

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

“Prelude” from *Suite No. 3 in C Major* J.S. Bach
Seth Russell, Cello

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 1:4-8

The Minister: “Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

The 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 Minister: Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of Him. Even so. Amen.

The Minister and 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 Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy!” No. 100

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

Ode to Joy

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises Thee;
we, Thy creatures, would adore Thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify Thy goodness, grant us strength to do Thy will;
with our acts as with our voices Thy commandments to fulfill. *Amen.*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Caroline Fowler Payne, 8:30 a.m.

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Miller Davis Foy, 11:00 a.m.

THE DUET

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Martin
Beth Rushing, Soprano Randal Rushing, Tenor

Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy Grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by Thy help, I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of grace, I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for You always justify the ungodly; I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal, always saying, Father, forgive me, and You are always bringing forth the best robe. Every morning let me wear it, every evening return in it, go out to the day's work in it, be married in it, be wound in death in it, stand before the great white throne in it, and enter heaven in it shining as the sun. Amen. — Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“She will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” — Matthew 1:21

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, I Come”

Words: William T. Sleeper, 1887 Music: Greg Thompson



1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I
□. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I



come; Je - sus, I come. In - to Thy free - dom, glad - ness, and
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the glor - ious gain of Thy
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and light of Thy



light Je - sus, I come to Thee, Out of my
cross, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of earth's
home, Je - sus, I come to Thee. Out of the



sick - ness, in - to Thy health, Out of my want - ing and
sor - rows, in - to Thy balm, Out of life's storms and
depths of ru - in un - told, In - to the peace of Thy



in - to Thy wealth, Out of my sin and
in - to Thy calm, Out of dis - tress in - to
shel - ter - ing fold, Ev - er Thy glo - rious



in - to Thy - self, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to Thee.
face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to Thee.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH *Westminster Confession of Faith*, Chapter 14

The Minister: What is saving faith?

The Congregation: The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts, and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word, by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

The Minister: What are the principle acts of saving faith?

The Congregation: The principal acts of saving faith are accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

THE DOXOLOGY

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” Courtney
Harrison Howle, Director

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while she sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in His wings;
When comforts are declining, He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.

In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation, And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow, We cheerfully can say,
Let the unknown tomorrow Bring with it what it may.

It can bring with it nothing But He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing Will clothe His people too;
Beneath the spreading heavens No creature but is fed;
And He who feeds the ravens Will give His children bread.

Though vine nor fig tree neither Their wanted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither, Nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet, God the same abiding, His praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in Him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

THE SERMON

Genesis 18:1-15 (*per Bible pages 12-13*)
“Our Intimacy with God”

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus” No. 467

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Grace of Our Lord Jesus” Brown

THE POSTLUDE

“Con Moto Maestoso” from *Sonata III* Mendelssohn
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

SERMON NOTES

October 18, 2015

Genesis 18:1-15

“Our Intimacy with God”

The Reverend J. Edward Norton

1. Introduction
2. Acknowledge, by Faith, God’s Infinite Care (Genesis 18:1-8)
3. Grasp, by Faith, God’s Infinite Resources (Genesis 18:9-15)
4. So What?

*God is concerned to build up our faith,
because faith is the primary grace of our Christian experience.
The grace of faith coordinates and cooperates with every other grace.*
— Dr. Ligon Duncan

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

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Matthew McLawhorn Kennedy in loving memory of their grandparents, Mr. Billy Charles Duck, Dr. and Mrs. William Robson Mitchum, Sr., and Mr. Jack Thomas Wilburn. Mrs. Kennedy is the former Miss Elizabeth Kell Duck.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | OCTOBER 11

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

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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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 | OCTOBER 21

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

OLE MISS CHOIRS IN CONCERT | OCTOBER 22

Join us this Thursday, October 22, 7:30 p.m., in the IPC Sanctuary, to hear one of the finest choirs in the country as they perform a variety of repertoire in a beautiful and resonant space.

FALL RENEWAL CONFERENCE | OCTOBER 25-28

Our 2015 Renewal Conference focuses on Honesty, a virtue desperately in need of revival in our time. The Reverend Sandy Willson, Senior Pastor of Second Presbyterian in Memphis, and Dr. Ligon Duncan, Chancellor of Reformed Theological Seminary, will be addressing this theme in our five sessions of the Conference. **The conference will coincide with an annual service of Reformation Grace at Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening, October 25.** Here is the conference schedule:

Sunday, October 25 —Worship Services, 8:30 and 11:00 | IPC

The Reverend Sandy Willson

“The Honest Truth” — Ephesians 4:25

Sunday, October 25 — Worship Service, 6:00 p.m. | Second Presbyterian

Dr. Ligon Duncan

“Professing an Honest Faith” — 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Monday, October 26 — Lunch and Teaching, 11:30-1:00 | IPC

The Reverend Sandy Willson

“Building Honest Relationships” — Matthew 18:15-20

Tuesday, October 27 — Lunch and Teaching, 11:30-1:00 | IPC

The Reverend Sandy Willson

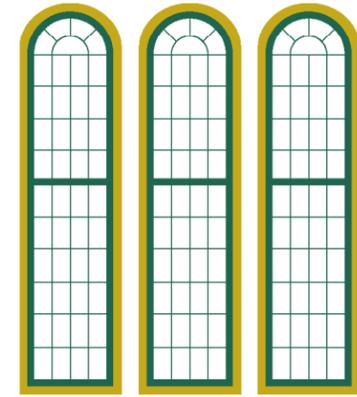
“Making an Honest Confession” — Psalm 51

Wednesday, October 28 — Dinner and Teaching, 5:30 p.m. | IPC

The Reverend Sandy Willson

“Conducting Honest Business” — Proverbs

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



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all to the glory of God.