



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

My wife and I have recently been listening to NeedToBreathe's song "Walking on Water." It takes the text of our sermon today (Matthew 14:22-33) as the subject of the song. I'd recommend checking it out when you have time. What I have come to love about the song is how it brings to light what the author of Hebrews wrote, "...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." When our eyes are fixed on him, he drowns out the storms we face. We need to be reminded to look to Jesus because he is even more powerful than the most devastating storms the Fall has unleashed on us and through us.

Our service this morning is scripted around this amazing historical event. We will hear that God is with us through the chaos of life and that he stands above the storms we face. Matthew points us to Jesus, who actually performs three miracles — well four, if you count causing sinners to worship him as the Son of God. He walks on top of the fearful water, causes Peter to do the same (which J.C. Ryle claims to be an even greater miracle), and then he calms the storm. The point is that God is in control even when we sense and feel otherwise and that Jesus is worthy of all our trust, no matter what our fears and failures tell us. Peter's response is to be our response. Hear the Lord's call to come and call out to Jesus for rescue.

May God grant us confidence in Christ today — to see Jesus more than we see our fears, our failures, and even our own faith — so that our futures would be brightly lit with God's face shining upon us! — *Samuel*

## 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 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 ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Solid Rock

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Mary Margaret McDaniel, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have failed to love you with all that we have — all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We also confess that all too often we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. And so we cry out along with Peter, "Lord, save me!" Forgive our sin, for you have promised that you will abundantly pardon. Cause us to believe that where failure and sin abound, grace much more abounds! Grant us true repentance that turns us away from ourselves to Jesus, enabling us more fully to love him and others. Stir in our hearts a greater longing to be where Christ is, and allow us to experience your grace that carries weak and wounded sinners all the way home. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We openly confess our sins in the full assurance that God's grace is greater than all our sin. "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." — *Isaiah 55:7*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

*Lauren Griffin, Violin Daniel Strawser, Cello*

*Drew Lucas, Guitar*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Greg Thompson



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me  
2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none, hangs my  
3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bos - om fly, while the near - er  
help - less soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me  
cov - er all my sin; let the heal - ing



wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:  
not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!  
streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in;



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide,  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
thou of life the foun - tain art,



'til the storm is past. Safe in - to the  
help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -  
let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



hav - en guide, re - ceive my soul at last.  
fense - less head in the shad - ow of thy wing.  
in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 26

*The Minister:* What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth”?

*The Congregation:* That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (who of nothing made heaven and earth, with all that is in them; who likewise upholds and governs the same by his eternal counsel and providence) is for the sake of Christ his Son, my God and my Father; on whom I rely so entirely, that I have no doubt, but he will provide me with all things necessary for soul and body and further, that he will make whatever evils he sends upon me, in this valley of tears turn out to my advantage; for he is able to do it, being Almighty God and willing, being a faithful Father.

## 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

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Hakes/Courtney

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul’s glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav’n can boast.

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*Choir and Congregation*

Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all the na - tions!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,  
now and for - ev - er more be thine!

**THE SERMON**

Matthew 14:22-33 (*pew Bible page 820*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Walking on Water”

*The Reverend Samuel Husband*

*Assistant Pastor*

**SERMON NOTES**

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Still, My Soul”

No. 689

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Solid Rock

*Choir and Congregation*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

## THE POSTLUDE

“The Solid Rock”

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arr. Hustad

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson in honor of our Founding Members,  
and with gratitude for the blessing of God's hand on the ministry  
of Independent Presbyterian Church in our community for 53 years.  
To Him belongs eternal praise.

## NEW MEMBERS

*We are happy to welcome the following new member:*  
Mr. Zach Hood

## DEATH

*Our sympathy to*  
Teresa and Mac Bailey on the death  
of his father, Olen M. Bailey, Sr.,  
On March 1, 2018.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 11

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)
4:00 p.m. ....	Adult Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. ....	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. ....	Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. ....	Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal

**SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE NEXT SUNDAY**  
March 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary



### 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   <i>Room 131</i>		
30s Community   Parker Tenent   <i>Fellowship Hall South</i>		
40s Community   Jeremy Jones   <i>Fellowship Hall North</i>		
50s Community   Ed Norton   <i>Chapel</i>		
60s+ Community   Mike Malone   <i>Room 237</i>		
The Westminster Class   Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson   <i>Room 233</i>		
Line by Line Class   Rankin Fowlkes   <i>Room 132</i>		

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 14

5:30 p.m. ....	Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. ....	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:30 p.m. ....	<i>Called: A Christian View of Work</i> (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. ....	Grace Groups and Small Groups
6:30 p.m. ....	Preschool and Children’s Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m. ....	Christ in Action (Romper Room: 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)
6:30 p.m. ....	Jr. High Youth Group
7:15 p.m. ....	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. ....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING:  
corned beef with cabbage, roasted new potatoes, broccoli slaw,  
Shamrock cake, cookies  
Kid's menu: hotdogs and tater tots



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

There is still time to join our Senior High Choir  
and participate in our “Wild West” tour, May 31-June 8.

