



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

There is another side to Jesus' declaration that the Messiah has come to walk in the way of the cross: for the way of the cross leads to the way of the resurrection. It is often said that the cross precedes the crown — our text points in that direction: the Kingdom of God comes with power in the resurrection of Jesus. And the disciples gain a foretaste of this in the transfiguration of Jesus; they gain a glimpse of the glory that Jesus will have when his "exodus" is complete.

In the midst of all of this, though, the Word of the Father must take hold for us: Jesus is the beloved Son — we must listen to him. Moses and the prophets, John the Baptist and the Apostles will only make sense if we read and hear them in the light of Jesus, who he is and what he has come to do.

This morning our desire is to listen to Jesus. We will hear him call us to worship; we will hear him in the prayers; we will hear him in the singing of psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs; we will hear him in the profession of faith; we will hear him in the reading and preaching of Scripture. At each point, we long to hear and will hear from Jesus. May God grant us ears to hear Jesus this morning!

## 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.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWELFTH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

"Siciliano"  
*Luke Folse, Clarinet*  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Piano*

J.S. Bach

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 106

*The Minister:* Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

*The Congregation:* Who can utter the mighty deeds of the Lord, or declare all his praise?

*The Minister:* Blessed are they who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times!

*The Congregation:* Remember us, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help us when you save them,

*The Minister:* That we may look upon the prosperity of your chosen ones, that we may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that we may glory with your inheritance. Amen! Let us worship God!

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

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

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Praise the Lord! O Thank the Lord!"

No. 52  
(tune: Dundee)

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

Benjamin Beddome, 1769

Truro

1. Shout, for the bless - ed Je - sus reigns; through  
2. Loud hal - le - lu - jahs to the Lamb, from

dis - tant lands his tri - umphs spread; and  
all be - low and all a - bove! In

sin - ners, freed from end - less pains, own  
loft - y songs ex - alt his name, in

him their Sav - ior and their Head.  
songs as last - ing as his love.

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

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Addison Clara Wilson, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father, we confess that both we and our fathers have sinned; we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness. Our ancestors before us did not consider your wondrous works. And yet, you showed mercy upon them for your name's sake, that you might make known your mighty power. We too have forgotten your works and have not waited for your counsel; we have worshipped idols of our own making and followed in our own ways. Look upon us in our distress and hear our cry; remember your covenant and relent from your anger because of your steadfast love; save us, O Lord our God, for your name's sake. *Amen. — based on Daniel 9*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The only way any of us are forgiven and saved is the grace of our God. Such grace motivates our confession and assures our hearts. God's Word says, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." Thanks be to God for the riches of his grace lavished upon us in and through Christ Jesus! — *Ephesians 2:8-9*

# THE HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

“Holy Spirit”

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

*Daniel Gilbert, Liz Lucas, Rachel Wilson, and Ray Wilson, Violins Jurey Howard, Guitar*



Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your  
Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life in - to my will - ing soul.  
joy be seen in all I do.  
life to all that God has made,



Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -  
Love e - nough to cov - er ev' - ry sin in each  
show your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause your



new my heart and make me whole.  
thought and deed and at - ti - tude,  
church to hun - ger for your ways.



Cause your Word to come a - live in me;  
kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise.



give me faith for what I can - not see;  
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.  
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice



give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty. Ho - ly  
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace. Breath of  
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be



Spir - it, breathe new life in me.  
God, show Christ in all I do.  
clear for all the world to see.

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Belgic Confession, Article 20

We believe that God — who is perfectly merciful and also very just — sent the Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

## 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

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me”

K. Lee Scott

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;  
Help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with words, that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal;  
And, with actions bold and meek, For Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;  
Help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee;  
And, with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear;  
And, with actions brotherly, Speak Christ’s sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;  
Show thy mercy tenderly, Make me more like thee;  
Separate from sin, I would And cherish all things good,  
And whatever I can be Give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;  
Help me now thy pow’r to see, I would be like thee;  
‘Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be thou my strength and shield;  
Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory.  
Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would be like thee!

