

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

Last week, we heard Jesus ask three questions, climaxing with “Who do you say that I am?” In response, Peter declared that Jesus is the Messiah. And yet, like the blind man at Bethsaida, the disciples could only see partially what Jesus’ Messianic role meant and what that role meant for them. Peter’s conception of Jesus as a royal personage could not accommodate the divine plan — that Jesus would die and rise again, and that would be how he would establish his rule and reign. Likewise, the disciples’ conception of themselves as rulers and princes could not accommodate the divine call of cross-bearing and self-denial. And yet, that’s the very heart of Christianity: Jesus bids us to come, follow him, and die. We walk in the way of the cross.

That’s only possible for us as our hearts are reformed by corporate worship. In fact, at the heart of what it means to be Reformed is our commitment to corporate worship on the Lord’s Day as the way God meets with his people. In Word, sacrament, and prayer, God’s Spirit uses these means to form our lives, root out our sins, and strengthen our faith. And so, with Psalm 123, we look to the hand of our Master for grace, for renewal, for power — to confess and repent, to affirm and believe, to witness and serve. May God shape our lives today so that we might follow Jesus all the way to our dying and rising again!

## 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 FIFTH OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION "I'd Rather Have Jesus" Shea/arr. Powell  
*Blake Glass, Tenor Daniel Strawser, Cello Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 123

*The Minister:* To you I lift my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

*The Congregation:* Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he has mercy upon us.

*The Minister:* Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt of the proud and of those who are at ease.

*All:* Come into our midst, King of Kings, and receive the praise that is your due! We worship you today!

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O Worship the King" No. 2

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE Diademata

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

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

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved you or our neighbors as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in mercy. There is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our weary souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has worked in us your holy will, for Jesus' sake, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's Word gives us assurance that there is cleansing and forgiveness of sin for all those who come to Christ Jesus. God's Word says, "But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit." Thanks be to God that his Spirit makes us clean and his mercy makes us whole through our Lord Jesus Christ! — *Titus 3:4-5*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader.*

## 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

"Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy"

Young

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love, and pow'r:  
He is able, he is willing, doubt no more.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth Is to feel your need of him.  
This he gives you; 'Tis the Spirit's glimmering beam.

Saints and angels, joined in concert, Sing the praises of the Lamb;  
While the blissful seats of heaven Sweetly echo with his name:  
Hallelujah! Sinners here may do the same.

## THE SERMON

Mark 8:31-9:1 (*pew Bible page 844*)  
*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“The Way of the Cross”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

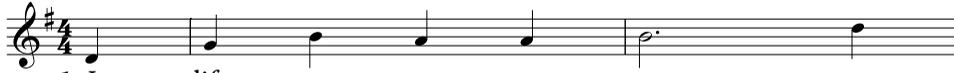
1. Jesus
  - A. God's plan
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Peter's opposition
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Us
  - A. Call
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - B. Considerations

# THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“I Lift My Eyes to You”

Psalms 123A

St. Michael



1. I lift my eyes to you en -  
2. As to her la - dy's hand a  
3. Show us your grace, O LORD, let  
4. Our souls have had their fill of



throned a - bove the skies. As slaves look to their  
slave girl turns her face, so we look to the  
us your fa - vor know; for we are filled with  
scoff - ing and con - tempt, from those who live a



mas - ter's hand, to you I lift my eyes.  
LORD our God that he might show us grace.  
their con - tempt, and all the scorn they show.  
life of ease, and from the ar - ro - gant.

# THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

New City Catechism Q and A 46-47

Question and Answer 46

*The Minister:* What is the Lord's Supper?

*The Congregation:* Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

## Question and Answer 47

*The Minister:* Does the Lord's Supper add anything to Christ's atoning work?

*The Congregation:* No, Christ died once for all. The Lord's Supper is a covenant meal, celebrating Christ's atoning work; as it is also a means of strengthening our faith as we look to him, and a foretaste of the future feast. But those who take part with unrepentant hearts eat and drink judgment on themselves.

