

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

“Grand Choeur Triomphal”
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist Guilmant

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 111:1-5, 9

The Minister: “Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

The Congregation: Great are the works of the Lord. Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.

The Minister: He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

The Minister and Congregation: He remembers His covenant forever. He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever. Holy and awesome is His name.”

The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”
No. 75

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

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee:
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Katherine Ann Collins, 11:00 a.m.

THE SOLO

“Psalm VIII”
Amy Cresswell, Soprano Courtney

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father and our God, we come before You as people who are broken by our sin. With the apostle Paul, we acknowledge that we do not do what You desire, but we do the very things that You hate. Our very nature is sinful at its core and is against Your perfect law. Daily we learn that we cannot keep Your law and

the covenant we have made with You: we have failed and are proven unfaithful. In sin, we have chosen a life apart from You. We worship tangible things that will rust and fade away. We continually desire the worship and praise of others. We work for ourselves and for our own security and comfort. We have neglected the orphan, the widow, the widower, and the distressed. For all of this, we deserve Your judgment, wrath and displeasure. And without Your sovereign mercy, we have no hope. We praise You, that by Your mercy and grace, You have removed our heart of stone and given us a heart of flesh. We thank You, that by Your mercy and grace, You have rescued us from darkness and brought us into Your marvelous light. We adore You, that by Your mercy and grace, You love to make sinners like us into new creations. And oh, how amazing it is, that by Your sheer love, mercy, and delight, we are no longer “in sin,” but we are “in Christ,” united to Your Son, who bought us redemption through the shedding of His blood on the cross. We rejoice that You entered into a covenant of grace with us, that You are the faithful one, and that You remember Your covenant forever. For all of Your goodness to us we praise and thank You, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”
— *Ephesians 2:4-7*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“We Rest on Thee”

Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895 Finlandia

1. We rest on Thee our shield and our de -
□. □ We go in faith, our own great weak - ness

fen - der! We go not forth a - lone a - gainst the foe;
feel - ing, and need - ing more each day Thy grace to know:

strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keep - ing ten - der,
yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,

□ We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go. □
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THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto Him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of Him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which He has been pleased to express by way of covenant. The first covenant made with man was a covenant of works, wherein life was promised to Adam; and in him to his posterity, upon condition of perfect and personal obedience. Man, by his fall, having made himself incapable of life by that covenant, the Lord was pleased to make a second, commonly called the covenant of grace; wherein He freely offers unto sinners life and salvation by Jesus Christ; requiring of them faith in Him, that they may be saved, and promising to give unto all those that are ordained unto eternal life His Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe.

— *Westminster Confession of Faith, Chapter 7:1-3*

THE DOXOLOGY

Trinity

To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Be Thou My Vision”
Harrison Howle, Director Rutter

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art;
Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word,
Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord;
Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might;
Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower:
O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart:
O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won;
Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be Thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

THE SERMON

Genesis 15 (*pew Bible pages 10-11*)
“Can God Be Trusted?”
The Reverend Brad Robson
Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
No. 598

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Father, Give Thy Benediction” Alla Trinita Beata

THE POSTLUDE

“Built on a Rock” arr. Martin



SERMON NOTES

September 27, 2015

Genesis 15
“Can God Be Trusted?”
The Reverend Brad Robson

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*, November 8-December 13, at 9:45, during the Sunday School hour. For more information, or to register, please contact 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 with love by the family of Katherine Ann Collins
in honor of her baptism.

“Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children,
and their children to the next generation.” — Joel 1:3

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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OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 27

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)
4:30 p.m. Jr. High Small Groups
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Sr. High Small Groups

GRACE GROUPS NOTES AVAILABLE ONLINE

You can now download a QR Code Scanner app on your phone, and use it to scan the code below to view this week’s Grace Group questions, or go to www.indepres.org/resources/sermons/.



OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 30

4:00 p.m..... Blood Drive
5:30 p.m..... Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:00 p.m..... Divorce Care (Room 233)
6:30 p.m..... *The Gospel of Mark*, Fellowship Hall/Mike Malone
6:30 p.m..... Grace Groups, Small Groups
6:30 p.m..... Preschool and Children’s Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m..... Christ in Action (C.I.A.) — Romper Room
6:30 p.m..... Jr. High and Sr. High Youth Groups
7:30 p.m..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

IPC BLOOD DRIVE

Our next Blood Drive will be this Wednesday, September 30, 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

To sign up to give, or for more information, please visit our website,

www.indepres.org.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | OCTOBER 4

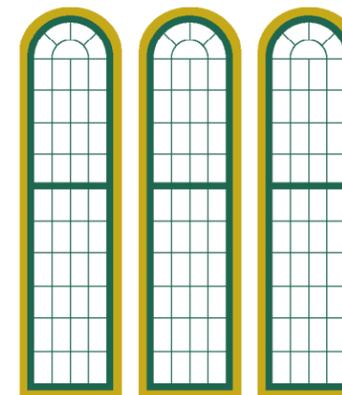
The Session has called for a Congregational Meeting to take place next Sunday, October 4, 2015, at 9:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall, for the purpose of electing a Pulpit Search Committee. All Adult, Senior High, and Junior High Sunday School classes will be cancelled so that communing members may attend. The Session will present its recommendation for the Pulpit Search Committee at the meeting. All communing members are encouraged to attend and vote.

FALL PICNIC | OCTOBER 4

Join us next Sunday, October 4, on the Avon side of the building, for our annual Fall Picnic immediately following the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

CHANGE OF DATES FOR THE PATHWAY CLASS

The dates for our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members* have changed. The new dates are Sundays, November 8, 15, 22, 29 and December 6, 13. We will still meet at 9:45 a.m., in the third floor conference room. Please email Gayle Hardee, ghardee@indepres.org, if you would like to register.



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

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