



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We conclude our 2020 Missions Conference with our Sunday activities: worship, learning, and fellowship. It is a great joy to have Rev. Brian Sorgenfrei preaching for us this morning. A graduate of the University of Mississippi and Reformed Theological Seminary, Brian served as campus minister at Mississippi State University for eight years prior to his present ministry at the University of Mississippi, where he has served since 2017. He and his wife, Liza, have three children: Shelby, Annie, and Clark.

Our service this morning focuses on the good news that Jesus rescues sinners like us, sometimes in surprising and delightful ways. Our call to worship draws from the great Messianic psalm, Psalm 45, in which the song writer dedicates his best efforts to praising the King; we make explicit what is implied in the psalm, that these words are directed to the Messiah, Jesus. Our assurance of pardon reminds us of the Gospel basic: that God so loved his world that he gave his beloved Son so that sinners might not perish but come to everlasting life. And in the preaching of the Word and in the prayers, we are reminded that we can only come to God the Father Almighty through a mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord. May God encourage our hearts this morning through his great goodness!

## 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 for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto: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](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.

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

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"Intrada Festiva"  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

Wood

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 45

*The Minister:* My heart overflows with a pleasing theme; I address my verses to Christ the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

*The Congregation:* O Christ, you are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore, God has blessed you forever.

*The Minister:* Gird your sword on your thigh, O mighty one, in your splendor and majesty! In your majesty ride out victoriously for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; let your right hand teach you awesome deeds!

*All:* Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness; you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness. Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

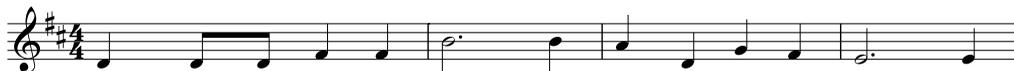
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

# THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“My Heart Is Greatly Stirred”

Psalms 45: 1-9

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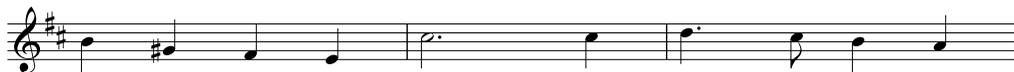
1. My heart is great - ly stirred, I sing a no - ble theme; my  
2. O War - rior, take your sword in splen - did maj - es - ty! For  
3. Your throne, O God, will last for - ev - er, ev - er - more. The  
4. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne; hark!



tongue's a skill - ful writ - er's pen to speak a - bout the  
meek - ness, truth, and righ - teous - ness, ride on in vic - to -  
scep - ter of your king - dom is a scep - ter that is  
how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its



King. Most beau - ti - ful of men, your  
ry. Your right hand makes you feared. How  
just. For you loved righ - teous - ness and  
own; a - wake, my soul, and sing of



lips are full of grace; and there - fore God be -  
sharp your ar - rows are; they pierce the King's foes  
hat - ed wick - ed - ness; a - bove all oth - ers,  
him who died for thee, and hail him as thy



stowed on you a bless - ing ev - er - more.  
to the heart. Be - neath you na - tions fall.  
God, your God, a - noint - ed you with joy.  
match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

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

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty Father, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We confess the heartbreak, worry, and sorrow we have caused that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to seek your forgiveness. Lord, have mercy on us, and forgive us through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life.” — *John 3:16*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Come, Ye Sinners”

Emily Edwards, Flute Lauren Griffin, Violin

Kelly Turner, Mandolin Jurey Howard, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Words: Joseph Hart, 1759

Music: Matthew S. Smith



1. Come ye sin - ners, poor and wretch - ed, weak and wound - ed
2. Come ye need - y, come and wel - come; God's free boun - ty
3. *Come ye wea - ry, heav-y lad - en, bruised and bro - ken*
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger, nor of fit - ness
5. Lo! the In - car - nate God, as - cend - ed; pleads the mer - it



sick and sore. Je - sus, read - y stands to save you,  
glor - i - fy; true be - lief and true re - pent - ance,  
*by the fall. If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter,*  
fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness he re - quir - eth,  
of his blood. Ven - ture on him; ven - ture whol - ly,



full of pit - y joined with power. He is a -  
ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. With - out mon -  
*you will nev - er come at all. Not the right -*  
is to feel your need of him. This he gives  
let no oth - er trust in - trude. None but Je -



- ble, he is a - ble;  
- ey, with - out mon - ey  
- eous, *not the right - eous;*  
you, this he gives you,  
- sus, none but Je - sus



he is will - ing; doubt no more.  
come to Je - sus Christ and buy.  
*sin - ners Je - sus came to call.*  
'tis the Spir - it's ris - ing beam.  
can do help - less sin - ners good.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 8

*The Minister:* How are these articles divided?

