

## SERMON NOTES

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September 29, 2013

Ephesians 1:19-23  
“Real Power”

*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.*

### 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

### COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper will be observed next Sunday, October 6, at the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services.

### “BE TRUE TO YOUR SCHOOL” TAILGATE PICNIC

Next 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 [musicoffice@indepres.org](mailto:musicoffice@indepres.org).

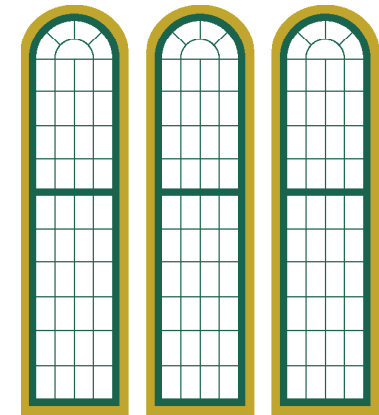
*Please do not bring your coffee or food into the IPC Sanctuary. Thank you.*

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### GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. If you struggle with fear, or know someone who does, how would this passage encourage you/them?
  2. How do we practically experience the power of God?
  3. Where are some other places where Paul talks about the church as “the body of Christ?” What does this mean?
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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](http://www.indepres.org).*



# INDEPENDENT *Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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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 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-NINTH 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

“Lord God, We All Give You Praise” Pachelbel  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 28:18; Revelation 1:8;  
Hebrews 1:3; Revelation 1:5-6

*The Minister:* “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me.’”

*The Congregation:* “‘I am the Alpha and the Omega,’ says the Lord God, ‘who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.’”

*The Minister:* “He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of His nature, and He upholds the universe by the word of His power. After making purification for sins, He sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

*The Minister and Congregation:* “To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

*The Reverend Parker Tenent  
Assistant Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Before Jehovah’s Awesome Throne” No. 65

## 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

*Malcolm Seal Russ, 8:30 a.m.*

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*Avery Louise Bolerjack, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE SOLO

“Psalm VIII”

Courtney

*Amy Moore, Soprano*

Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!  
You have set Your glory above the heavens!  
From the mouths of children You have ordained praise to silence the foe.

When I survey the heavens, the moon and stars You created,  
What are we that You are mindful of us?  
For You have made us little lower than the angels  
And crowned us with glory and honor.

You have given us dominion o’er the works of Your hands.  
You have put all things under our feet, the flocks and herds,  
The beasts of the field, and the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea,  
All that swim in the paths of the seas.

O Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our lives are cluttered, Lord Jesus, by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We have often lost our way. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at Your feet. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*


## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”  
— *Romans 8:1*


## THE HYMN OF PRAISE


“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Words: Julia H. Johnston, 191□ Moody

  
1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,  
2. Sin and des - pair, like the sea waves cold,

  
grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!  
threa - ten the soul with in - fi - nite loss;

  
yon - der on Cal - va - ry’s mount out - poured,  
grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,

  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.  
points to the Re - fuge, the might - y cross.

  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, Grace that will

  
par-don and cleanse with - in; Grace, grace, God’s

  
grace, Grace that is great-er than all our sin.

## 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

“Hallelujah!” from *Christ on the Mount of Olives* Beethoven  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

Hallelujah unto God’s Almighty Son.  
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.  
Man, proclaim His grace and glory.

## THE SERMON

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Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 32

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Grace, Love and Fellowship” Cane Peak

## THE POSTLUDE

“Fugue” from *Sonata VI* Mendelssohn



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