

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Voluntary on ‘Hymn to Joy’” arr. Burkhardt
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Minister: Revelation 7:9-10
“After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” Hallelujah!
Let us worship God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power” No. 300

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge that we were conceived and born in sin. Therefore, we are inclined to all evil and slow to all good and we transgress your holy commandments without ceasing, and evermore corrupt ourselves. But we are sorry for this, and seek your grace and help. Have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful God and Father, through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit, that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness from the bottom of our hearts, attain true repentance and sorrow for them, die to them wholly, and please you entirely by a new and godly life. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins in the confidence that through Jesus Christ all our sins are forgiven. God's Word tells us: “Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.” Thanks be to God that he blots out all our transgressions through Jesus, the Lamb slain for sinners!
— *Isaiah 44:21-22*

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

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!

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

“The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune” Vaughan Williams
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell, Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed, Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good: His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Choir and Congregation:

To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore. *Amen.*

THE SERMON

Revelation 7:1-17 (*pew Bible pages 1031-1032*)
“The Lamb and His Fair Army”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“The Sands of Time Are Sinking” No. 546

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

“On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand”

Samuel Stennett, 1787

Christopher Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and
2. o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, shines
3. shall I reach that hap - py place, and



cast a wish - ful eye to
one e - ter - nal day. There
be for - ev - er blessed. When



Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where
God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, and
shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and



my pos - ses - sions lie 2. All
scat - ters night a - way. I am
in His bos - om rest.



bound I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised



Land. I am bound, I am bound, I am



bound for Prom - ised Land. 3. When

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock” arr. Hustad

SERMON NOTES

September 3, 2017

Revelation 7:1-17
“The Lamb and His Fair Army”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

- 1. The Prepared Army (1-8)
A. Sealed
B. Counted
2. The Praising Army (9-17)
A. Countless
B. Singing
C. Security

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, Grace groups and small groups.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our Pathway Class for Prospective Members. For more information or to register, please contact the Church Office, (901) 685-8206.

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

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.

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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THE FLOWERS

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

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 3

8:30 a.m..... Worship Service and Communion
8:30 a.m..... K-Church
9:45 a.m..... Sunday School
11:00 a.m..... Worship Service and Communion
11:00 a.m..... K-Church

CHURCH OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED

The Church Office and Bookstore will be closed tomorrow, Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

JOIN US FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT IPC

Nourish your body, mind and soul

Dinner on September 6, at 5:30: grilled pork tenderloin, baked apples, steamed broccoli spears, wild rice, rolls, banana pudding or pecan pie adult plate \$7, child’s plate \$5, salad bar \$6; new box dinner option for kids with turkey and cheese rollup, \$5.

Teaching by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas — “On Being Presbyterian” | 6:30 p.m.

Grace Groups, DivorceCare and “Beginners” Small Group | 6:30 p.m.
Children’s Choirs or C.I.A. | 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir | 7:30 p.m.

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 p.m..... Dinner — Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m..... On Being Presbyterian: Dr. Sean Michael Lucas (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m..... Grace Groups and “Beginners” Group
6:30 p.m..... C.I.A. (Christ in Action) (2nd-5th)
6:30 p.m..... Children’s Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m..... Jr. High Youth Groups
7:15 p.m..... Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m., beginning next Sunday, September 10

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas will preach on Song of Songs.

Hymns and acoustic instruments | Families and friends welcome!

Please note: The first service will be in the Fellowship Hall, followed by an ice cream social. Subsequent services will be in the Sanctuary.

Nursery is provided for children Junior Kindergarten and under.
Children K-5th grade will migrate mid-service to Four Corners, a fun time of learning about God’s mission to his world.

CARE BAGS MERCY MINISTRY

Join us on Sunday, September 10, in the Fellowship Hall, following the 11:00 service to help prepare care bags that can be distributed to homeless and displaced people on the streets of Memphis. Once assembled, the bags will be available for IPC members to carry in their cars and distribute when they see a need. For more information, contact Jess Ada by email, jessleadae77@gmail.com.

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



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