

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

Today, we begin our missions conference, and our theme is “Good News for a New Memphis.” As we long to see a New Memphis emerge, the only hope for this is the Gospel of Jesus. Our text this morning, Mark 2:1-12, shows what this good news is — “Your sins are forgiven”— and how it changes everything about us. It is notable that Jesus cares about us both soul and body, but it is also notable that the main problem this man had was not his illness, but his sin. That means that our best hope for a new city emerging is to see new people formed by the power of the Gospel.

And the way that happens is through churches being formed dedicated to the worship of the Triune God and to the preaching of this Gospel. Hence our theme: we want to be a church that catalyzes church planting, not just around the world, but here in our own backyard. As we worship God, let’s pray together that God will give us passion and energy for this task for seeing the elect in every part of our city — black and white, Latino and Asian, women and men — come to know the forgiveness of sins in and through Jesus Christ!

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 next *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members*, February 23-24. 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. 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 FOURTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Prelude on ‘Jesus Saves’”
Abby Powell and Brandon Rushing, Horns
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Powell

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-9

The Minister: “I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

The Congregation: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

The Minister: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

The Congregation: This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

The Minister: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

All: Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack!”
Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“From All That Dwell below the Skies”

No. 7

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Michael Perry, 1981

Thaxted



1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-ery gift you send,
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end:
we'll tri-umph through our sor-rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be-fore you and wait up-on your word,
to mar-vel at your beau-ty and glo-ry in your ways,



we hon-or and a-dore you, our great and might-y Lord.
and make a joy-ful du-ty our sac-ri-fice of praise.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, it is your chief plan for my life that you would be more glorious and dear to me than anything or anyone else. Yet I know that I love you but little and live for you poorly. Help me to worship you in all that I do; help me to seek you every day. Most merciful Father, renew my heart that I might turn from my love for this fading world and find myself more firmly rooted in love for you. May your Gospel mercies be my first delight and the beauty of your Son my daily song! Hear my prayer, gracious Lord, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins to God through Jesus because we know that God's Word tells us that he forgives sin. We hear Jesus say to the paralytic, "Take heart, my son; your sins are forgiven," and we know that he has said this to us. Thanks be to God that he assures our hearts that this is true — that our sins are forgiven in Jesus. — *Matthew 9:2*

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

Still, despair and rebellious pride fill the earth: some, crushed by failure or broken by pain, give up on life and hope and God; others, shaken, but still hoping for human triumph, work feverishly to realize their dreams. As believers in God, we also struggle with the spirits of this age, resisting them in the power of the Spirit, testing them by God's sure Word. Our world, fallen into sin, has lost its first goodness, but God has not abandoned the work of his hands: our Maker preserves this world, sending seasons, sun, and rain, upholding all creatures, renewing the earth, promising a Savior, guiding all things to their purpose. — *"Our World Belongs to God," Articles 3-4, Christian Reformed Church of North America (1986; 2008)*

THE TESTIMONY OF GRACE

Dr. Al Barth, Redeemer City to City

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

“Keep Your Lamps!”
Matthew Jung, Djembe
James A. Brown, Jr., Director

arr. Thomas

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.
Children don't get weary 'til your work is done.
Christian journey soon be over, the time is drawing nigh.

THE SERMON

Mark 2:1-12 (*pew Bible page 837*)
“The Good News Memphis Needs”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. What Jesus sees (1-5)
A. His need

B. Their faith

2. Who Jesus is (6-12)
A. Complaint

B. Comparison

3. What Memphis needs

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Behold the Lamb”

Getty and Townend

Congregation please join in singing stanzas 2-4.



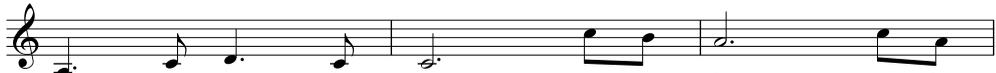
1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour Je - sus Christ, torn for
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - ery stain of sin, shed for
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -



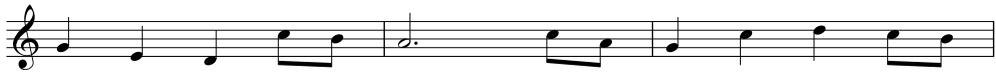
us and we re - mem - ber
you eat and re - mem - ber
you drink and re - mem - ber
spond, and to re - mem - ber



the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the
he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his



give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
price to make us one. So we share in this
ceive the life of God. So we share in this
bod - y here on earth. As we share in his



bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
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bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
suf - fer - ing we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace,
sign of our bonds of love,
sign of our bonds of grace,
join in the feast of heav'n,



a - round the ta - ble of the King,
a - round the ta - ble of the King,
a - round the ta - ble of the King,
a - round the ta - ble of the King.

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

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"

No. 469

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Choir and Congregation

Crusader's Hymn

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

THE POSTLUDE

"I Will Sing the Wondrous Story"

arr. Held

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of E. Brady Bartusch by Caroline Bartusch,
Jeff Bartusch, Alicia and Scott Bartusch, and Bess and Jack Bartusch.