## THE SERMON

Mark 9:1-13 (*pew Bible page 844*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Listen to Him!”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. More than a prophet

2. More than a rabbi

3. More than a restoration

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me?”

No. 609

*The Choir will sing stanzas 1 and 2. Congregation, please join in singing stanzas 3-5.*

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

arr. Grise

## THE POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Hustad



## THE MEDITATION MUSIC

*The meditation music is given to the glory of God*

and in memory of John David Grise on the occasion of his August birthday.

The music is presented by Luke Folse, clarinet, and Jennifer Velázquez, piano,

and is given by John’s parents, Betty and Jerry Grise.

*Blessed are those who dwell in Your house. They are ever praising You. — Psalm 8:4*

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*

in loving memory of Arie Cooper, Sara Jane Scott Greenlee, and Dr. Daniel J. Scott, Jr.,

by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Scott, and Will, Charlie, and Daniel Scott.

## BIRTH

*Congratulations to*

Noelle and Gene Douglass on the birth

of their daughter, Elizabeth “Liza” Lane Douglass,

on August 2, 2018.

## SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE RESUMES AUGUST 19

Regular Sunday Evening Praise services return *next Sunday, August 19*, 6:00 p.m., in the IPC Sanctuary. Dr. Sean Lucas will begin a new preaching series, *Jesus Teaches Us to Pray*.

Four Corners — IPC's fun time for kids in grades K-5th grade to explore God's mission somewhere in his world — will also resume that night. Please join us as we welcome back this wonderful hour of singing, worshipping, and teaching to conclude the Lord's Day.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for *next 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 12

- 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)



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

*Today is Promotion Sunday for grades K-5<sup>th</sup>.*

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 15

5:30 p.m.	.....	Dinner   Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.	.....	<i>Evangelism Conference: Rev. Randy Pope</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 Randy Pope, the lead teaching pastor of Perimeter Church in Johns Creek, Georgia, is our guest speaker.

His topic will be *“Is Evangelism Necessary and Essential?”*

*Menu:* fried chicken or baked chicken breast, company mashed potatoes, steamed green beans, rolls, apple crisp with ice cream

*Kid’s box:* chicken leg and tots, celery and carrots, fresh fruit cups



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### 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.

### WOC LUNCHEON AND BIBLE STUDY

IPC Women’s Ministry is hosting a luncheon on Tuesday, August 28, 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy music by Ephie Ballard Johnson and a message from Leesa Jensen on *The Joys and Benefits of Being in God’s Word*. Lunch is \$7. For lunch and nursery reservations, please email Sandy Martin, [smartin@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:smartin@ipcmemphis.org).

IPC Women’s Tuesday Bible Study begins September 11.

Watch your mail for registration information.

## 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!

## JOIN A WEDNESDAY NIGHT GRACE GROUP

Coeds • Couples • Singles

*Sign up now for fall | No homework | Just show up!*

Grace Groups are a small group ministry for building relationships, giving spiritual encouragement, and making IPC feel more like home.

Join us on Wednesday nights starting September 5, as we discuss

*Evangelism: Fearful, Focused, and Fruitful.*

We would love to see you! Contact Parker Tenent, [ptenent@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:ptenent@ipcmemphis.org), to sign up.

## DIVORCECARE

*Find help. Discover hope. Experience healing.*

If you know someone who is experiencing the crisis of divorce, please recommend IPC's DivorceCare support group that begins on Wednesday evening, September 5. DivorceCare is an outreach ministry providing Christian resources for healing, recovery, and support, in a warm and encouraging environment. IPC's DivorceCare meets weekly through the fall in Room 233 from 6:00–7:30 p.m.

## 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).

## SIGN UP FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL

IPC Youth Basketball registration is now open through October 1.

There are boys teams and girls teams for ages 6-17; playing divisions are determined by age.

Practice begins November 5, and games for all age groups begin December 8.

For registration or additional information, please visit [www.ipcmemphis.org](http://www.ipcmemphis.org).

## 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.*

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



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