

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

*"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go to the house of the Lord!"* — Psalm 122:1

## THE PRELUDE

"Prelude on 'Gentle Mary Laid Her Child'" arr. Powell  
*Bob Conley, Andrew Dudas, Leif Olson, Sierra-Skye Olson,  
Jackson Post, Justin Post, McCheyne Post, Taylor Post, Ryan Thompson, Elena Velázquez,  
Mary Wright and Wes Wright, Violins Diego Rodriguez, Cello  
Emily Young, Flute Abby Powell, Horn  
Van Kingma, Trumpet Daniel Scott, Tuba*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

— based on Psalm 85:7-13

*The Minister:* "Show us Your unfailing love, O God, our Savior,

*The Congregation:* And grant us Your salvation.

*The Minister:* Listen to what the Lord our God says:

*The Congregation:* He promises peace to His people who are His beloved saints.

*The Minister:* The Lord will indeed give what is good.

*The Congregation:* Righteousness goes before Him and prepares the way for His steps.

*The Minister and*

*Congregation:* May the Lord make His holy face to shine upon us in this time of Advent worship. May we see God's face and so know peace. Amen."

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton  
Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Angels, from the Realms of Glory" No. 218

## 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 PROFESSION OF FAITH

*John Carter Hawkins, 8:30 a.m.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Jones Branson Kennan, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE ENSEMBLE

"Of the Father's Love Begotten" arr. Brown  
*The Men of the Choir (8:30 a.m.)  
James A. Brown, Jr., Director  
Pam Brown, Piano*

"Sussex Carol" arr. Chilcott  
*The Women of the Choir (11:00 a.m.)  
Jennifer Velázquez, Director*

## THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Opromised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on Your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on Your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that You should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for Your peace, for Your pardon, and for Your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins." — *Isaiah 40:1-2*

## THE ADVENT HYMN

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

English carol, 18th century

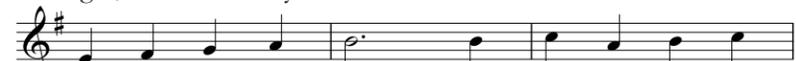
God Rest You Merry



1. God rest you mer-ry, gen-tle-men, let noth-ing you dis-  
2. Fear not, then, said the an-gel, let noth-ing you af-



may, re-mem-ber Christ our Sav-ior was  
fright; this day is born a Sav-ior of



born on Christ-mas Day, to save us all from  
a pure vir-gin bright, to free all those who



Sa-tan's pow'r when we were gone a-stray; O  
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

Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 1

*The Minister:* What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

*The Congregation:* That I belong, body and soul, in life and in death, not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that He protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit His purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

## THE DOXOLOGY

Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King;  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."

## THE OFFERTORY

"Carol of Joy"

Forrest

*Harrison Howle, Director*

Green leaves all fallen, withered and dry; Brief sunset fading, dim winter sky;  
Lengthening shadows, dark closing in; Then through the stillness, carols begin.  
O fallen world, to you is the song! Death holds you fast, and night tarries long.  
Jesus is born, your curse to destroy; Sweet to your ears, a carol of joy!

Pale moon ascending, Solemn and Cold, barren hillside shrouded in snow.  
Deep empty valley, Veiled by the night: Hear angel music hopeful and bright.  
O fearful world, to you is the song! Peace with your God, and pardon for wrong.  
Tidings for sinners, burdened and bound, Carol of joy a Savior is found!

Earth wrapped in sorrow, lift up your eyes! Thrill to the chorus filling the skies.  
Look up, sad-hearted! Witness God's love; Join in the carol swelling above!  
O friendless world, to you is the song! All heaven's joy to you may belong!  
You who are lonely, laden, forlorn: O fallen, O fearful, O friendless world,  
Now unto you A Savior is born!

## THE SERMON

Luke 10:38-42 (*per Bible page 869*)

"Advent and Real Life: Busy, Busy . . ."

*The Reverend Richie Sessions  
Senior Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

No. 208

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Hail the King of Glory!" Tempus Adest Floridum

## THE POSTLUDE

"Gentle Mary Laid Her Child"

arr. Powell

## SERMON NOTES

December 21, 2014

Luke 10:38-42

“Advent and Real Life: Busy, Busy . . .”

*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.

### 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)

### LESSONS AND CAROLS BROADCAST

Did you miss it? Would you like to hear it again? Tune to WKNO - FM 91.1, tomorrow, December 22, at noon, for the broadcast of the 2014 IPC *Service of Lessons and Carols*.

*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](http://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](mailto: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* Johnathan Keenan  
(Room 237)

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

*Small Group Ministry Toolkit \** Richie Sessions, Ed Norton, Barbara Collins  
(Fellowship Hall)

*Neighboring 101: Your Best Life Now* Samuel Husband, Parker Tenent  
(Room 131)

*Single and Parenting* Chet Pinckernell, Danielle Hansen, Janet Miller  
(Room 233)

*The Hopeful Marriage* Mike and Barb Malone, Murray and Liz Garrott  
(The Chapel)

*Spiritual Gifts* Lisa Turner  
(Room 329)

### \* Required for all Small Group Leaders

### SENIOR HIGH PARENT MEETING

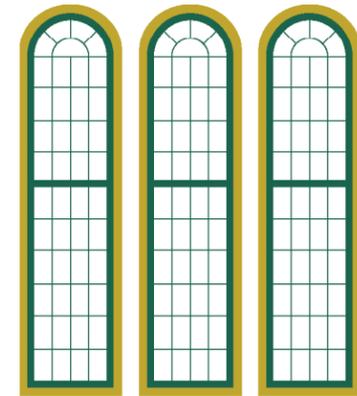
There will be a Parent Meeting Sunday, January 11, at 6:00 p.m., in the IPC Senior High Room. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the what's, when's, and where's, of the upcoming Spring semester in light of the renovations that will take place in our space. Richie will join us, as well, so that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