

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

“Advent Carol” Hopson
The Handbell Choir
Harrison Howle, Director

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

The Minister: “Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

The Congregation: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory!”

The Minister and Congregation: O come, let us adore Him!

Dr. Murray Garrott
Executive Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Angels We Have Heard on High” No. 214

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 PROFESSION OF FAITH

Frances Carolyn Butler, 8:30 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Ford Thomas Spires, 11:00 a.m.

THE ENSEMBLE

“Let Every Heart” Ratcliff

Let every heart prepare Him room and heav'n and nature sing.
Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King!
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, the Savior reigns:
Joy to the world, let us our songs employ.
Sing Emmanuel. Sing God is with us. Hallelujah; sing Gloriam

He comes to make His glories known far as the curse is found.
No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.
He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness, and wonders of His love.

Sing Emmanuel. Sing God is with us. Hallelujah; sing Gloria!
Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room and sing.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, my every sense, member, faculty, affection, is a snare to me. I can scarce open my eyes but I envy those above me, or despise those below. I covet the honor and riches of the mighty, and am proud and unmerciful to the rags of others. Am I attractive? What fuel for pride! Am I gifted? How I lust after applause! Do I have much? How imprisoned I am by what I possess. Am I in need? How I despise those who have what I have not! You know that all these are snares; but my greatest snare is myself. Keep me ever mindful of my heart, but let me not forget my heavenly title, or the grace that can deal with every sin. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for sin, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities.” — *Isaiah 53:10-11*

THE ADVENT HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and
2. O come, Thou Rod of Jes - se, free Thine
3. O come, Thou Day-spring from on high, and



ran - som cap - tive Is - - ra - el, that
own from Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from
cheer us by Thy draw - ing nigh; dis -



mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here, un -
depths of hell Thy peo - ple save, and
perse the gloom - y clouds of night, and



til the Son of God ap - pear. Re -
give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
death's dark shad - ows put to flight.



joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el shall



come to Thee, O Is - - ra - el.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 35, 36
The Minister: “What does it mean that He ‘was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary’?”

The Congregation: That the eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God, took to Himself, through the working of the Holy Spirit, from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, a truly human nature, so that He might become David's true descendant, like His brothers in every way except for sin.

The Minister: How does the holy conception and birth of Christ benefit you?

The Congregation: He is our mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness He removes from God's sight my sin — mine since I was conceived.”

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

“Christ Is the Morning Star” Rutter
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Christ is the morning star,
The light of God that shines from afar;
The Son of God in human form revealed,
The wound of Adam's sin for ever healed.

For God, who formed mankind of clay
Will bring forth our salvation that day
When He, who made all things since time began,
Will send His Son, to live on earth as man.

And when He comes, a child on earth,
The sun and stars will shine at His birth,
To light a world that long in darkness lay:
The light of God, the gift of Christmas Day.
Christ is the morning star.

And when He comes again as King,
Then heav'n and all creation shall sing;
With saints in glory seated round His throne
We'll see His face, and know as we are known.
Christ is the morning star.

THE SERMON

Matthew 1:1, 17-25 (*pew Bible pages 807*)
“Christmas for Everyone”
The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” No. 224

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“He Is the King of Glory” Handel

THE POSTLUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People” Jeep
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

SERMON NOTES

December 13, 2015

Matthew 1:1, 17-25

“Christmas for Everyone”

The Reverend Mike Malone



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 beginning January 6, 2016, 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.

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.

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

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THE FLOWERS

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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the membership of our church the following new members:

Miss Frances Butler

Mr. Jason Burton

Miss Elizabeth Gibson

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 13

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 (Final for 2015)
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
5:30 p.m.....Adult Choir Christmas Dinner at the Turners' Home

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 16

6:30 p.m.....“Back to IPC” College Students Dinner, Sr. High Room

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.

Join us for our

MESSIAH SING-ALONG

with IPC Soloists and Orchestra

Sunday, December 20 | 5:00 p.m.

IPC Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24 | IPC Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. — Family Service

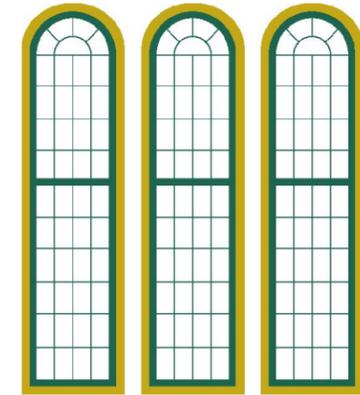
5:30 p.m. — Candlelight Communion Service

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST | DECEMBER 27

There will be no Adult or Children's Sunday School on December 27. Instead, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., for coffee and breakfast. Nursery is available.

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.



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and maturing believers, and sending them out to be
salt of the earth and light in the world,
all to the glory of God.