

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us” Townend/arr. Powell
*Elena Efthimiou, Nathaniel Efthimiou, Lauren Griffin,
McCheyne Post, and Mary Wright, Violins
Daniel Strawser, Cello
Harrison Howle, Director*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 27:1, 5, 8-9, 14

The Minister: “The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?”

The Congregation: For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble.

The Minister: You have said, ‘Seek my face.’ My heart says to You,
‘Your face, Lord, do I seek.’ Hide not Your face from me.

The Minister and Congregation: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take
courage; wait for the Lord!”

*The Reverend Samuel Husband
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Blessed Assurance” No. 693

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, forever. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA PATRI

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. *Amen, amen.*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Stella Grace Townsend, 11:00 a.m.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let Your face shine, that we may be saved.
Turn again toward us and have regard for us. Though we are foolish and
slow of heart to believe, have mercy on us! Forgive our lack of love for You and
for one another and wherever our love fails, remind us of Your unfailing love.

Hide Your face from our selfishness and pride and create in us clean hearts that
are marked by faith, hope, and love. As a running Father, welcoming home
His wayward child, restore unto us the joy of Your salvation and enable us to
celebrate Your grace and dwell with You with undivided hearts. In Jesus’ name
we pray, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only
Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that
we have loved God but that He loves us and sent His Son to be the propitiation
for our sins. So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for
us.” — *1 John 4:9-10, 16*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Smith/arr. Powell
Elaine Clowers and Lindsey Hughes, Sopranos

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.
When darkness veils His lovely face, I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

His oath His covenant His blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

Chorus (All Sing):

On Christ the sol - id rock I stand;
all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,
all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,
all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, I stand before the throne.

To Chorus

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Q and A 21

The Minister: What is true faith?

The Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which
I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in His
word; it is also an assured confidence, which the Holy
Spirit creates in my heart by the gospel, that God
has freely granted, not only to others but to me also,
forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and
salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted only
for the sake of Christ’s merits.

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

“This Is the Day” Rutter
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made:
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
O praise the Lord of heav’n: praise Him in the height.
Praise Him, all ye angels of His: Praise Him, all His host.
Praise Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars and light,
Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
For He shall give His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.
The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.
The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
Yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
From this time forth for evermore. He shall defend thee under His wings.
Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart;
And put thou thy trust in the Lord.

THE SERMON

Romans 8:31-39 (*pew Bible pages 944-945*)

“Gospel Persuasion”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Hattiesburg, Mississippi

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!” No. 535

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Secure in His Love” Townend
Choir and Congregation

I will not boast in anything: No gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom,
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

THE POSTLUDE

“St. Anne” Willan
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist



SERMON NOTES

September 18, 2016

Romans 8:31-39

“Gospel Persuasion”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Having concluded his argument that God grants us two great benefits through faith in Christ — we are right with God and we have the hope of glory — Paul moves to persuade our hearts.

Romans 8:31-39, with its unanswerable questions, is a powerful reminder that the Gospel not only deals with our heads, but our hearts, not only conveys information, but seeks persuasion and transformation. Ask God this morning to persuade you once again of His great love for you shown in and through Jesus Christ.

OUTLINE

1. Who can be against us? (vv. 31-32)
2. Who will bring a charge against us? (v. 33)
3. Who will condemn us? (v. 34)
4. Who will separate us from Jesus' love? (vv. 35-39)

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 Grace Groups, Small Groups and teaching in the Fellowship Hall.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information please contact the Church Office, 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.



THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God in honor of the baptism of Stella Grace Townsend by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Townsend (Katie) and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Casey (Karen).

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.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 18

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)
12:15 p.m. Lunch Reception in the Fellowship Hall
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Small Groups
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Grill and Games

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

5:30 p.m. Dinner — Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:30 p.m. Teaching in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Grace Groups, Small Groups
6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsals
6:30 p.m. C.I.A. (Christ in Action) — Romper Room (Grades 2-5)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, WITH SEAN LUCAS |

LUNCH RECEPTION FOLLOWING THE 11:00 A.M. SERVICE

Today we welcome Sean Lucas to our pulpit. We are excited to hear from Sean and to get to know him better at a **lunch reception in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.**

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There is a called Annual Congregational Meeting *this* Wednesday, September 21, at 6:15 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall, for the purpose of reviewing and informing IPC members of the 2016-2017 church budget, in addition to hearing reports from David Dunlap, Clerk of the Session, John Kakales, Chairman of the Diaconate, and John Crews, Treasurer.

PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS |

BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

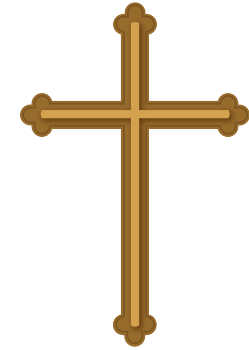
Our desire at IPC is to know you by name and shepherd you and your family as you follow Christ. When the Lord leads you to officially join our faith family, we want you to immediately be known by name and prayed for by the leadership of a specific community. After you have attended a class, you will be contacted by a community pastor who will seek to meet with you, along with his ruling Elders, in order to hear about God's grace in your life and get to know you better. Consider attending Pathway Class beginning on Sunday, October 2. Contact Gayle Hardee, ghardee@indepres.org, to attend. Visit www.indepres.org to learn more about membership at IPC.

WOMEN'S PRAYER SIMULCAST | FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

IPC CHAPEL, 6:00 – 9:00 P.M.

Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth and *Revive Our Hearts* are hosting a large-scale simulcast prayer event to gather thousands of women to pray for God's mercy and supernatural intervention in our world, our nation, our churches, our cities, and our homes. This three-hour prayer meeting will focus on five areas of prayer: personal, families, churches, our nation, and the world.

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



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