

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF AUGUST TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTEEN

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE PRELUDE

"I Will Arise and Go to Jesus" arr. Hustad  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146:1-2, 5-10

*The Minister:* "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

*The Congregation:* Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.

*The Minister:* The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous. The Lord watches over the sojourners; He upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked He brings to ruin.

*The Minister and Congregation:* The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!"

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton*  
*Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" No. 164

## 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

Nicaea

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.  
Holy! Holy! Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity! *Amen.*

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

## THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Gregory Kyle Gasaway, 8:30 a.m.*

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*Sarah Elizabeth Weeks, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE DUET

"How Can I Keep from Singing" arr. Walters  
*Beth Rushing, Soprano Randal Rushing, Tenor*  
*(Please see the back panel of the bulletin for the words.)*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus Christ, You came to serve. As You came to a blind man and gave him sight, come to us in our darkness and show us the things we cannot see. As You came to a man tormented in his mind and gave him peace and healing, come to us in our tensions and make us whole. As You came to Lazarus, who was dead, and brought him from the grave, come to us in our deadness and bring us to real life now with our living Lord. As You came to a dying thief and promised him paradise, come to us now in forgiveness and give us hope. In Your name, Lord, we pray. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Out of the depths I cry to You, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice! Let Your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, that You may be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in His word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning. O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. And He will redeem Israel from all his iniquities." — *Psalm 130:1-8*

## THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"Thy Mercy, My God"

Words: John Stoker Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
2. With - out Thy sweetmer - cy I could not live here;
3. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies Thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy  
sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but  
cov - e - nant love of Thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath  
through Thy free good -ness my spir - its re - vive and  
praise to the Spir - it Whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.  
He that first made me still keeps me a - live.  
mer - cy and par - don and right - eous -ness mine.



All praise to the Spir - it Whose whis - per di - vine seals



mer - cy and par - don and right - eous -ness mine!

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

All those — and only those — whom God has predestined to life, He is pleased to call effectually in His appointed and accepted time, by His Word and Spirit. He calls them from the state of sin and death — in which they are by nature — to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ. In this calling, God enlightens their minds spiritually and savingly, so that they understand the things of God. He takes away their hearts of stone and gives them hearts of flesh, renews their wills, and by His almighty power turns them to what is good and effectually draws them to Jesus Christ. Yet He does this in such a way that they come most freely, being made willing by His grace. This effectual call is from God's free and special grace alone, and not from anything at all that God foresees in man, who is entirely passive in it, until — being made alive and renewed by the Holy Spirit — he is enabled to answer the call and embrace the grace offered and conveyed in it.

— *The Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 10, Articles 1-2*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Thomson  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

My Shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is His Name.  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wand'ring spirit back When I forsake His ways.  
He leads me for His mercy's sake In paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Thy presence is my stay.  
One word of Thy supporting breath Drives all my fears away,  
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, Doth still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God Attend me all my days,  
O may Thy house be my abode And all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, While others go and come,  
No more a stranger or a guest, But like a child at home.

## THE SERMON

"Finding Jesus in Our Blind Spots"  
John 9 (*pew Bible pages 895-896*)  
*The Reverend Justin Jones*  
*Assistant Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Be Thou My Vision" No. 642

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

"Behold Your Savior Come" Azmon

*Choir and Congregation*

Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

## THE POSTLUDE

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*Tallis Canon*) arr. Hobby



### “How Can I Keep from Singing”

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.  
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest round me rears, I know the truth, it liveth.  
What though the darkness round me close, Songs in the night it giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since Love is Lord of Heav'n and earth How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear And hear their death knells ringing:  
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?  
In prison cell and dungeon vile Our thoughts to them are winging.  
When friends by shame are undefiled, How can I keep from singing?



## SERMON NOTES

August 21, 2016

“Finding Jesus in Our Blind Spots”

John 9

*The Reverend Justin Jones*

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

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](http://www.indepres.org).

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## 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 for our Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by our *Engage* Series in August.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, at 9:45, during the Sunday School hour, in the third floor conference room. To register, please contact Gayle Hardee, [ghardee@indepres.org](mailto:ghardee@indepres.org).



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.



## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Mr. and Mrs. Clint David Alford in loving memory of  
Eugene Connell, Dorothy Connell and Patty Jean McKlusky.  
Mrs. Alford is the former Miss Elizabeth Connell.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | AUGUST 21

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)

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 24

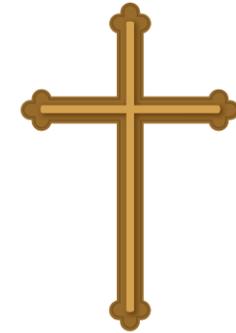
5:30 p.m. .... Dinner — Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. .... *Engage* Series: Dr. Carl Ellis  
6:30 p.m. .... “That Thing” — Romper Room (K-Grade 5)  
6:30 p.m. .... Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups  
7:30 p.m. .... Adult Choir Rehearsal

## WEDNESDAY EVENINGS IN AUGUST | ENGAGE 2016

Engage in relevant topics with us on Wednesday evenings in August. Our hope is that, rather than responding with fear to the challenges we face, we will instead see these challenges as opportunities for the church to proclaim the good news of Jesus. This Wednesday evening, Dr. Carl Ellis will teach *Engaging Islam*, and provide a look at the world of Islam, its beginning, its growth and the doctrine of its major divisions. Visit [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org) for more information about our other guest speakers and their topics.

## IPC LIFE

IPC is excited to introduce a new piece of communication, *IPC Life*. You will find *IPC Life* in the main lobby, at the main church entrances, and in Sunday School classrooms beginning September 1. *IPC Life* will be printed the 1st of each month and will include information about upcoming events and ministries at IPC. Events and announcements will be designated based on three main areas of our mission — gathering for worship, growing in community, and going out in love.



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