelism Conference: Rev. Leon Brown</i>   Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	.....	“That Thing”   Romper Room   (K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
6:30 p.m.	.....	Jr. High Youth Group
7:15 p.m.	.....	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

### ENGAGING CONTEMPORARY CULTURE WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

Join us after dinner on Wednesday, August 1, in the Fellowship Hall, for the kick-off of our month-long Evangelism Conference. Our guest speaker for the evening will be The Reverend Leon Brown, pastor of Crown and Joy Presbyterian Church, a multi-ethnic, cross-cultural church he planted in Richmond, Virginia.

Rev. Brown's topic for the evening: *Becoming All Things: Sharing the Gospel Across Cultures*.

*Menu:* late summer vegetable plate — field peas, greens with ham, Lisa's corn casserole, fried okra, fresh homegrown tomatoes, Mexican cornbread, homemade lemon icebox pie

*Kid's menu:* sliders and chips, carrot sticks, watermelon



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### 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 Nursery 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](mailto: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](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org), or 901-685-8206.

## 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](mailto:carolstokes61@gmail.com), or Janet Leavell, [jan.leavell@gmail.com](mailto:jan.leavell@gmail.com).

*Learn more about the story of Eliot  
and 99 Balloons rEcess at [99balloons.org](http://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.

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

**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

**Women of the Church Fall Luncheon** | August 28 | 11:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

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

**Divorce Care Begins** | September 5 | 6:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 233

**Grace Groups Begin** | September 5

**Faith and Work Mini-Conference with Dr. Donald Guthrie** | September 7-8

**Women of the Church Fall Bible Study Begins** | September 11



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