

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

“The Joy of Christmas” Larson
The IPC Handbell Choir Christy Watridge, Director

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

— based on Psalm 50:1-3, 6

The Minister: “The mighty God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

The Congregation: Our God comes and will not be silent. God calls, and we respond to His love.

The Minister: The heavens declare God's righteousness.

The Congregation: We tell out God's glories!

The Minister: Offer up to God your thanksgiving.

The Minister and Congregation: And our God will hear us, save us, and stay with us forever.”
The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” No. 194

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 SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Millicent June Brink, 8:30 a.m.

THE SOLO

“Wexford Carol” arr. Wilberg
Lindsey Hughes, Soprano

Good people all, this Christmas time Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done in sending His beloved Son.
And like His mother we should pray To God, with love, this Christmas day:
In Bethlehem upon that morn, There was the blessed Messiah born.
Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep;
To whom God's angels did appear, Which put the shepherds in great fear.
“Prepare and go,” the angels said, “To Bethlehem; be not afraid,
For there you'll find, this happy morn, A princely Babe, sweet Jesus born.”

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of salvation, in Christ You have done great things — our hearts are filled with joy. By Your power You lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into Your kingdom. Salvation is Your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace Your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, *Amen.*
— *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“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. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned — every one — to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.” — *Isaiah 53:5-6*

THE ADVENT HYMN

“What Child Is This”

Traditional English carol Greensleeves



1. What Child is this Who, laid to rest on
2. Why lies He in such mean es - tate, Where
3. So bring Him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come



Ma - ry's lap is sleep - ing? Whom an - gels greet with
ox and ass are feed - ing? Good Chris - tian, fear, for
peas - ant, king to own Him; The King of kings sal -



an - thems sweet, while shep - herds watch are
sin - ners here the si - lent Word is
va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en -



keep - ing? This, this is Christ the King, Whom
plead - ing. Nails, spear shall pierce Him through, the
throne Him. Raise, raise the song on high, the



shep - herds guard and an - gels sing; haste, haste, to
cross be borne for me, for you; hail, hail the
vir - gin sings her lul - la - by; joy, joy, for



bring Him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.
Word made flesh, the Babe, the Son of Mar - y.
Christ is born, the Babe, the Son of Ma - ry.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

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

“Glory, Glory, Glory to the Newborn King” Hogan
Randal Rushing, Tenor James A. Brown, Jr., Director

What will we call that pretty little baby?
Baby born in Bethlehem.
What will we call that pretty little baby?
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Where was He born, this pretty little baby?
Down in a lowly manger.
Where His birth was in a stable.
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

Born this night, the Son of Mary.
Hail the heav'nborn Prince of peace.
Glory to the newborn King.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

Children, Go and tell it on the mountain, Lord,
Over the hills and ev'rywhere. Why don't you
Go tell it on the mountain, Lord, that Jesus Christ is born.
See the newborn baby.

Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
All praise to the newborn King.
Over hill and mountain, We're singin'
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
Hail, the new King!

THE SERMON

Philippians 4:10-13 (*pew Bible page 982*)
“Advent and Real Life: Contentment”
The Reverend Richie Sessions, Senior Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” No. 224

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“O Holy Child of Bethlehem” St. Louis

THE POSTLUDE

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

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

SERMON NOTES

December 14, 2014

Philippians 4:10-13

“Advent and Real Life: Contentment”

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*.

For more information, 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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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

Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Felker (Mary Virginia)

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Frymire (Michelle)

Mr. Mike Frymire

Miss Allie Frymire

Mr. Jeff Hannah

Mr. Will McEwan

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff McKnight (Julie)

Mr. Ty Smith

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)

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.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Wednesday, December 24 | IPC Sanctuary

4:00 p.m. — Family Service

5:30 p.m. — Candlelight Communion Service

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST | DECEMBER 28

There will be no Adult or Children's Sunday School on December 28. Instead, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m., for coffee and breakfast.

PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS

If you are interested in joining IPC, or want to know about what we believe, you are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective New Members*, Sunday mornings, 9:45, January 11, 18, 25, February 8, 15 and 22. Please contact Gayle Hardee, ghardee@indepres.org, to sign up for this six-week class.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS@IPC — JANUARY, 2015

Institute of Soul Formation | Congregational Electives

During the month of January, you are invited to participate in the *Institute of Soul Formation*. Please join us on Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30, for the elective of your choice. Registration tables will be in the Rotunda during December and January.

Romans 8:30: The Golden Chain of Salvation
(Room 237)

Johnathan Keenan

How Do I Know Christianity Is True?
(Fellowship Hall, North End)

Jeremy Jones

*Small Group Ministry Toolkit **
(Fellowship Hall)

Richie Sessions, Ed Norton, Barbara Collins

Neighboring 101: Your Best Life Now
(Room 131)

Samuel Husband, Parker Tenent

Single and Parenting
(Room 233)

Chet Pickernell, Danielle Hansen, Janet Miller

The Hopeful Marriage
(The Chapel)

Mike and Barb Malone, Murray and Liz Garrott

Spiritual Gifts
(Room 329)

Lisa Turner

* Mandatory for all Small Group Leaders

SENIOR HIGH PARENT MEETING

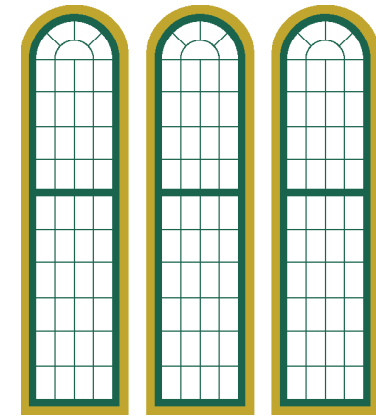
There will be a Parent Meeting Sunday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m., in the IPC Senior High Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the what's, when's, and where's, of the upcoming Spring semester in light of the renovations that will take place in our space. Richie will join us, as well, so that we can discuss our hope for the future of Senior High ministry at IPC.

SAVE THE DATE

RENEWAL 2015 | JANUARY 30-FEBRUARY 1

Awakening Hope *with* Scotty Smith

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



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