

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTIETH DAY OF JULY, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“My Lord, What a Mourning” Spiritual
Randal Rushing, Tenor

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 108:1-6

The Minister: “My heart is steadfast, O God! I will sing and make melody with all my being! Awake, O harp and lyre! I will awake the dawn!

The Congregation: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples; I will sing praises to you among the nations.

The Minister: For your steadfast love is great above the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

The Congregation: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens! Let your glory be over all the earth!

The Minister: That your beloved ones may be delivered, give salvation by your right hand and answer me!” 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

“Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending” No. 318
(Tune: Regent Square)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“God, My Heart Is Steadfast (Psalm 108)” Nicaea
God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing praises.
And with all my being to you my song I'll sing.
Waken harp and psalt'ry; dawn I will awaken,
With many peoples, Lord, I thanks will bring.

Lord, among the peoples I'll sing your praises,
From among the nations my praise to you will rise.
For your lovingkindness is above the heavens,
Your faithfulness extends into the skies.

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Hall Morrow Carlisle, 8:30 a.m.

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Walter Cross Gordon, 11:00 a.m.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O Lord! Good and upright is the Lord; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins. In Christ's name, *Amen.* — based on *Psalm 25*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we have already experienced the reality of the Gospel in our lives. God's Word tells us: “For whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved.” In calling upon him with sincerity of heart, we trust his promise to save us. Thanks be to God! — *Romans 10:13*

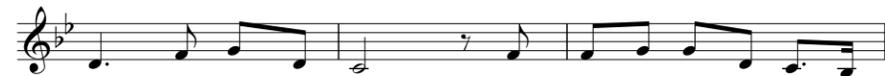
THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Perfect Wisdom of Our God”

Getty and Townend



1. The per - fect wis - dom of our God, re - vealed in
2. The match - less wis - dom of his ways, that mark the
3. O grant me wis - dom from a - bove to pray for



all the u - ni - verse: all things cre - at - ed by his
path of right - eous ness; his word a lamp un - to my
peace and cling to love and teach me hum - bly to re -



hand, and held to - ge - ther at his com - mand. He
feet, his spir - it teach - ing and guid - ing me. And
ceive the sun and rain of your sove - reign - ty. Each



knows the mys - teries of the seas, the se - crets of the stars are
oh, the mys - tery of the cross, that God should suf - fer for the
strand of sor - row has a place with - in this tap - es - try of



his; he guides the plan - ets on their way, and turns the
lost so that the fool might shame the wise, and all the
grace. So through the trials I choose to say: "Your per - fect



earth through an - oth - er day.
glo - ry might go to Christ!
will in your per - fect way."

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question and Answer 21-22

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 continueth to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

Question and Answer 22

The Minister: How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

The Congregation: Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

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

“Of the Father's Love Begotten” *Divinum Mysterium*

“Come, Thou Fount” arr. Courtney
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, 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 SERMON

Revelation 1:1-8 (*pew Bible page 1028*)

“Revelation of Jesus Christ”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” No. 529

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“O Love of God, How Strong and True” Jerusalem

The Choir

O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.

THE POSTLUDE

“Toccatà” from *Paeon on 'Divinum Mysterium'* Cook
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

SERMON NOTES

July 30, 2017

Revelation 1:1-8
“Revelation of Jesus Christ”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

- 1. What
 - A. Revelation
 - B. Prophecy
- 2. Who
 - A. John
 - B. Jesus
- 3. Why
 - A. Judgment
 - B. Blessing

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 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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THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Melanie and Phillip Griffin and Tim, Meg and Lexie Talley in loving memory of their grandmother, Mary Griffin Spence, and in honor and celebration of the anniversary of their parents, Faye and Freddie Griffin.

JESUS UNVEILED | A SERIES ON THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Sunday Morning Worship Services
Beginning today, July 30, with Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JULY 30

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)
 7:30 p.m.....20s Community Sunday Night Fellowship
(home of Samantha and Alex Ransone, 183 Greenbriar Drive, Memphis)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST

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

Starting this Wednesday, August 2, at 6:30 p.m., we begin our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor and CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, as our guest teacher. Dr. Duncan will teach on the first of the Five Solas, *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture Alone). Please make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 2

5:30 p.m.....Dinner — Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m.....*Celebrate the Legacy of the Reformation*: Dr. Ligon Duncan
 6:30 p.m.....“That Thing” (K-5th)
 6:30 p.m.....Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
 7:30 p.m.....Adult Choir Rehearsal

COMMUNION | AUGUST 6

The Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday, August 6, at both the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services.

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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growing in community, and *going out* in love.