

## SERMON NOTES

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December 29, 2013

Hebrews 1:1-3  
“Run, Christian, Run”  
*Dr. Bill Hogan*

## 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 8, 2014, for our Fellowship Dinner at 5:30 p.m., followed by an adult Bible Study, Small Groups, and youth and children’s programs at 6:30 p.m.

Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. Please contact the Church Office, 901-685-8206, for more information.

A fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

## THE FLOWERS

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

## 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.....Holiday Gathering, Fellowship Hall  
11:00 a.m.....Worship Service  
11:00 a.m.....K-Church (Kindergarten) and Jr. Church (Grades 1 & 2)

## HOLIDAY GATHERING

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

## HOLIDAY OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE HOURS

The Offices will close at noon on December 31, and will reopen at 8:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 2, 2014.

The Bookstore will be open today, but will be closed the week of Monday, December 30. It will reopen on Sunday, January 5, 2014, with regular hours.

## COMMUNION

The Lord’s Supper will be observed on Sunday, January 5, 2014, at the 8:30 and 11:00 Worship Services.

## 2013 NEW MEMBERS LUNCHEON

If you joined IPC in 2013, you and your family are invited to a luncheon in your honor on Sunday, January 12, 2014. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 worship service. Please RSVP to Gayle Hardee, ghardee@indepres.org, or 901.685.8206, by Wednesday, January 8.

## SAVE THE DATES

A PRAYING LIFE SEMINAR

*with Paul Miller*

January 24 - 25, 2014

Contact Maureen Odiam, modiam@indepres.org, for more information.

PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

*led by Dr. Murray Garrott*

February 2, 9, 16 and 23, at 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour

Contact Gayle Hardee, ghardee@indepres.org, to register

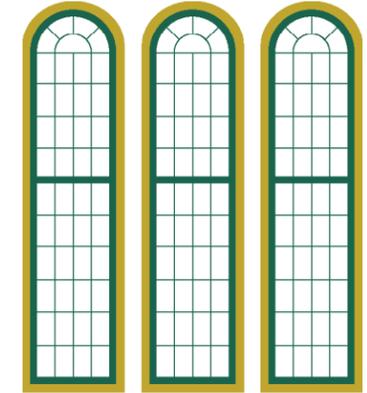
GLOBAL OUTREACH CONFERENCE

February 19-23, 2014

MARRIAGE AND PARENTING

*with Jim Burns*

March 2, 2014



INDEPENDENT  
*Presbyterian Church*

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE

*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).*

*Please do not bring your coffee or food into the IPC Sanctuary. Thank you.*

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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 worshipping and maturing believers, and sending them out to be salt of the earth and light in the world,  
*all to the glory of God.*

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

## THE PRELUDE

“Voluntary on ‘Hymn to Joy’” Burkhardt  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 122:1; Psalm 113:1-6; 1 Samuel 2:2

*The Minister:* “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go to the house of the Lord!’

*The Congregation:* Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

*The Minister:* Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

*The Congregation:* The Lord is high above all nations, and His glory above the heavens!

*The Minister:* Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?”

*The Minister and Congregation:* “There is none holy like the Lord: for there is none besides You; there is no rock like our God.”

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton*  
*Associate Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Worship the King” No. 2

## 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. *Amen, amen.*

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Curlin Silas DeSbazo, 8:30 a.m.*

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*Lessie Angelina Atanasova, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE QUARTET

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying” J.S. Bach  
*Elena Velázquez, Soprano Jennifer Velázquez, Alto*  
*José Velázquez, Tenor James Brown, Baritone*  
*(Please see Hymn No. 317 for the words.)*

## THE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of salvation, our hearts are filled with joy when we think of Your free grace, but we confess that often we try to replace Your gracious 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 our foolishness. Help us to focus on Your free gift, and to live grateful lives in response. For Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON — based on 1 Timothy 1:15 and 1 Peter 2:24

“Hear the good news! The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. On the basis of these promises of the Gospel, I declare to you that through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.”

## THE HYMN

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

J. Wilbur Chapman, 1□ 1□ HYFRYDOL

1. Je - sus! what a friend for sin - ners! Je - sus  
2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak - ness! Let me

lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me,  
hide my - self in Him. tempt - ed, tried, and

foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior makes me whole.  
some - times fail - ing, He, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.

Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah!

what a friend. Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing,

lov - ing, He is with me to the end.

## 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

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him, all creatures here below;  
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

## THE OFFERTORY

“Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” Mueller  
*Harrison Howle, Director*

Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
And renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Thy presence;  
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,  
And uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors Thy ways;  
And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God!

## THE SERMON

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*Assistant Pastor*

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Praise the Savior, Ye Who Know Him!” No. 677

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“To God All Praise and Glory” Pfautsch

## THE POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Joy” Dupré



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