

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

“As with Gladness Men of Old” arr. Powell
Elena Efthimiou, Lauren Griffin, Mary Wright, McCheyne Post and Taylor Post, Violins
Luke Folse and Virginia Folse, Clarinets
Abby Powell and Brandon Rushing, Horns Daniel Scott, Tuba
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Minister: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness on them has light shone.

The Congregation: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; 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 Congregation: Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over His kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.”

The Reverend Justin Jones
Assistant Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Come, All Ye Faithful” No. 208 (stanzas 1,3,4)
Emilee Garrett, Organ

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

Gloria

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King,
Gloria in excelsis Deo, gloria in excelsis Deo.

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

THE SOLO

“Gesù Bambino” Yon
Tom Horner, Baritone

When blossoms flowered 'mid the snows upon a winter night
Was born the child, the Christmas Rose The King of Love and Light.
The angels sang, the shepherds sang, The grateful earth rejoiced,
And at His blessed birth the stars Their exultation voiced.

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

Again the heart with rapture glows, to greet the holy night
That gave the world its Christmas Rose, Its King of Love and Light.
Let ev'ry voice acclaim His name, The grateful chorus swell,
From paradise to earth He came That we with Him might dwell.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Source of all good, we render to You, Gift of gifts, only an impoverished soul. Before Your holy righteousness, we are undone, with no will to return to You, and no intellect to devise recovery. You came, God-incarnate, to save us to the uttermost, as man to die our death, to shed satisfying blood on our behalf, to work out a perfect righteousness for us. Meanwhile, we live in selfishness, hard-heartedness, with a stiff-necked and unforgiving spirit. We are correct when we say, “There is no health in us.” We beg You, through Your incarnate life and willing sacrifice, to pardon and blot out our sins. Have mercy upon us, O Lord. —*Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. I, I am He who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” — *Isaiah 43:11, 19, 25*

THE ADVENT HYMN

“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

English carol, 18th century GOD REST YOU MERRY



1. God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis-
2. From God our Heav'n-ly Fa-ther, a bless-ed an-gel
3. Fear not, then, said the an-gel, "let noth-ing you af-



may, re-mem-ber Christ our Sav-ior was
came; and un-to cer-tain shep-herds brought
fright; this day is born a Sav-ior of



born on Christ-mas day, to save us all from
tid-ings of the same: how that in Beth-le-
a pure vir-gin bright, to free all those who



Sa-tan's pow'r when we were gone a-stray; O
hem was born the Son of God by name.
trust in Him from Sa-tan's pow'r and might."



tid-ings of com-fort and joy, com-fort and



joy, O tid-ings of com-fort and joy.

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

“Noe! Noe!” arr. Wilberg
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Shepherds, rise look up and see New light yonder breaking,
Brighter than the noonday sun, All your sheep awaking.
Wonder, whisper, “Ah, Noe!” Christ is born this holy day!
He is come to you, Lowly shepherds, true! He is come unto you;
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day! Wonder, whisper, “Ah Noe!”

Shepherds, turn your eyes and see In the manger, sleeping,
Prince of Peace and Heav'nly King, In His mother's keeping.
Worship Him who brings Noe He who turns the night to day!
He is come to you, Lowly shepherds, true! He is come unto you;
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day!
Worship Him who brings Noe!

Shepherds, look about and see In the darkness pining
All God's children long to hear Of the new Light shining.
Witness of the true Noe! Share glad tidings of this day!
He is come to you, Lowly shepherds, true! He is come unto you;
He is come unto you, Morning Star and New Day! Witness of the true Noe!

Shepherds, run to us and see Here we are awaiting thee.
Let your voices ring for 'aye Christ is born! Noe! Noe!

THE SERMON

Daniel 10:1-14 (*pew Bible page 748*)
Resident Aliens: Living Life As A Colony Of Heaven — Part 12
“The War Behind the Wars”
The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Go, Tell It on the Mountain” No. 224

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Hail the Heav’n-born Prince of Peace!” Mendelssohn

Choir and Congregation:

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings, ris’n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by, born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn king.”

THE POSTLUDE

“Noe! Noe!” (Reprise) Wilberg



SERMON NOTES

December 18, 2016

Daniel 10:1-14 (*pew Bible page 748*)

Resident Aliens: Living Life As A Colony Of Heaven — Part 12

“The War Behind the Wars”

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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 **beginning January 11, 2017**, for our Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by Bible Study, Grace Groups and Small Groups.

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.



Our Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, and for any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.



Our sermons are now available on Sunday mornings via Live Stream. Visit www.indepres.org for the link. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, 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 our website.

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THE FLOWERS

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

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 18

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. K-Church and Jr. Church (Grade 1)
5:00 p.m. *Messiah Sing-Along*

MESSIAH SING-ALONG

Tonight, 5:00 p.m. | IPC Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Saturday, December 24

Family Service | 4:00 p.m.

Nursery provided for infants through two years old.

Candlelight Communion | 5:30 p.m.

Full Nursery Provided

YEAR-END GIVING

The financial gifts of God's people are an essential part of our effectiveness in fulfilling our mission. As 2016 comes to an end, the Finance Committee would like to ask you to continue your financial support of IPC. Gifts can be made through the IPC website, Sunday morning offering, dropped off at the church during business hours, by mail, or publicly traded gifts of stock. The IPC Business Office maintains brokerage accounts with several financial institutions and is able to assist you with a stock transfer should this be of interest.

Gifts may be dropped off at the front desk on Friday, December 30, until 6:00 p.m. The church is closed on Saturday, December 31, but gifts mailed and postmarked on December 31 will be included as 2016 contributions. *Our accounting firm has advised that any gifts received on Sunday, January 1, through the offering plate must be processed as 2017 contributions regardless of the check date. All year-end contributions must be postmarked or received by December 31, 2016, to receive the tax benefit in the current year.* Thank you for your financial support and commitment to IPC.

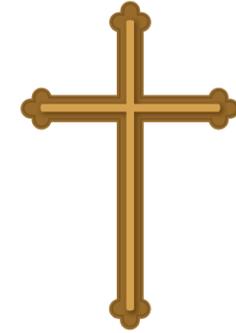
INSTALLATION SERVICE

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas will be installed as Senior Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church on *Sunday, January 8, IPC Sanctuary, 6:00 p.m.*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

There will be a called Congregational Meeting on January 15, 2017, to vote on amendments to the IPC constitution and bylaws.

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



INDEPENDENT Presbyterian Church

THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

is to make disciples of Jesus by *gathering* for worship,
growing in community, and *going out* in love.