



INDEPENDENT

Presbyterian Church

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Memphis,
calling them into a devoted community of worshiping
and maturing believers, and sending them out to be
salt of the earth and light in the world,
all to the glory of God.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRD DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the Lord!'" — Psalm 122:1

THE PRELUDE

"Come, All Christians, Be Committed"

arr. Hayes

Jennifer Velázquez, Pianist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

The Minister: "Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

The Congregation: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

The Minister: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

The Congregation: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also.

The Minister: The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

The Congregation: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

The Minister and

Congregation: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

Dr. Murray Garrott

Associate Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory”

No. 122

David Clowney, 1960

Ode to Joy

1. God, all na - ture sings Thy glo - ry, and Thy works pro -
 2. Clear - er still we see Thy hand in man whom Thou hast
 3. God of glo - ry, pow - er, mer - cy, all cre - a - tion

claim Thy might; Or - dered vast - ness in the heav - ens,
 made for Thee; Rul - er of cre - a - tion's glo - ry,
 prais - es Thee; We, Thy crea - tures, would a - dore Thee,

or - dered course of day and night; Beau - ty in the
 im - age of Thy maj - es - ty. Mu - sic, art, the
 now and through e - ter - ni - ty. Saved to mag - ni -

chang - ing sea - sons, beau - ty in the storm - ing sea;
 fruit - ful gar - den, all the la - bor of his days;
 fy Thy good - ness, grant us strength to do Thy will;

All the chang - ing moods of na - ture praise the change - less Trin - i - ty.
 Are the call - ing of His Mak - er, to the har - vest feast of praise.
 With our acts as with our voic - es Thy com - mand - ments to ful - fill.

THE INVOCATION 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, for ever. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. *Amen, amen.*

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church: we have not done Your will; we have broken Your law; we have rebelled against Your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” — *John 3:16-17*

THE DOXOLOGY

Nun Danket

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven –
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Go Not Far from Me, O God”

Zingarelli/Hullah

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age:
Forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise:
That I may sing Thy glory and honour all the day long.

THE SERMON

THE MERCY OF GOD FROM THE STORY OF JONAH

Jonah 3:1-10

“God Loves the City”

The Reverend Richie Sessions

Senior Pastor

“Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ² ‘Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.’ ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, ‘Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’ ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, ‘By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, ⁸ but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish.’

¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.” — *Jonah 3:1-10*

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

No. 500

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

James Ward



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil Thy
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to Thy
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids



self in Thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,
cross I cling; na - ked, come to Thee for dress;
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from Thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could
help - less, look to Thee for grace; foul, I to the
see Thee on Thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
not a - tone; Thou must save and Thou a - lone.
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in Thee.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!”

No. 535

Samuel Trevor Francis, 1834-1925

Ebenezer

1. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Vast, un³ mea - sured,
 2. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Spread His praise from
 3. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus! Love of ev - 'ry

bound - less, free; roll - ing as a might - y o - cean
 shore to shore; how He lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth,
 love the best; 'tis an o - cean vast of bless - ing,

in its full - ness o - ver me. Un - der - neath me, all a - round me,
 chang - eth nev - er, nev - er - more; how He watch - es o'er His loved ones,
 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest. O the deep, deep love of Je - sus!

is the cur - rent of Thy love; lead - ing on - ward,
 died to call them all His own; how for them He
 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me; and it lifts me

lead - ing home - ward, to Thy glo - rious rest a - bove.
 in - ter - ced - eth, watch - eth o'er them from the throne.
 up to glo - ry, for it³ lifts me up to Thee.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Father, Give Thy Benediction”

Alla Trinita Beata

THE POSTLUDE

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

arr. Halberg



SERMON NOTES

August 3, 2014

Jonah 3:1-10

“God Loves the City”

The Reverend Richie Sessions

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.

If you are interested in joining IPC, you are invited to attend our next
Pathway Class for Prospective Members.

For more information, please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206.
www.indepres.org

OUR CHURCH TODAY

8:30 a.m.	.....	Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
8:30 a.m.	.....	K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)
9:45 a.m.	.....	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	.....	Pathway Class, 3rd Floor Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	.....	Worship Service (Fellowship Hall)
11:00 a.m.	.....	K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.	.....	Dinner, Fellowship Hall ~ <i>The Gathering</i>
6:30 p.m.	.....	Salt and Light Testimonies
7:30 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

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 the internet at www.indepres.org.

~Please do not bring coffee or food into the Fellowship Hall during worship services. Thank you.~

THE GATHERING

We will reconvene for Wednesday night dinner, this week, August 6, at 5:30 p.m. Join us to enjoy Leonard's BBQ and *Salt & Light* Testimonies from the month of July.

SENIOR HIGH CHOIR SKI DAY

The Senior High Choir will have a Ski Day at Pickwick Lake on Saturday, August 9. Contact the Music Office if you would like to participate.

RENOVATION CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT SUNDAY | AUGUST 10

Don't miss the opportunity to participate in the renovation of our building. Please fill out one of the grey Renovation Campaign envelopes to record your commitment with the business office. Envelopes are located on tables in the Rotunda. We appreciate your generosity!

BILL HOGAN'S CELEBRATION DINNER | AUGUST 13

Dr. Bill Hogan will be retiring at the end of August from his current position as full-time Assistant Pastor to become IPC's first Pastor Emeritus. This year, 2014, marks 60 years in ministry. He and his wife, Jane, have spent 55 of those years as a husband and wife team. Transitioning into the new role will enable him to continue ministry at a different pace. Please join us for dinner and entertainment honoring Jane and Bill Hogan on Wednesday, August 13, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the IPC Fellowship Hall. \$6/Adult, \$4/Child age 4-10, 3 and under free.

PROMOTION SUNDAY IS AUGUST 17

Join us for Promotion Sunday, August 17. **Teacher volunteers are still needed!** If you have any questions or would like to serve with this ministry as a teacher volunteer, please contact Cindy Wright, cwright@indepres.org, for Nursery/Preschool, or Elizabeth Fowlkes, efowlkes@indepres.org, for Children.

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