*The Congregation:* Into three parts: God the Father and our creation; God the Son and our deliverance; and God the Holy Spirit and our sanctification.

*The Minister:* Since there is only one divine being, why do you speak of three: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

*The Congregation:* Because that is how God has revealed himself in his Word: these three distinct persons are one, true, eternal God.

## THE TESTIMONY OF GRACE

*The Reverend Austin Braasch, RUF Campus Minister, Arkansas State University (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend John Crosby, RUF Campus Minister, University of Memphis (11:00 a.m.)*

## 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

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

arr. Forrest

*Pam Brown and Jennifer Velázquez, Piano*

*Harrison Howle, Director*

I know that my Redeemer lives, Glory, hallelujah!  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives. Glory, hallelujah!  
Shout on, press on, we're gaining ground, Glory, hallelujah!  
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to bless me with his love; Glory, hallelujah!  
He lives to plead my cause above; Glory, hallelujah!  
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!  
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah!

He lives to crush the fiends of hell; Glory, hallelujah!  
He lives and doth within me dwell: Glory, hallelujah!  
Shout on, pray on, we're gaining ground. Glory, hallelujah!  
The dead's alive, and the lost is found, Glory, hallelujah!

## THE SERMON

Judges 3:12-31 (*pew Bible pages 202-203*)

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“A Laughable Salvation”

*The Reverend Brian Sorgenfrei*

*RUF Campus Minister, University of Mississippi*

## SERMON NOTES

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

## "In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, he is my  
2. In Christ a-lone! who took on flesh, full-ness of  
3. There in the ground his bod-y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this Cor-ner-  
God in help-less Babe! This Gift of  
world by dark-ness slain; then burst-ing  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first

stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the  
love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the  
forth in glo-rious day, up from the  
cry to fi-nal breath, Je-sus com-

fierc-est drought and storm. What heights of  
ones he came to save. 'Til on that  
grave he rose a-gain! And as he  
mands my des-ti-ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace when fears are  
cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of  
stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has  
hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er

stilled, when striv-ings cease. My com-fort-er, my all in  
God was sat-is-fied. For ev-ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
pluck me from his hand; 'til he re-turns or calls me

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Duke Street

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

THE POSTLUDE

“Toccata in Seven”

Rutter



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.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to
Joan Schaefer on the death of her twin sister,
Jean Robinson, on February 15.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | FEBRUARY 23

- 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)
3:30 p.m. .... Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. .... Jr. High Small Groups
5:00 p.m. .... Sunday Night Live | Fellowship Hall
7:15 p.m. .... Sr. High Small Groups



## 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

### IPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2020 ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL ELECTIVES | 9:45 A.M.

The Rev. Austin Braasch, RUF Camp Minister, Arkansas State University | Room 237  
*Generation Z: The Loneliness Generation*

The Rev. John Crosby, RUF Campus Minister, University of Memphis | South Fellowship Hall  
*Guess What Parents?*  
*What Your Children Are Telling Their Campus Ministers of How You Parented*

The Rev. Elliott Everitt, RUF Campus Minister, Mississippi State University | Room 220  
*The Haunting Specter of Pointlessness: What's Driving This Generation of Students*

The Rev. Anthony Forrest, RUF Campus Minister, Jackson State University | Chapel  
*Gospel Wakefulness at Historically Black Colleges and Universities*

The Rev. Dale Hollenbeck, Mobilizer, Mission to the World Midwest | Room 132  
*RUF-International: Engaging the Nations Through the Local College*

The Rev. Ro Taylor, RUF Campus Minister, Delta State University | North Fellowship Hall  
*Thy Kingdom Come: Gen Z and Diversity in the Church*

The Rev. Kevin Teasley, RUF Chief Advancement Officer | Room 233  
*Walking with Jesus for a Lifetime*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 26

5:30 p.m.	.....	Dinner   Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	.....	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	.....	GriefShare   Room 233
6:15 p.m.	.....	BLAST!   Romper Room (K - 5 <sup>th</sup> 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.	.....	Large Group Study: <i>An Overview of the New Testament</i>   Chapel
6:30 p.m.	.....	Grace Groups
6:30 p.m.	.....	Pre-Elementary Choir
7:30 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

*Menu for Wednesday evening:* Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Classic Caesar Salad,  
Plain Bread Sticks, Boston Cream Pie, Cookies, Fresh Fruit Cups with Mint  
Kid's Menu: Pizza



### OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

#### MOTHER/SON COWBOY BREAKFAST

February 29 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | IPC Avon Lawn

There's still time to sign up for the Mother/Son Cowboy Breakfast!  
See details and make your reservations online at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).

#### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

*Tuesdays*

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

#### IN THE WORD: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

led by Dr. Sean Lucas  
*Thursdays* | 6:30 a.m.

#### LARGE GROUP STUDY: AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Chapel

led by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas and IPC Pastors



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