*It's a great opportunity to.....*

- 1) worship our Lord and proclaim the Gospel through beautiful music;
- 2) experience the wonders of God's awesome creation; *and*
- 3) share the experience with others, building relationships  
while traveling together, singing and having fun.

Your friends are welcome too! Call the IPC Music Ministry Office, 901-685-9707,  
or [email musicoffice@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:musicoffice@ipcmemphis.org).

### WOMEN'S SPRING RETREAT

*with*

Christian speaker, teacher, and author Mary Beth McGreevy

March 22-24 | *Attending the School of Christ in a World of Discontent*

Thursday night includes a delicious dinner at IPC with a wonderful party favor.

Session 1: “The Root and Fruit of Discontentment”

Friday night includes dinner and lodging at the Country Place.

Session 2: “Learning Contentment”

Saturday morning includes breakfast and lunch at The Country Place.

Session 3: “Living a Contented Life”

*Attend any or all of the sessions!*

Thursday only, \$10; Friday and Saturday, \$90-\$150, depending on lodging; Saturday only, \$40.

Drop your registration form in the box at church, or register online at [ipc memphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Junior High Redbirds Game** | Friday, April 13
- Junior High Choir Commissioning Concert** | April 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
- Sr. High, 20s, 30s, and 40s Communities Crawfish Boils** | Sunday, April 22
- Children's Choir Spring Program** | April 25 | Sanctuary
- Junior High Choir Spring Trip** | April 27-29 | St. Louis
- Pathway Sunday School Class Begins** | April 29 (ends May 20) | 9:45 a.m.
- Final Sunday Evening Praise until September 9** | April 29 | Sanctuary
- Women of the Church Spring Luncheon** | May 1 | Fellowship Hall
- IPC Ballet Spring Recital** | May 5
- Sr. High Recognition Sunday and Lunch** | May 6
- Camp Palmer 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** | May 25-30
- Senior High Choir Summer Tour** | May 31-June 8 | Western States
- Promotion Sunday for Students Entering Jr. and Sr. High** | June 3
- Senior High Choir Homecoming Concert** | June 8 | Sanctuary
- Vacation Bible School** | June 11-15
- Evening Worship Service at Palmer Home Hernando** | Sunday, June 17
- Jr. High The Edge Summer Conference** | June 23-27 | Covenant College
- Sr. High RYM Summer Conference** | July 9-14 | Panama City Beach, FL
- Jr. High and Sr. High Service Over Self (SOS)** | July 22-28 | Memphis

## HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Palm Sunday** | March 25 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services | Sanctuary  
**Hosanna! Palm Sunday Spring Program** | Sunday, March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary  
**Maundy Thursday Communion Service** | Thursday, March 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary  
**Good Friday Worship Service** | Friday, March 30 | Noon | Sanctuary  
**Easter Eve Concert** | Saturday, March 31 | 6:00 p.m. | Levitt Shell  
**Easter Sunday** | April 1 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services | Sanctuary

### HOSANNA!

#### *Palm Sunday Music Program*

Sunday, March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Join us in praising our King at a program of great choral masterworks sung by IPC's Adult, Senior High and Junior High Choirs, plus congregational hymns, and accompanying orchestra.

*Nursery provided.*

### EASTER EVE CONCERT

#### *Share the Light of the World*

Saturday, March 31 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Levitt Shell

IPC is partnering with other area churches to present *Share the Light of the World* at the Levitt Shell. The Easter Eve concert, produced by Ephie Johnson, will feature an array of guest performers, including Kirk Whalum, Memphis Repertory Orchestra, and City Choir. Bring chairs, pack a picnic or visit the food trucks, and enjoy this citywide celebration! *Want to help?*

*Volunteers are needed for choir, hospitality, and other roles.*

For more information, visit [www.sharethelight901.com](http://www.sharethelight901.com).



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