

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE PRELUDE

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” arr. Sedio
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 5:9-13

The Minister: “And they sang a new song, saying, ‘Worthy are You to take the scroll and to open its seals, for You were slain, and by Your blood You ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,

The Congregation: And You have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.’

The Minister: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

The Congregation: ‘Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!’

The Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

The Minister and Congregation: “To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

*The Reverend Parker Tenent
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” No. 295

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Reese Rembert Taras, 8:30 a.m.

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Carter Reese Becker, 11:00 a.m.

THE ENSEMBLE

“Canon of Praise” Pachelbel/arr. Hopson
Please see the back page for words.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

“I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,’ and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.”
—*Psalm 32:5*

“Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.” — *Proverbs 28:13*

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” — *1 John 1:9*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel and His Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: ‘I am the first and I am the last; besides Me there is no god. I am the Lord, Your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. I, I am the Lord, and besides Me there is no savior. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for My own sake, and I will not remember your sins.’” — *Isaiah 44:6; 43:15, 11, 25*

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 sweet mer - 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



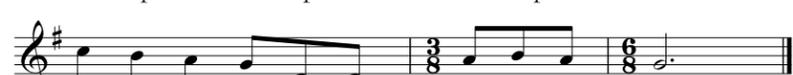
free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
through Thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
praise to the Spir - it Whose whis - per di - vine seals



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

Titus 2:11-14; 3:3-7

The Minister: Christians, what does Scripture teach us?

The Congregation: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession who are zealous for good works. For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. 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, whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

THE DOXOLOGY

Duke Street

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. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“My Eternal King”

Marshall

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not Must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me Upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, And manifold disgrace.
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, Or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee, and will love, And in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, And my Eternal King.

THE SERMON

Matthew 5:1-5 (*pew Bible page 809*)

“Bruce's Meekness”

The Reverend Wayne Herring

Assistant Pastor, Covenant Presbyterian Church, Nashville, TN

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

No. 688

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Spirit of the Living God”

Iverson

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“Highland Cathedral”

Wetherald



THE ENSEMBLE

All within me bless the Lord, All within me bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, All within me, bless His holy name.

O hear, you righteous, know that the Lord is good.
We remember all His love, He crowns our lives with hope and truth.

God the Lord is gracious, His mercy is the same forever.
As a father loves his children, so the Lord loves His own.

Those who love the Lord shall claim, shall claim His ever-present help.
O, my soul, O all within me, bless His holy name.

SERMON NOTES

August 23, 2015

Matthew 5:1-5
“Bruce’s Meekness”
The Reverend Wayne Herring

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. Please 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 next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. To register or for more information, please call the Church Office, 901-685-8206.

A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
and in loving appreciation for Ruth Francis
by her Tuesday Bible study group.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | AUGUST 23

8:30 a.m.....Worship Service
8:30 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)
9:45 a.m.....Sunday School
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
11:00 a.m..... K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grade 1)

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OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | AUGUST 26

5:30 p.m.Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Celebration for Barbara Collins
5:30 p.m.Sr. High Parents Fall Meeting
6:30 p.m.*The Renewal of the City* | Reverend Samuel Husband
6:30 p.m. “That Thing” — Romper Room
6:30 p.m.Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
7:30 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

GRACE GROUPS

Please note that our IPC Grace Groups will resume on Wednesday, September 2. If you are not part of a Grace Group or would like to have more information, please contact the pastor of your community:

20s Community — Reverend Samuel Husband | shusband@indepres.org
30s Community — Reverend Parker Tenent | ptenent@indepres.org
40s Community — Reverend Jeremy Jones | williamjeremyjones@gmail.com
50s Community — Reverend Ed Norton | jedwardnorton@gmail.com
60s Community — Reverend Mike Malone | mmalone@indepres.org

DIVORCECARE

Wednesday evenings beginning September 2, 6:30 p.m., Room 233
Contact Danielle Hansen, divorcecare@indepres.org for more information.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

After faithfully serving IPC for the past 18 years, Barbara Collins will be leaving her position as Director of Women’s Ministry on August 31, to enjoy time with her family and grandchildren. The Session has offered the position to Lisa Turner. She will begin September 1.

We are grateful to Barbara for her years of fruitful ministry at IPC, and we look forward to celebrating with her this Wednesday evening, August 26.

SENIOR HIGH PARENTS FALL MEETING

All parents of Senior High students are encouraged to attend a Fall meeting this Wednesday, August 26, at 5:30 p.m., in the Senior High space.

SENIOR HIGH SKI TRIP EARLY SIGN-UP IS AVAILABLE!

Our IPC Senior High students will travel to Snow Mountain Ranch in Winter Park, Colorado, December 27-January 2, for their annual ski trip. The base cost of the trip is \$950, *but if you sign up before September 16, you will save \$100!* Registration is a two-step process. First, go to www.skidaddy.com/indepres, and complete all of the required information under “sign up,” as well as a “release and liability form.” Next, go to www.indepres.org/ministries/senior-high/ski_trip. Complete the two required forms, and return both of these to IPC, along with a \$300 deposit, with the student’s name written in the memo line. (Please do not place your deposit check in the offering plate.) For more information regarding sign-up or other details about the trip, please contact Justin Jones, justinjones@indepres.org, or 901.685.8206.

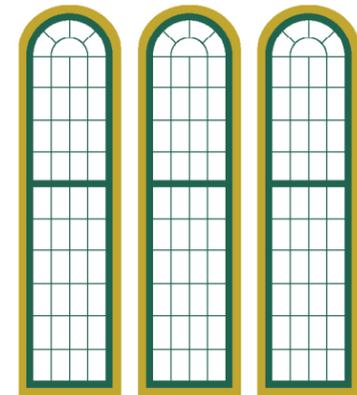
IPC FAMILY CAMP

September 25-27, 2015

Camp of the Rising Son, French Camp, MS
For more information or to register, visit www.indepres.org,
or pick up a brochure in the lobby.

~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.



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