



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This past Sunday, we heard the glorious Gospel word: “There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus” (Romans 8:1). But even in this verse, Paul connected together the forensic declaration of “no condemnation” with our participation in a new reality through our union with Jesus Christ. We will see this unpacked throughout the chapter — and even in this next section. We are forced to ask three questions about what we heard the first Sunday of the year — questions that draw us into God’s strange design: there is no condemnation for sinners because God condemned sin in the flesh of his Son.

And all of this was motivated by God’s steadfast love for his people. Our call to worship from Psalm 136 reminds us over and again that God’s steadfast love endures forever. And because of his steadfast love, we believe that he does not retain his judicial wrath forever — instead, he has pardoned our iniquity, passed over our transgression, tread them all underfoot, and thrown them all in the sea because Jesus Christ died for us. What good news! What grace! What joy is ours because of God’s faithful love for us!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or member on your aisle. Our Welcome Center greeters are also eager to assist you or answer your questions. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

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 next *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members*, February 7-8, 2020. For more information or to register, please contact Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

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. 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.

As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWELFTH DAY OF JANUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”

arr. Manz

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136

The Minister: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His steadfast love endures forever!

The Congregation: Give thanks to the Lord of lords! His steadfast love endures forever!

The Minister: To him who alone does great wonders; to him alone who by understanding made the earth and heavens — for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Congregation: It is he who remembered us in our low estates; it is he who rescued us from all our foes — for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Minister: Give thanks to the God of heaven!

All: For his steadfast love endures forever! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Psalm 136A”

Psalm 136

Easter hymn



1. Thank the Lord for good is he,
2. He with skill has made the skies,
3. E - gypt's first - born he did smite
4. He drowned Phar - aoh and his men



for his stead - fast love en - dures.



To the God of gods, thanks be,
From the seas made land a - rise,
Brought out Is - r'el by his might,
Led his own through de - serts then,



for his stead - fast love en - dures.



Prais - es give the King of kings,
He has made great shin - ing lights,
He the Red Sea split in two,
Kings of splen - dor then he slew,



for his stead - fast love en - dures.



He a - lone does won - drous things,
Sun rules day; moon, stars rule night,
He made Is - r'el pass on through;
Might - y kings he o - ver - threw,



for his stead - fast love en - dures.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not, as thou hast been thou forever wilt be. Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see: all I have needed thy hand hath provided — Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Maggie Robbins Connor (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord our God, create in me a new heart, and renew a right spirit within me. Renew me in the spirit of my mind, and renew me in my inner soul. Take away this old mind that is so blind, so vain, so carnal. Take away this old will that is so obstinate, so perverse, so rebellious. Take away this old heart that never delights in, complies with, or submits to you. You call for my heart, Lord; it is yours. Let the old things pass away, let all things become new in and through Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” — *Micah 7:18-19*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Kelly Turner, Mandolin Andrew Olinger, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

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, Lord's Day 2

The Minister: How do you come to know your misery?

The Congregation: The law of God tells me.

The Minister: What does God's law require of us?

The Congregation: Christ teaches us this summary in Matthew 22:37-40: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

The Minister: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

The Congregation: No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

"Irish Shepherd's Psalm"

arr. K. Lee Scott

Virginia Folse, Clarinet

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, My ransomed soul he leadeth,
And, where the verdant pastures grow, With food celestial feedeth.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill With thee, dear Lord, beside me;
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;
And oh, what transport of delight From thy pure chalice floweth!

Choir and Congregation

And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may we sing thy praise Within thy house forever.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided — Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

THE POSTLUDE

“Prelude and Fugue in G Minor”

J.S. Bach



THE FLOWERS

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

BIRTHS

Congratulations to

Katie and John Hise on the birth of their son, Webb Taylor Hise, on December 20;

Elisabeth and Taylor Reed on the birth of their son, Jackson Matthew Reed, on January 3;

Sara and Ty Smith on the birth of their son, Ty Hatcher Smith, on January 4;

Elizabeth and Matt Kennedy on the birth of their daughter, Mary Lewis Kennedy, on January 7.

