

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND FOURTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. — John 1:14

THE PRELUDE

“Ding Dong Merrily! He Is Born!” arr. Page
Emily Young, Flute
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

— based on Psalm 126

The Minister: “The Lord has done great things for us!

The Congregation: And we are filled with joy!

The Minister: Our God has turned our weeping into singing,

The Congregation: Our tears into songs of joy!

The Minister: O Christ of God, come anew in our hearts this day,

The Congregation: And remain in us forever.”

Dr. Murray Garrott
Executive 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, for ever. *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

Lord, we have not kept watch for You. We have occupied ourselves with our own concerns. We have not waited to find Your will for us. We have not noticed the needs of the people around us. We have not acknowledged the love that has been shown to us. Forgive us for our lack of watchfulness. Help us to wait to know Your will. Help us to look out for the needs of others. Help us to work and watch for Your coming. *Amen. — The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” — *Galatians 4:4-5*

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

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” arr. Holst
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded for with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture In the Body and the Blood
He will give to all the faithful His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph; Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya. Alleluya, Alleluya Lord most High. Amen.

THE SERMON

John 1:12-13 (*per Bible page 886*)
“Advent and Real Life: Family”
The Reverend Richie Sessions
Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 252
Tune: Gift of Love

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

“As with Gladness Men of Old” No. 226

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“King of Kings, Yet Born of Mary” Picardy

THE POSTLUDE

“Patapan” arr. Larson



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

SERMON NOTES

December 7, 2014

John 1:12-13
“Advent and Real Life: Family”
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. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, January 11, 18, 25, February 8, 15 and 22.

For more information, please contact the Church Office, 901.685.8206.

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.

THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by the Women of the Church.*

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 26th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols
7:00 p.m. 26th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols

Join us this evening
for
THE 26TH ANNUAL SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

In the Sanctuary ~ 4:30 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

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY

5:30 p.m..... Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m..... Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Rehearsal
6:30 p.m..... Elementary, Jr. and Sr. High Choirs Program, Sanctuary
6:30 p.m..... Divorce Care, Room 229
7:30 p.m..... Adult Handbell Rehearsal

PEACE ON EARTH

Please join us this Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary, for the Elementary, Junior High and Senior High Choirs Program, *Peace on Earth*.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS | HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donations (Honorarium and memorial cards available in the Rotunda)

Volunteer to unload the delivery trucks (Friday, 12/19)

Volunteer to assemble or deliver (Saturday, 12/20)

For further information, visit our website, www.indepres.org,
or contact Sam Olson, 901.849.3695, or mattsamolson@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24 | IPC Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. — Family Service

5:30 p.m. — Candlelight Communion Service

~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.