

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND FIFTEEN
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

"Psalm XIX" Marcello
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 132:7; Hebrews 10:22

The Minister: "Let us go to His dwelling place; let us worship at His footstool!"

The Congregation: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water."

*The Reverend Parker Tenent
Assistant Pastor*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"We Come, O Christ, to You" No. 181

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

Samuel Donald Kilgore, 8:30 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Naomi Clara Halford Burton, 11:00 a.m.

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to You as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world's rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasures and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the life You set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive Your gift; open our lips and hands to share it with all humanity in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *Amen.* — *The Worship Sourcebook*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

"But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying 'Abba! Father!' So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God." — *Galatians 4:4-7*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: No



vast be - yond all meas - ure that
sin up - on His shoul - ders a -
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom, But



He should give His on - ly Son to
shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His



make a wretch His treas - ure. How
out a - mong the scof - fers. It
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
was my sin that held Him there un -
should I gain from His re - ward? I



Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
til it was ac - com - plished, His
can - not give an an - swer. But



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One, bring
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
this I know with all my heart: His



man - y sons to glo - ry.
know that it is fin - ished.
wounds have paid my ran - som.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q & A 15,18,19

The Minister: "What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?"

The Congregation: One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.

The Minister: Then who is this mediator — true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

The Congregation: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.

The Minister: How do you come to know this?

The Congregation: The holy gospel tells me. God began to reveal the gospel already in Paradise; later God proclaimed it by the holy patriarchs and prophets and foreshadowed it by the sacrifices and other ceremonies of the law; and finally God fulfilled it through His own beloved Son."

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

"Praise We Sing to Thee" Haydn/Luvaas
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Praise we sing to Thee, Thou mighty Ruler King forever,
Praise we sing to Thee dear Father, we would fail Thee never.
All the joys of nature tell us ever of Thy wond'rous pow'r.
Still Thy tender grace and mercy keep us ev'ry hour,
Praise we sing to Thee most Holy, Praise forever more!
Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts Thou dost ordain.
Lord of Hosts who o'er the wond'rous realm of heav'n doth reign.

THE SERMON

Hebrews 1:1-4 (*per Bible page 1001*)

"Our Redeemer Jesus — He Speaks, He Reigns, and He Purifies"

*The Reverend Brad Robson
Assistant Pastor*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" No. 295

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Grace, Love and Fellowship" Cane Peak

THE POSTLUDE

"Minuet Finale" from *Water Music* Handel

SERMON NOTES

December 27, 2015

Hebrews 1:1-4

“Our Redeemer Jesus — He Speaks, He Reigns, and He Purifies”

The Reverend Brad Robson

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 27

8:30 a.m.....Worship Service
8:30 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)
9:45 a.m.....Congregational Breakfast
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grade 1)

CONGREGATIONAL BREAKFAST | TODAY

There will be no Adult or Children's Sunday School this morning. 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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CHURCH OFFICES AND BOOKSTORE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Church Offices will close at noon on Thursday, December 31, and will reopen at 8:30 a.m., on Monday, January 4, 2016.

The Bookstore will be open today, and will be closed again this week, beginning Monday, December 28. It will reopen next Sunday, January 3, 2016, with regular hours.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Join us on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday evenings during the month of January to develop a better understanding of the recently adopted Vision Document, which includes a revised Mission Statement, Core Values, and areas in which we can grow as a community. We will highlight our Mission Statement so that our members will be informed and encouraged as we move forward. Below you will find the full teaching schedule:

Sunday, January 3

(The Lord's Supper is observed at both morning services)

January Preaching Series: What is Discipleship? | *Discipleship is Gracious*

Corporate Sunday School Hour 9:45 a.m.

Moderated Panel Discussion with the Vision Committee

discussing the vision process, revised Mission Statement and Core Values.

Wednesday, January 6: Mission and Core Values

Corporate Application from Vision Report

Sunday, January 10

January Preaching Series: What is Discipleship? | *Discipleship is Covenantal*

Corporate Sunday School Hour 9:45 a.m.

What Does the Bible Say About Worship?

Wednesday, January 13: Gathering for Worship

Corporate Application from Vision Report

Sunday, January 17

January Preaching Series: What is Discipleship? | *Discipleship is Humanizing*

Corporate Sunday School Hour 9:45 a.m.

What Does the Bible Say About Community?

Wednesday, January 20: Growing in Community

Corporate Application from Vision Report

Sunday, January 24

January Preaching Series: What is Discipleship? | *Discipleship is Death*

Corporate Sunday School Hour 9:45 a.m.

What Does the Bible Say About Expressing Love?

Wednesday, January 27: Going Out in Love

Corporate Application from Vision Report

Sunday, January 31

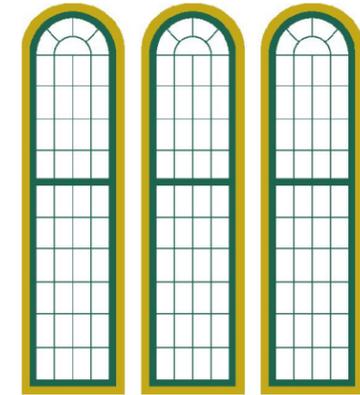
January Preaching Series: What is Discipleship? | *Discipleship is Life*

Corporate Sunday School Hour 9:45 a.m.

What does the Bible say about Presbyterianism?

Corporate Sunday Evening Worship Service | Sunday, January 31

To close-out the month, IPC will call a corporate worship service of prayer, and encourage all members to join us to pray for the Mission and Vision of IPC.



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THE MISSION OF INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 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.