

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE THIRTEENTH DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Who at My Door Is Standing?” arr. K. Lee Scott
The Ensemble

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.” — *Revelation 3:20*

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 J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Worship Christ, the Risen King!” No. 286

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Crusader's Hymn

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!

Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

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

THE COMMISSIONING OF CHRIST REDEEMER PCA (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.*

THE HYMN OF REPENTANCE

“God, Be Merciful to Me”

The Psalter, 1912

Minor



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
right and true. Cast me not a - way from thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy
let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

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 STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 46-47

Question and Answer 46

The Minister: What do you mean by saying, “He ascended to heaven”?

The Congregation: That Christ, while his disciples watched, was taken up from the earth into heaven and remains there on our behalf until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

Question and Answer 47

The Minister: But isn't Christ with us until the end of the world as he promised us?

The Congregation: Christ is true human and true God. In his human nature Christ is not now on earth; but in his divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit he is never absent from us.

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

“Sometimes a Light Surprises”

Courtney

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while she sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings;
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation, And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow, We cheerfully can say,
Let the unknown tomorrow Bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing But he will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing Will clothe his people too;
Beneath the spreading heavens No creature but is fed;
And he who feeds the ravens Will give his children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither Their wanted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither, Nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet, God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

THE SERMON

Revelation 2:1-3:22(*pew Bible page 1028-1030*)

“Jesus's Letters to His Churches”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“For All the Saints”

No. 358

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“Beautiful Savior”

Crusader's Hymn

Choir and Congregation

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

J.S. Bach

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist



SERMON NOTES

August 13, 2017

Revelation 2:1-3:22

“Jesus’s Letters to His Churches”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

1. Who he is

2. What he knows
 - A. Situation

 - B. Struggle

3. What he demands
 - A. Repent

 - B. Persevere

4. What he promises

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. Join us on Wednesday evenings at 5:30, in the Fellowship Hall, for dinner, followed by teaching at 6:30.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Maureen Odiam, modiam@ipcmemphis.org, or (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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the membership of our church the following new members:

Mr. and Mrs. Jared Eastlack (Julie)

Mr. George Petkoff

Mr. Kyle Petkoff

Mr. and Mrs. Andy Randle (Angela)

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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Please see an usher if you are in need of a hearing amplification device.

THE FLOWERS

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

by Jan and Greg Boucek in loving memory of Gary Albertine, Sr.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | AUGUST 13

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)

LIVE STREAM OF SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Until recently, only the sermon portion of our Sunday morning Worship Service was available to watch live stream. Now, you can live stream the entire 8:30 or 11:00 service. If you are unable to attend church, go to ipcmemphis.org on Sunday morning at 8:30 and 11:00. Also, don’t forget that the bulletin is available online, as well.

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 16

5:30 p.m. Dinner — Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. *Celebrate the Legacy of the Reformation*: Reverend John Sartelle
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

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST

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

This Wednesday, August 16, at 6:30 p.m., we continue our celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with The Reverend John Sartelle, pastor of Christ Presbyterian Church of Fayette County, as our guest teacher. Reverend Sartelle will teach on the third of the Five Solas, *Solus Christus* (Christ Alone). Please make plans to join us in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

JOIN THE CHOIR!

Have you considered joining the Adult Choir? Would you like your child to be a part of the Children’s Choirs? Now is the time to sign up! For more information about IPC’s Music Ministry, call (901) 685-9707, or email musicoffice@ipcmemphis.org.

SMALL GROUPS ARE BIG BLESSINGS

We have one for you. Sign up today!

Our souls need to be attended to with a simple spiritual diet that enables us to grow and flourish. Part of that spiritual diet at IPC is being involved with a small group. For more information on group options, visit ipcmemphis.org.

~Please enjoy your coffee outside of the Sanctuary. Thank you.~



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