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DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to

Melissa and Chris Sumner on the death of his father, Dr. Tim Sumner, on December 19;

Vicki and John Bell, Jr., on the death of his mother, Ada Marie Bell, on January 5.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | JANUARY 12

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
- 8:30 a.m. Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
- 5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –
First floor, rooms divided by age
Kindergarten — Room 209

1st grade — Room 216
2nd grade — Room 215
3rd grade — Room 217

4th/5th grade — Room 201
IDK (Middle School) — Room 155
Seniorhigh — Room 254

YOUNG ADULTS

College (Zach Hood) | Room 131
Browning Community (20s-30s) | Room 220-222

MIDDLE ADULTS

Tenent Community (30s-40s) | Fellowship Hall South
Jones Community (40s-50s) | Fellowship Hall North

MATURE ADULTS

Norton Community (50s-60s) | Chapel
Malone Community (60s+) | Room 237
The Westminster Class (Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson) | Room 233
Line by Line Class (Rankin Fowlkes) | Room 132

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | JANUARY 15

5:30 p.m. Dinner | Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:15 p.m. BLAST! | Romper Room (K - 5th grade)
6:15 p.m. IPC IDK (Middle School) Youth Group | Middle School Room
6:15 p.m. Seniorhigh Youth Group | Seniorhigh Room
6:30 p.m. Grace Groups
6:30 p.m. Pre-Elementary Choir
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Menu for Wednesday evening: Texas-style Chili and Fixings, Baked Potato Bar,
Crackers, Assorted Breads, Cookies; Kid’s Box: Taco, Chips and Queso



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, January 21
10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

IN THE WORD: MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

led by Dr. Sean Lucas
Begins Thursday, January 23
6:30 a.m.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

God's Passionate Pursuit of Us: Studies in Hosea

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Next Sunday, January 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary | Communion

Four Corners resumes for children in kindergarten through 5th grade.

“JUST MERCY” | JANUARY 20 | MALCO PARADISO

IPC, Innovation Church, Cummings Street Baptist Church, and St. Paul Baptist Church are renting an auditorium at the Malco Paradiso on Monday, January 20, for a 7:00 p.m. showing of “Just Mercy.” **Seating is very limited.** Each ticket costs \$12.50, and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The ticket price includes a 12 oz. soda and a box of popcorn (no refills). *You may purchase your ticket(s) by contacting Gayle Hardee, ghardee@ipcmemphis.org.* Please retain your confirmation email as proof of purchase. Plan on arriving at the theater at 6:20 p.m., (seating begins at 6:45 p.m.) and be in your seat by 6:50 p.m. The four senior pastors will welcome the participants!

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DR. JOHN DUNLOP | DEMENTIA AND DIGNITY | JANUARY 25

Dr. John Dunlop is returning to IPC on Saturday, January 25, for the second of his three seminars on aging: *Dementia and Dignity*. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m.–noon. A continental breakfast will be served. Seminar admission is free, but attendees are asked to sign up in advance. Please visit ipcmemphis.org to register.

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DR. LUKE BOBO | SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Dr. Luke Bobo, who spoke at our Christian Life Conference last August, will return to IPC on January 26 teach a joint Sunday school class on the topic “Barriers to Marrying My Faith and My Work.” The class is primarily for our Young and Middle Adults in the Browning, Tenent, and Jones Communities, but anyone is welcome to attend. Dr. Bobo serves as director of strategic partnerships for Made to Flourish. He worked for 15 years in the marketplace as an engineer before pursuing an M.Div. and Ph.D. and eventually serving as the executive director of the Francis Schaeffer Institute at Covenant Seminary. He is also the author of several books.

LIGONIER ALWAYS READY YOUTH CONFERENCE AT IPC | FEBRUARY 1

Answering the big questions makes all the difference. People all around us offer different opinions, but we know the truth is found in God's inerrant Word. At this conference, suited for ages 12-18, youth will learn from trusted leaders — Stephen Nichols, Sean Lucas, Nathan Bingham, and Barry Cooper — alongside like-minded peers as they explore Biblical answers to the big questions. Parents, as well as youth leaders, pastors, and Christian school leaders, are welcome to accompany students.

For more details, and to register and pay online, visit ipcmemphis.org, and click on *Always Ready Youth Conference* on the IPC homepage. (Please note: you must register by January 29.)

UPCOMING YOUTH DEPARTMENT TRIPS

Senior High Spring Retreat | YMCA Camp Widgiwagan, Nashville | February 15-17

Register by February 3 at ipcmemphis.org | \$160

The Edge Summer Conference | Covenant College | June 15-19

Register by February 3 at ipcmemphis.org | \$200

RYM Summer Conference | Panama City Beach, FL | July 6-11

Register by February 3 at ipcmemphis.org | \$400

INTERNS FOR IPC YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Would you or someone you know be interested in doing an IPC Youth Internship?

If so, please contact Stephen Felker, sfelker@ipcmemphis.org.

PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS | FEBRUARY 7-8

Are you interested in joining IPC?

Would you like to know more about what we believe?

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To register, or for more information, contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.



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