WELCOME SCOUTS OF TROOP AND PACK 81

Today is Scout Sunday, in recognition of the 108th anniversary of Boy Scouts in America.
Please welcome the scouts from Troop and Pack 81, sponsored by IPC,
to our 8:30 morning worship service.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | FEBRUARY 4

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| 8:30 a.m. | Worship Service and Communion |
| 8:30 a.m. | Children's Church (Kindergarten) |
| 9:45 a.m. | Sunday School |
| 11:00 a.m. | Worship Service and Communion |
| 11:00 a.m. | Children's Church (Kindergarten) |
| 4:00 p.m. | Sr. High Choir Rehearsal |

2018 DEACON NOMINATIONS

2018 Deacon nominations are now open until Sunday, February 18, 2018.

Communing members of IPC in good standing may recommend men for nomination to the office of Deacon. Please review the Deacon nomination guidelines at ipcmemphis.org. You may print a nomination form online, or pick up a printed copy at IPC in the main lobby.

Please note that both the communing member submitting the nomination form and the man being nominated must sign and date the form.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

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| 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> |

JOINT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Today | Fellowship Hall | 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Al Barth | *Ministry to the City: City to City*

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 7

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| 5:30 p.m. | Dinner (Fellowship Hall) |
| 5:30 p.m. | Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8) |
| 6:00 p.m. | Panel Discussion: <i>Do We Need Multi-Ethnic Churches?</i> |
| 6:30 p.m. | Preschool and Children's Choirs Rehearsals |
| 6:30 p.m. | Christ in Action (Romper Room: 2 nd - 5 th grade) |
| 6:30 p.m. | Jr. High Youth Group |
| 7:15 p.m. | Sr. High Youth Group |
| 7:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Rehearsal |



2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEK

February 4-11

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Morning Worship Services and Communion | Sanctuary | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas | *Good News for a New Memphis*

Brief testimony from Dr. Al Barth

Joint Adult Sunday School Class

Fellowship Hall | 9:45 a.m.

Dr. Al Barth | *Ministry to the City: City to City*

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE LUNCH

Fellowship Hall | 11:30 a.m.

Hernando Sáenz, Hispanic Ministries Coordinator for Mission to North America

Strategies for Reaching Hispanics

Many Americans view Hispanics as a homogenous group, when, in fact, Hispanics are not a single race but a mixture of many races and ethnicities. Hernando Sáenz will address the question: Who are today's Hispanics and how can your church reach them?

Nursery provided

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

PANEL DISCUSSION | *Do We Need Multi-Ethnic Churches?*

Fellowship Hall | 6:00 p.m. (*following 5:30 dinner*)

Mike Winebrenner, Michael Williamson, Jaime Loayza

Christ Fellowship (PCA), part of the Midsouth Church Planting Network, is a three-year-old church plant located in the ethnically diverse community of Horn Lake, MS. Join us as the team who led the church's effort to be a multi-cultural congregation share their experience.

Wednesday night activities for children will also have a missions theme.

Nursery provided

Dinner menu for February 7

Southern fried chicken, hashbrown casserole, green beans,

coleslaw, biscuits, banana pudding, chocolate pie

Kid's menu: grilled cheese sandwich, carrot sticks with Ranch dressing



2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEK

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

2018 MISSIONS CONFERENCE LUNCH

Fellowship Hall | 11:30 a.m.

Randy Nabors, PCA Coordinator for Urban and Mercy Ministries

Moving Forward Together: The Story of a New City

Over forty years ago, Randy and Joan Nabors made their way to Chattanooga, TN, to help start a church that would model what Gospel reconciliation looked like, bringing black and white around the Gospel of Jesus. Today, New City Fellowship (PCA) stands as a model of what the Gospel can do in changing people and, through them, impacting a city.

Nursery provided

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

NATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM TOUR

8:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Space is limited, but if you would like to attend and do not have a reservation, please contact Cindy Howell, chowell@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.

Special children's program at IPC for kindergarten through 5th grade.

Nursery provided

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Morning Worship Services | Sanctuary | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Reverend Russ Whitfield | *Good News for a New Memphis*

Brief testimony from Montré Brooks

Joint Adult Sunday School Class

Fellowship Hall | 9:45 a.m.

Michael Rhodes | *Practicing the King's Economy*

Evening Event | Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church | 70 North Bellevue | 3:00 p.m.

Gather with churches from around the Memphis area for a joint worship service, organized by the Memphis Christian Pastors Network, to reflect on the work of Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, and especially on the Sanitation Workers' Strike.

As we sing, pray, and worship together, we will find that the Cross of Jesus brings both death and resurrection for individuals and for our city.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH BRUNCH

Tuesday, February 13 | 10:00-11:30 a.m.

IPC Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$5

Teaching by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Nursery available

All ladies are welcome.

Reservations are not required.

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, lturner@ipcmemphis.org.*

PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining IPC? Would you like to know more about what we believe? Our next *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members* is Friday evening, February 23, and Saturday morning, February 24. To register, or for more information, contact Tamera Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Evening Praise | February 18 | Sanctuary | 6:00 p.m.

Women of the Church Brunch | February 13 | Fellowship Hall

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

Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | February 23-24

Ballet Magnificat! sponsored by IPC Ballet | March 3 | Rose Theatre at University of Memphis

Women of the Church Dinner | March 22

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

Palm Sunday Spring Program | March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary



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