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## SERMON NOTES

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November 24, 2013

“New People with New Lives”

Ephesians 4:17-24

*The Reverend Richie Sessions*

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## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Josie, John P. Jr., David, Ashleigh and Alexandra Howser in loving  
memory of husband, father and grandfather, Dr. John P. Howser.

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## 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  
9:45 a.m..... Pathway Class, 3rd Floor Conference Room  
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service  
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)  
4:00 p.m..... Adult Choir Christmas Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m.....Sr. High Choir Rehearsal  
Various times .....Sr. High Small Groups

## THANKSGIVING WEEK

There will be no Fellowship Dinner or Wednesday Evening Ministries on November 27. The Church Offices and Bookstore will be closed on November 28 and 29, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

## THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Join us in the Sanctuary on Thursday, November 28, at 10:00 a.m., for our annual Thanksgiving Day service. Ed Norton will deliver the message, and Cannon Allen will give his personal testimony.

## WOMEN@IPC

Ladies, join us on Tuesday, December 3, at 11:30 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Christmas luncheon, featuring Palmer Home for Children. On Thursday, December 5, we will decorate the Church beginning at 9:00 a.m., followed by lunch together. On the following Thursday, December 12, we will go caroling at the Terrace at Trezevant Manor and visit our homebound members who live there. Meet at IPC at 10:00 a.m. To make your reservation for our luncheon on December 3, or if you have questions about any of these events, please contact Barbara Collins, [bcollins@indepres.org](mailto:bcollins@indepres.org).

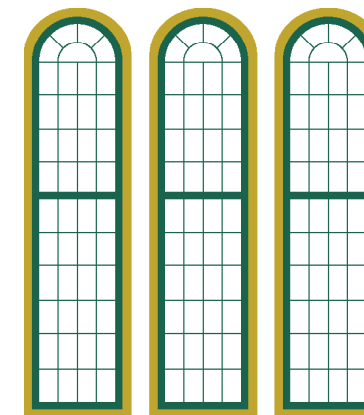
## LOOKING AHEAD: NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2013

Jr. High and Sr. High Turkey Bowl..... Wednesday, 11/27, 10:00 a.m. - noon  
Pre-school and Kindergarten Choirs Program.....Wednesday, 12/4 - 6:15 p.m.  
25<sup>th</sup> Annual Services of Lessons and Carols.....Sunday, 12/8 - 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.  
Elementary, Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Program ..... Wednesday, 12/11 - 6:30 p.m.  
Christmas Food Basket Assembly and Delivery .....Saturday, 12/21 - 9:00 a.m.  
Christmas Eve Services.....Tuesday, 12/24 - 4:00, 5:30 and 11:00 p.m.  
Holiday Gathering (NO Sunday School) .....Sunday, 12/29 - 9:45 a.m.

## WEEKEND PASTORAL EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have a pastoral emergency over the weekend, please contact the  
**Minister on Call, 901.268.3004.**

*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, November 25.

Please visit [www.indepres.org](http://www.indepres.org).

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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 *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. Please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206, for more information.

A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

*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 TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

*"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!"* — Psalm 122:1

## THE PRELUDE

"When in Our Music God Is Glorified" arr. Hobby  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 63:1-3

*The Minister:* "O God, You are my God; earnestly I seek You; my soul thirsts for You; my flesh faints for You, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

*The Congregation:* So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.

*The Minister and Congregation:* Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You."

*The Reverend Parker Tenent  
Assistant Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" No. 97

## 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

*John Crawford Caldwell, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE SOLO

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" arr. Larson  
*McCheyne Post, Baritone*

My Shepherd will supply my need, the God of love supreme.  
In pastures green You let me feed beside the living stream.  
You bring my wand'ring spirit back when I forsake Your ways,  
And lead me for Your mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death, Your presence is my stay.  
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread.  
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.  
O may Your house be my abode, and all my work be praise!  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come.  
No more a stranger nor a guest, but like a child at home.

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done, we have sinned in ignorance; we have sinned in weakness; we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to You. Forgive us and renew our lives through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

— *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:11-14

*The Minister:* "May you be strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

*The Minister and Congregation:* 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 HYMN OF ADORATION

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Charles Wesley, 1740

MARTYN



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to Thy bos - om  
2. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, grace to cov - er all my



fly, while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest  
sin; let the heal - ing streams a-bound; make and keep me



still is high. Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide,  
pure with - in. Thou of life the foun - tain art,



till the storm of life is past; safe in - to the  
free - ly let me take of Thee; spring Thou up with -



ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last!  
in my heart; rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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

Nun Danket

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven –  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore. *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

"With a Voice of Singing" Shaw  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.

The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia.

O be joyful in God, all ye lands,

O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.

## THE SERMON

Ephesians 4:17-24 (*Pew Bible, page 978*)

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Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee" No. 528

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Grace, Love and Fellowship" Cane Peak

## THE POSTLUDE

"Alleluia!" Hobby



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