## 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

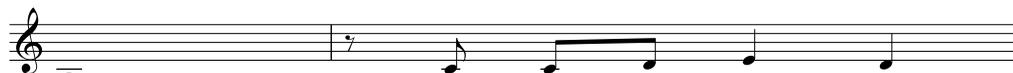
“Behold the Lamb”

Getty and Townend

*James Brown and Drew Lucas, Guitars*



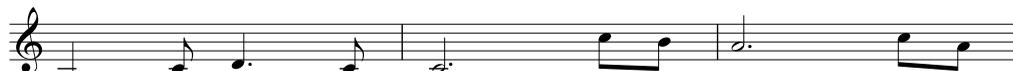
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -



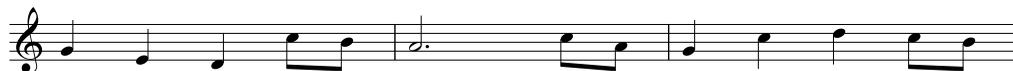
us and we re - mem - ber  
you eat and re - mem - ber  
you drink and re - mem - ber  
spond, and to re - mem - ber



the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the  
he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -  
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this  
price to make us one. So we share in this  
ceive the life of God. So we share in this  
bod - y here on earth. As we share in his



bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a  
bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a  
suf - fer - ing we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace,  
sign of our bonds of love,  
sign of our bonds of grace,  
join in the feast of heav'n,



a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
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## THE BENEDICTION

### THE RESPONSE

“Christ, We Do All Adore Thee”

Dubois

Latin hymn *Choir and Congregation* Adore Thee

Christ, we do all a - dore thee, and we do praise thee for -  
ev - er; Christ, we do all a - dore thee,  
and we do praise thee for - ev - er.  
for on the ho - ly cross hast thou the world from sin re -  
deem - ed. Christ, we do all a - dore thee,  
and we do praise thee for - ev - er. *instrumental*  
Christ, we do all a - dore thee.

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The piece concludes with an instrumental flourish.

### THE POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso” from *Tuba Suite*  
*Daniel Scott, Tuba*

Haddad



## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
with love and in honor of the memory of their father, Clinton M. Early, Sr.,  
on the anniversary of his homegoing, by Clint Early, Jr., and Dorothy Early Bryant.  
CHRIST IS KING!

### 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.

### OUR CHURCH TODAY | AUGUST 5

8:30 a.m. .... Worship Service and Communion  
8:30 a.m. .... Children's Church (Kindergarten)  
9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service and Communion  
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 | Mr. Zach Hood | *Room 125*  
20s Community | Dr. Sean Lucas and Teaching Team | *Room 131*  
30s Community | Rev. Parker Tenent | *Fellowship Hall South*  
40s Community | Rev. Jeremy Jones | *Fellowship Hall North*  
50s Community | Rev. Ed Norton | *Chapel*  
60s+ Community | Rev. Mike Malone | *Room 237*  
The Westminster Class | Mr. Jurey Howard and Dr. Ray Wilson | *Room 233*  
Line by Line Class | Mr. Rankin Fowlkes | *Room 132*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 8

5:30 p.m.	.....	Dinner   Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	.....	<i>Evangelism Conference: Rev. Richie Sessions</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

Our month-long Evangelism Conference continues Wednesday evening, August 8, in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30. The Reverend Richie Sessions, RUF campus minister at Vanderbilt University and former Senior Pastor at IPC, is our guest speaker.

His topic will be *“How Can I Engage in Evangelism with Millennials?”*

*Menu:* Memphis-style BBQ Night — BBQ pulled pork or BBQ beef brisket, BBQ beans, cole slaw, potato salad, banana pudding, fudge pie with ice cream, cookies



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m.

*Come and join a group of men who meet faithfully for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Hall.  
Enjoy a good, hot breakfast for \$3.00.*

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

### PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS | AUGUST 17-18

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Would you like to know more about what we believe?

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## PCA CHURCH PLANT IN COLLIERVILLE

The Session, under the leadership of Dr. Sean Lucas and the IPC Missions' Committee, has decided to begin a new church planting endeavor in Collierville.

Reverend Ed Norton will provide some of the initial leadership for this undertaking. An informational dinner will be held on Sunday, August 26, 6:00 p.m., at the home of Melissa and Doug Hay, 343 South Rowlett Street, Collierville, 38017-2554.

If you have an interest in attending this dinner, please contact Tameria Rackley, [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org). Should you have any questions concerning this new church plant, please contact Ed Norton, (901) 461-8206 or [enorton@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:enorton@ipcmemphis.org).

## 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!

## RĒCESS | 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).



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