



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

As we return to Mark's Gospel, we have three short scenes that prepare us for Jesus' own proclamation of the Gospel in Mark 1:15. We need this preparation — because the central question that this Gospel asks us over and over again is “Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8:29). We've already heard Mark's answer in the very first verse: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, the Divine King. But he wants us to answer that question as well, because if we come to the same conclusion, then Jesus is the Gospel of God, and he is the good news whom we must trust in order to be rescued from ourselves.

Our service this morning reminds us that this new year promises us a new beginning. But it is a new beginning only because God is present and is at work in our midst. He is the one who is “doing a new thing,” as our call to worship tells us. He is the one who “blots out your transgressions,” as our assurance of pardon reminds us. He is the one who “fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,” as the statement of faith tells us. God in Jesus by the Spirit: the Triune God is the one whom we worship this morning. And he offers us grace and peace — will you receive it? Will you receive him?

## WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

As a fellowship of believers, we like to know all who are worshipping with us today, so please fill out the Friendship Pad and pass it down the aisle. If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask a member on your aisle, an usher, or a minister for help. They can answer your questions or assist you in finding someone who can.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact the Church office, (901) 685-8206.

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

We also live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 services at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org). 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.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SEVENTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

"Trumpet Tune in F"  
*Emilee Garrett, Organ*

Brunner

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:18-21

*The Minister:* "Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

*The Congregation:* Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

*The Minister:* I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches,

*The Congregation:* For I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise." Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Worship the King"

No. 2

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Ode to Joy

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

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

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unfeignedly before your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commandments without end or ceasing. We are grieved that we have offended you; and we condemn ourselves and our sins with true repentance, beseeching your grace to relieve our distress. O God and Father, most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we pray, Amen. — *Communion Liturgy of John Calvin*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins in the confidence that God will forgive us our sins for Jesus' sake. God's Word says, "I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins." Thanks be to God that he blots out our transgressions and remembers our sins no more!

— *Isaiah 43:25*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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.*

*Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader.*

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

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

*The Congregation:* That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## THE COMMISSIONING OF 2018 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

*Athens, Greece and Tanzania, Africa*

## THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION 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 OFFERTORY

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”

Ippolitof-Ivanof

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art thou, O Lord;  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;  
Who crowneth thee with loving-kindness.  
He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger forever.

## THE SERMON

Mark 1:4-13 (*pew Bible page 836*)

“Prepare the Way of the Lord”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Preparation (4-8)
  
2. Identification (9-11)
  - A. Us
  
  - B. Him
  
3. Confirmation (12-13)

## THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless”

No. 424

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Before the Throne”

*Michelle Crews, Piano*

Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the Throne of God a - bove, I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
Am, the King of Glo - ry and of Grace. One with him -



grav - en on his hands. My name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
self, I can not die. My soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

*Choir and Congregation*

Diademata

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

## THE POSTLUDE

"In Thee Is Gladness"

J.S. Bach

### SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

*Every Square Inch: Christ's Lordship Over All Things*

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Next Sunday, January 14 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Four Corners for children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Mr. and Mrs. William Casey in loving memory of their daughter,  
Catherine Suzanne Casey.

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### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*

Madelyn and Kimbrough Taylor on the birth  
of their son, Palmer Graham Taylor,  
on December 12, 2017.

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*

Madeline and Ryan Viner on the birth  
of their son, Levi Ryan Viner,  
on December 14, 2017.

## DEATH

*Our sympathy to*

Karen and Billy Casey on the death of  
their daughter, Catherine Suzanne Casey, on December 19, 2017.



## OUR CHURCH TODAY | JANUARY 7

8:30 a.m. ....	Worship Service and Communion
8:30 a.m. ....	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
11:00 a.m. ....	Worship Service and Communion
11:00 a.m. ....	Children's Church (Kindergarten)



## SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool – <i>First floor, rooms divided by age</i>	2nd grade — <i>Room 215</i>	5th grade — <i>Room 204</i>
Kindergarten — <i>Room 220-222</i>	3rd grade — <i>Room 217</i>	Junior High — <i>Room 155</i>
1st grade — <i>Room 216</i>	4th grade — <i>Room 201</i>	Senior High — <i>Room 254</i>

- 20s Community | Samuel Husband | *Room 131*
- 30s Community | Parker Tenent | *Fellowship Hall South*
- 40s Community | Jeremy Jones | *Fellowship Hall North*
- 50s Community | Ed Norton | *Chapel*
- 60s+ Community | Mike Malone | *Room 237*
- The Westminster Class | Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson | *Room 233*
- Line by Line Class | Rankin Fowlkes | *Room 132*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 10

5:30 p.m. ....	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. ....	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:30 p.m. ....	<i>One New Humanity: God's Mission for a New Memphis</i> (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. ....	Preschool and Children's Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m. ....	Christ in Action (Romper Room)
6:30 p.m. ....	Jr. High Youth Group
7:15 p.m. ....	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. ....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Dinner menu for January 10:* baked ham, black eyed peas,  
slow cooked turnip greens, mac and cheese, Delta cornbread,  
blackberry cobbler, and chocolate brownies.  
Kid's menu: chicken leg and mac and cheese.



