

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE PRELUDE

"Once in Royal David's City" arr. McMichael/Powell
*Lauren Griffin, Leif Olson, Sierra-Skeye Olson,
McCheyne Post, Taylor Post, Mary Wright, and Wes Wright, Violins
Luke Folse, Virginia Folse, and Catherine Meadows, Clarinets
Emily Edwards, Flute Brandon Rushing, Horn
James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

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: 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 Minister and
Congregation:* The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this!"

*Dr. Murray Garrott
Executive Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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

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

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 ENSEMBLE

"English Advent Carol" arr. Liebergen
*Members of the Sr. High and Jr. High Choirs
Harrison Howle, Director*

Come, O come, Emmanuel, come to ransom Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

Come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer, cheer our souls by Your advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, our heavenly Father: You are the source of all good, but apart from Your Son Jesus Christ we possess only an impoverished soul. Before Your holy righteousness, we are undone, with no will to return to You, and no wisdom 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 and 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." Because You are manifestly gracious we are bold to ask You, through Your incarnate life and willing sacrifice, to pardon and blot out our sins. Once again, have mercy upon us, O Lord. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are like crimson, they shall become like wool . . . In repentance and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and trust shall be your strength." — *Isaiah 1:18, 30:15*

THE ADVENT HYMN

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

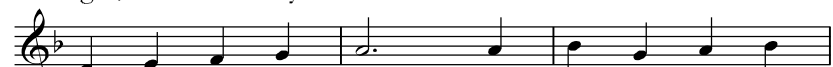
English carol, 18th century GOD REST YOU MERRY



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-fortand



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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. *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

"Night of Silence" Kantor/arr. Ferguson

Cold are the people, winter of life,
We tremble in shadows this cold endless night,
Frozen in the snow lie roses sleeping,
Flowers that will echo the sunrise,
Fire of hope is our only warmth,
Weary, its flame will be dying soon.

Voice in the distance, call in the night,
On wind you enfold us, you speak of the light,
Gentle on the ear you whisper softly,
Rumors of a dawn so embracing,
Breathless love awaits darkened souls,
Soon will we know of the morning.

Choir and Congregation (Second Time)

Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child.
Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.

Spirit among us, shine like the star,
Your light that guides shepherds and kings from afar,
Shimmer in the sky so empty, lonely,
Rising in the warmth of your Son's love,
Star unknowing of night and day,
Spirit we wait for Your loving Son.

THE SERMON

Mark 1:1-15 (*pew Bible page 836*)
“The Thaw Has Begun”
The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come” No. 195

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“O Come to My Heart, Lord Jesus” Matthews

THE POSTLUDE

“In Dulci Jubilo” J.S. Bach
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist



SERMON NOTES

December 20, 2015

Mark 1:1-15
“The Thaw Has Begun”
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.

THE FLOWERS

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

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 20

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 (Grade 1)
5:00 p.m.....*Messiah* Sing-Along

Join us this evening for our
MESSIAH SING-ALONG
with IPC Soloists and Orchestra
IPC Sanctuary | 5:00 p.m

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Thursday, December 24 | IPC Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. — Family Service
5:30 p.m. — Candlelight Communion Service

CHURCH OFFICES AND BOOKSTORE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church Offices will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, and will reopen at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, December 28. The Bookstore will close at noon on December 24, will be open on Sunday, December 27, and will be closed again the week of Monday, December 28. It will reopen on Sunday, January 3, 2016, with regular hours.

LESSONS AND CAROLS BROADCAST

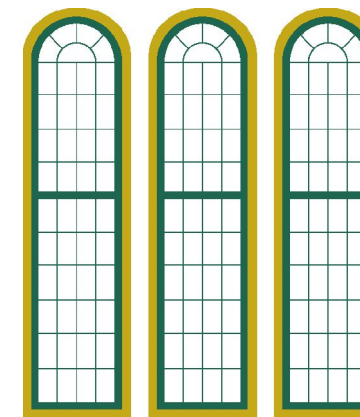
Did you miss it? Would you like to hear it again?
Tune to WKNO - FM 91.1, tomorrow, Monday, December 21 at noon,
for the broadcast of the 2015 IPC *Service of Lessons and Carols*.

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.

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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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.