

## SERMON NOTES

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October 13, 2013

Ephesians 2:11-18

*The Reverend Richie Sessions*

## 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  
5:30 p.m.....Adult Handbells 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

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting for Wednesday, October 23, at 6:15 p.m., for the purpose of informing the congregation of the 2013-2014 Budget.

## FALL CANDY DRIVE

Wells Station Elementary School, part of our Adopt-A-School Mercy Ministry, is holding its annual Fall Carnival on Friday, October 25. The Senior High of IPC is gathering candy for this event, but they need your help! Beginning Wednesday, October 16, through Wednesday, October 23, a box will be located in the IPC lobby where you can donate your bag(s) of candy. If you have any questions, please contact Tracey Clairmont, [tclairmont@indepres.org](mailto:tclairmont@indepres.org).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY@IPC — SOUP'S ON!

Ladies, join us, and invite a friend for a night out, either on Tuesday, October 22, at the home of Natalie Cofield, or on Thursday, October 24, at the home of Ginny Clowers. Please RSVP to Barbara Collins, 901.685.8206, or [bcollins@indepres.org](mailto:bcollins@indepres.org).

## REFORMATION DAY SERVICE

Please join us at Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 27, at 6:00 p.m., as we come together in worship with other Reformed churches and choirs from our area for a Reformation Service. The Reverend John Sartelle will be preaching.

## EXPOSITORY PREACHING CONFERENCE

OnePassion Ministries in partnership with Ligonier Ministries presents, The Institute for Expository Preaching: "Preaching with Precision and Power," with Dr. Steve Lawson, October 28-30, at IPC.

This conference is not only for those in ministerial positions, but also for men and women with the gift of teaching.

Please register at [www.onepassionministries.org](http://www.onepassionministries.org).

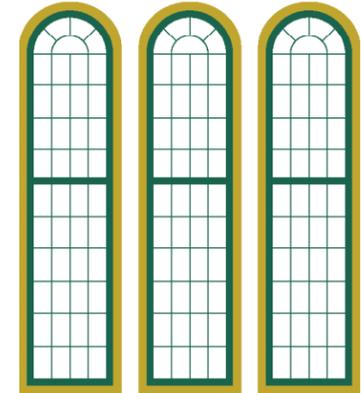
Everyone is invited to two additional sessions, taught by Dr. Lawson, as well.

*No registration is required for the following:*

Tuesday, October 29, 6:30 p.m.: "The Life of John Calvin"

Wednesday, October 30, 6:30 p.m.: "The Legacy of John Calvin"

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



# INDEPENDENT *Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

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## GRACE GROUP QUESTIONS

Grace Group Questions and the Sermon Outline will be available on our website tomorrow, Monday, October 14.

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## 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](mailto:ghardee@indepres.org), to register.

A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

## THE FLOWERS

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

by Mr. and Mrs. Lesley Harding Binkley III, in loving memory of Elizabeth Ginn Fleming, Bradley Metcalf Harris, Jr., and Betty Nell Lowe. Mrs. Binkley is the former Miss Ashley Ruth York.

*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).*

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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 THIRTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 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

“Hornpipe” Dinda  
*Sophie Miller, Organ*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:13-20

*The Minister:* “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*The Congregation:* He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities — all things were created through Him and for Him.

*The Minister:* And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent.

*The Minister and Congregation:* For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.”

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton*  
*Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” No. 342

## 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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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 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You do not change. You have revealed Yourself to us in Your Word. You call us to worship You in spirit and in truth. But we confess that we often worship not Your true self but who we wish You to be. We too often ask You to bless what we do rather than seeking to do what You bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes You into what we want instead of shaping us into what You want. Help us to meet You here, that we might bow before Your unspeakable majesty and so live for You now and ever, in Christ. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the Lord: “though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.” — *Isaiah 1:18*

## THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“God, in the Gospel of His Son”

Benjamin Beddome, 1880

GERMANY



1. God, in the gos - pel of His Son,  
2. Here sin - ners of a hum - ble frame  
3. O grant us grace, al - might - y Lord,



makes His e - ter - nal coun - sels known; where  
may taste His grace, and learn His Name; may  
to read and mark your ho - ly Word; its



love in all its glo - ry shines, and  
read, in char - ac - ters of blood, the  
truths with meek - ness to re - ceive, and



truth is drawn in fair - est lines.  
wis - dom, pow - er, and grace of God.  
by its ho - ly pre - cepts live.

## 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

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

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” arr. Parker  
*Amy Moore, Soprano*  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore  
As I near those swollen waters, With their deep and solemn roar.

*Hallelujah, praise the Lamb, Hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM.*

And my soul though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day,  
Passes swiftly o'er those waters To the City far away.

Souls have crossed before me saintly, to that land of perfect rest;  
And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blest.

## THE SERMON

Ephesians 2:11-18 (*Pew Bible, page 976-977*)  
*The Reverend Richie Sessions*  
*Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing” No. 302

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“Sing Alleluia!” Young

## THE POSTLUDE

“Finale in D Minor” Thiman  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*



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