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

ONE NEW HUMANITY  
God's Mission for a New Memphis  
*Wednesdays, January 10-31, 2018*  
6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

GOOD NEWS FOR A NEW MEMPHIS  
IPC Missions Conference  
*February 4-11, 2018*

### COMMISSIONING SERVICE

*The following are participants in the 2018 short-term mission trips,  
which are being commissioned this morning:*

**Athens, Greece Women's trip (January 18-28, 2018):** Melissa Alexander, Darlene Brewer,  
Joyce Caldwell, Kathy Garrett\*, Lexie Johnston, Hermenia Prather

**Athens, Greece Men's trip (February 8-18, 2018):** Feb Boswell, Tom Callihan,  
Andrew Dafferner, Barrett Day, Will Frazier, Lou Gettings,  
Mark Olinger, Matt Olson, Parker Tenent\*

**Musoma, Tanzania, Africa (February 14-27, 2018):** Alicia Bartusch, Martin Fleming,  
Carole Jones, Barb Malone, Mike Malone\*, Jim Wilder, Paula Wilder

\*Trip Leader

### COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR 2018 SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIPS

London, Manchester, Oxford, and  
Liverpool, England  
During the Sunday Evening Praise Service  
*Sunday, January 21, 2018*

### NEW WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Jonah: You Can't Outrun Grace*  
by Paul David Tripp  
February 20-April 24, 2018  
Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
*For more information, contact*  
*Lisa Turner, [ltturner@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:ltturner@ipcmemphis.org).*

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m. (*resumes January 9*)  
*Come and join a group of men who meet faithfully for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Hall.*  
*Enjoy a good, hot breakfast for \$3.00.*

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Women's Prayer Time | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m. (*resumes January 16*)

**SR. HIGH RYM**

*July 9-14, 2018*

Laguna Beach Christian Retreat

Panama City Beach, FL

***\$75 deposit due before January 31***

***to secure spot***

Balance of \$320 due by April 29.

**IPC STUDENT MINISTRY**

**SUMMER INTERNSHIP**

*May 21-August 5, 2018*

Contact Brad Robson (901-833-2424)

ASAP for more information!



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Join us in celebrating*

**REVEREND ED NORTON'S 20 YEARS OF MINISTRY  
AT INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

There will be a reception honoring Ed and Sally on Sunday morning, January 14, in the Rotunda, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service. Please stop by to let them know how much they are loved and appreciated.

**Sunday Evening Praise Resumes | January 14, 2018 | Sanctuary | 6:00 p.m.**

**Women's Bible Study Resumes | Tuesday, January 16, 2018**

**Jr. and Sr. High Mother and Daughter Night | Thursday, January 18, 2018 | 7:00-8:30 p.m.**

**Jr. and Sr. High Father and Son Paintball | Saturday, January 20, 2018 | 9:00 a.m. - noon**

**"Souper Supper" following Sunday Evening Praise | January 21, 2018**

**Scouts Pinewood Derby Workshop | January 24, 2018 | Room 102**

**Scouts Pinewood Derby Race Day | January 27, 2018 | Romper Room**

**Missons Conference | February 4-11, 2018**

**Women of the Church Brunch | February 13, 2018 | Fellowship Hall**

**Sr. High Spring Retreat | February 17-19, 2018 | Nashville, TN**

**Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | February 23-24, 2018**

**Women of the Church Dinner | March 22, 2018**

**Women of the Church Spring Retreat | March 23-24, 2018 | The Country Place**

### TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas  
*Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Edward Norton  
*Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Samuel Husband  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Jeremy Jones  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Mike Malone  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Brad Robson  
*Pastor of Student Ministries*  
Rev. Parker Tenent  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.  
*Senior Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Bill Hogan  
*Assistant Pastor Emeritus*

### RULING ELDERS

Mr. Cannon F. Allen  
Mr. Matthew G. Buyer  
Mr. Richard M. Carter  
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.  
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove  
Dr. Hugh Francis III  
Dr. Neumon Taylor Goshorn  
Mr. Samuel N. Graham II  
Mr. J. Lee Greene Jr.  
Mr. Stephen Guenther  
Dr. Charles R. Halford  
Mr. Bryan A Hawkins  
Mr. John Jurey Howard III  
Mr. Nathan W. Kellum  
Mr. George G. Leavell  
Dr. James R. Mitchum  
Mr. William R. Mitchum Jr.  
Mr. David R. Neubert  
Mr. Matthew J. Olson  
Dr. Melvin P. Payne III  
Mr. John Philip  
Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.  
Mr. John W. Stokes III  
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn  
Mr. Adrian Yelverton

### DEACONS

Dr. Scott Bartusch  
Mr. David Butler  
Mr. John W. Chambers Jr.  
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. Charles Clowers  
Mr. John R. Coates  
Mr. Glenn W. Cofield  
Mr. Duffy Cothran  
Mr. John T. Crews Jr.  
Mr. Brantley Davidson  
Mr. Josh Davis  
Mr. John Dorrill  
Mr. John J. Dudas  
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi  
Mr. Robert E. Hicks  
Mr. Kevin Holt  
Mr. Govan S. Hornor  
Mr. Jay Jacks  
Dr. John G. Kakales  
Mr. William Kay  
Mr. James McDonald  
Mr. William G. Mueller IV  
Mr. Thomas A. Pacello  
Mr. Calvin Purcell  
Mr. Timothy Rainey  
Mr. Alex Ransone  
Mr. Chris W. Rogers  
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.  
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg  
Mr. Kimbrough Taylor  
Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Richard B. Vining  
Mr. James Dwight Wilder  
Mr. Joseph Womack

### IPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.  
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Friday

Church's Main Office	901-685-8206
Music Office	901-685-9707
Recreation Office	901-763-3857

### COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
901-763-3932

### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Independent Presbyterian Church  
is to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for worship,  
growing in community, and going out in love.

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