

SERMON NOTES

September 22, 2013

Ephesians 1:15-23

“Praying for Knowledge That Leads to Hope”

The Reverend Richie Sessions

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 an adult Bible Study, Small Groups, and youth and children’s programs at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, November 3, 10, 17 and 24, at 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School Hour. Please contact Gayle Hardee, ghardee@indepres.org, to register.

A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

THE CHAPEL

The Chapel is open for families with babies during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Tom, Robin and Doug Callihan
in memory of Wheeler and Helen Callihan.

OUR CHURCH TODAY

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 (Grades 1 & 2)
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Small Groups
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
Various times Sr. High Small Groups

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m.....Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.....Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.....*Through the Wardrobe*, Story Time for Children, Bookstore
6:15 p.m.....Divorce Care, Room 229
6:30 p.m..... Dr. Bill Hogan, *Faith and Feelings*, Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m.....Grace Groups and Small Groups
6:30 p.m.....Preschool and Children’s Choir Rehearsals
6:30 p.m..... C.I.A.(*Christ In Action*), Romper Room
6:30 p.m.....Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
7:30 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

IPC BLOOD DRIVE

Save the date! Life Blood will be here this Wednesday, September 25, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., in Room 237. Please visit our website, www.indepres.org, to sign up.

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

“Be True to Your School” Tailgate Picnic, Sunday, October 6
after the 11:00 Worship Service on the Avon side of IPC

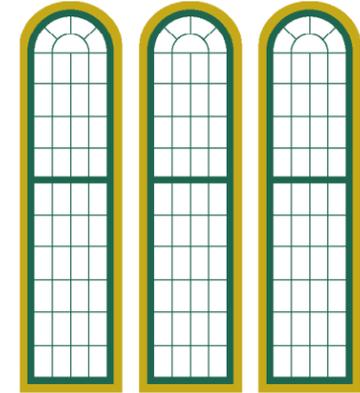
“Music for the Master,” Thursday, October 10, Noon, IPC Fellowship Hall
“Aesop’s Fables” *Settings for Horn & Narrator*
Adults and children will enjoy this short program, followed by lunch.
RSVP for lunch to 901.685.9707 or musicooffice@indepres.org.

Please do not bring your coffee or food into the IPC Sanctuary. Thank you.

GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How do often think of knowledge in the church?
 2. Is your knowledge of God producing hope in your everyday life?
 3. What role does prayer play in gaining knowledge that leads to hope?
 4. Spend some time as a group praying for what Paul is praying for in this passage. (Even if you have to stop discussion early!)
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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.



INDEPENDENT *Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Memphis, calling them into a devoted community of worshipping and maturing believers, and sending them out to be salt of the earth and light in the world,
all to the glory of God.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

“For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”
— 1 Corinthians 3:11

THE PRELUDE

“How Deep the Father's Love for Us” arr. Powell
Katy Picuch, Oboe Lauren Conley, Violin
Arron Powell, Viola Daniel Strawser, Cello

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1, 6-7; Psalm 79:13

The Minister: “Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

The Congregation: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

The Minister: For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.”

The Congregation: “But we Your people, the sheep of Your pasture, will give thanks to You forever; from generation to generation we will recount Your praise.”

Dr. Murray Garrott
Associate Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!” No. 296

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

Bennett Winn Robson, 8:30 a.m.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Allen Holt Hughes, III, 11:00 a.m.

THE SOLO

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” L. Smith
Myla Thomas, Soprano

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.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

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

THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us.” — *Psalm 103:11-12*

THE HYMN OF ADORATION

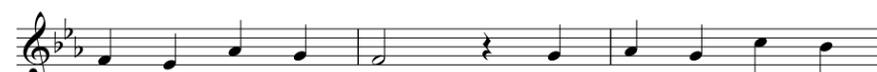
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds ”

John Newton

ST. PETER



1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and
3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my
4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes his sor - rows,
calms the trou - bled breast; 'tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; my ne - ver - fail - ing
Prop - et, Priest and King, my Lord, my Life, my



heals his wounds, and drives a - way his fear.
hun - gry soul, and to the wea - ry rest.
treas - ury filled with bound - less stores of grace.
Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

The Minister: What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

The Congregation: That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

THE DOXOLOGY

Hyfrydol

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” Rutter
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He shall feed me
In a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the
Paths of righteousness, for His Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
For Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me.

Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

But Thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

THE SERMON

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THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“It Is Well with My Soul” No. 691

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing” Marion

THE POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness” Dupré
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

If you would like to pray with someone, please come to the Chapel after the 8:30 or 11:00 service.