

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SIXTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! — Psalm 95:1,6

THE PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus” arr. Purifoy
Emily Edwards, Flute

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:21

The Minister: “For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;

The Congregation: And the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

The Minister: “And you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.”

*The Reverend Parker Tenent
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” No. 203

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, forever. *Amen.*

THE GLORIA PATRI

Adeste Fideles

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
glory to God in the highest;

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

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

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Father in heaven, our hearts are confused this morning by sin. We are numb to how frequently we miss the mark when it comes to “taking up our cross and following You daily”. And what troubles us most this morning is not our individual failures of faith, but the apathy of our hearts towards those failures. Father, the sin behind our sin is that we don't care enough to not sin. Father, we are spiritually tired and worn out by the battle we face inside ourselves daily. Hear our confession this morning of not just losing the battle with the flesh, but forfeiting our lives to sin and living with indifference towards You. Jesus, have mercy on us. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For He grew up before Him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; He had no form or majesty that we should look at Him, and no beauty that we should desire Him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed.” — *Isaiah 53:1-5*

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Colossians 1:15-20

The Minister: What do we believe about Jesus?

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. 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. 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 DOXOLOGY

Regent Square

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore Your voices raising to th' eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Sussex Carol” arr. Bradford
Harrison Howle, Director

On Christmas night all Christians sing To hear the news the angels bring.
News of great joy news of great mirth News of our Merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be sad Since our Redeemer made us glad.
When from our sin He set us free, All for to gain our liberty.

When sin departs before His grace Then life and health come in its place.
Angels and men with joy may sing All for to see the newborn King.

All out of darkness we have light Which made the angels sing this night.
All Glory to God and peace to men Now and forevermore. *Amen.*

THE SERMON

John 1:14 (*pew Bible page 886*)
“The Word Became Flesh”
*The Reverend Chad Scruggs
Associate Pastor, Park Cities Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas*

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“What Child Is This” No. 213

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Good Christian Men, Rejoice” No. 207

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“O Savior, Child of Mary” Praetorius

THE POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” arr. Held
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist



SERMON NOTES

December 6, 2015

John 1:14
“The Word Became Flesh”
The Reverend Chad Scruggs

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*. 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
by the Women of the Church.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 6

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
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
5:00 p.m.....27th Annual *Service of Lessons and Carols*
7:00 p.m.....27th Annual *Service of Lessons and Carols*

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 9

5:30 p.m.....Dinner, Fellowship Hall (Final for 2015)
5:30 p.m.....Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:00 p.m.....Divorce Care (Room 233)
6:30 p.m.....Graded Choir Christmas Program, *Memories of Christmas*
7:30 p.m.....Handbell Choir Rehearsal

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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Join us this evening
for
THE 27TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

In the Sanctuary ~ 5:00 p.m.*
Adult and Children's Choirs with Members of
the Memphis Symphony Orchestra
and

In the Sanctuary ~ 7:00 p.m.*
Adult, Senior and Junior High Choirs with Members of
the Memphis Symphony Orchestra

**Nursery available*

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

We are excited to welcome Dean HD Film Company this morning to film our church community. Their filming will include both Worship Services, Sunday School Classes, Children's Ministry, Nursery, Student Ministries and gathering in the lobby between services. This filming will be used to create a short video in order to assist in communicating our new vision, as well as the life of our church.

GRADED CHOIR CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Join us after our Wednesday evening dinner this week at 6:30,
in the IPC Sanctuary, for the Graded Choir Christmas Program,
Memories of Christmas.

DINNER FOR EIGHT

The *Dinner for Eight* project is part of IPC's Special Events Ministry and is a great way to meet new people at church and to get to know your church family better. During November and December, you may register online at www.indepres.org, or you may fill out a registration form and put it in the box in the lobby. For more information, visit our website, or contact Elizabeth Fowlkes, efowlkes@indepres.org.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS | HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations (Honorarium and memorial cards are available in the lobby)

Volunteer to unload the delivery trucks (Friday, 12/18 - 2:00 p.m.)

Volunteer to assemble or deliver (Saturday, 12/19 - 9:00 a.m.)

For more information, please contact

Sam Olson, mattsamolson@gmail.com, or Kathy Garrett, katgarr1@gmail.com.

A LOOK AHEAD

Monday, December 7 — Children's Ministry Gingerbread Contest

Tuesday, December 8 — Women's Ministry Christmas Caroling at Trezevant

Wednesday, December 9 — Graded Choir Christmas Program, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 16 — “Back to IPC” College Students Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, December 18 — Food Basket set-up, 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 19 — Food Basket assembly and delivery, 9:00 a.m.

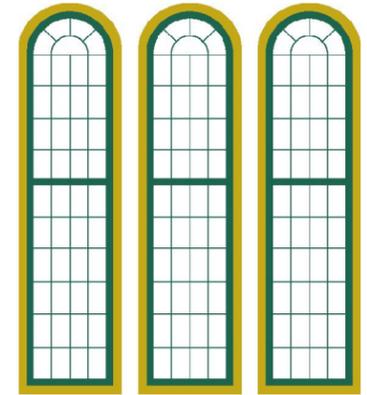
Sunday, December 20 — *Messiah* Sing-Along, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 — Christmas Eve Services, 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 27 — Congregational Brunch, 9:45 a.m.

(No Adult or Children's Sunday School classes. Nursery is provided.)

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



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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.