



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

On this Palm Sunday, we come to a text that is a profound warning to us. Mark 4:1-20 tells us that we might hear God's Word read and preached, but not actually listen in a meaningful way. And the problem is not in the preacher, but in our own hearts and in the mysterious purposes of God. Jesus' challenge to us today is take heed how we hear — "He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (4:9).

This morning, we need to hear God's living and active Word calling us from darkness to light so that we might worship him. We are called into God's presence with Zechariah 9, the prophecy that we associate with Palm Sunday. Our King did come, riding on a donkey — and his people did not recognize him or own him. What a warning to us! That we might come this morning to praise him and yet not recognize Jesus as he actually is. Such a recognition should lead us to confess our sins to God.

Confession of sin is an element of worship that serves to present the Gospel specifically to us each week. We confess that our ears are hardened, that we are prone to wander, that we are undone and lost. But we also confess this to the one who demonstrated such steadfast love for us that he endured the cross for us. We hear this both in the assurance of pardon and in the statement of faith where we consider Christ's humiliation — that all of this was for us and motivated by steadfast love. May God win and woo our hearts this morning through his Word, sacrament, and prayer!

## 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*, April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, at 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria 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.

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

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-FIFTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Burkhardt

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 9:9-10

*The Minister:* "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughters of Jerusalem!

*The Congregation:* Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

*The Minister:* I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations.

*All:* His rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth." Amen! We worship you, O Christ!

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

*The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 235

### 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

*Ann Roane Walton, 8:30 a.m.*

*Nancy Elizabeth Kennedy, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For we have surrendered to the enemy by our secret and our known sins. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this holy week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Let those who fear the Lord say, ‘His steadfast love endures forever.’ Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord has become my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. I shall not die, but live, and recount the deeds of the Lord!”

— *Psalm 118:4-5, 14, 17*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

## “Holy Spirit”

*Jurey Howard, Guitar*

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new  
Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your  
Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing  
life in - to my will - ing soul.  
joy be seen in all I do.  
life to all that God has made,  
Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -  
Love e - nough to cov - er ev' - ry sin in each  
show your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause your  
new my heart and make me whole.  
thought and deed and at - ti - tude,  
church to hun - ger for your ways.  
Cause your Word to come a - live in me;  
kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise.  
give me faith for what I can - not see;  
gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.  
Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice  
give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty. Ho - ly  
Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace. Breath of  
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be  
Spir - it, breathe new life in me.  
God, show Christ in all I do.  
clear for all the world to see.

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 27

*The Minister:* Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?

*The Congregation:* Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

## 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 "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" from *Messiah*

Handel

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory.

## THE SERMON

Mark 4:1-20 (*pew Bible page 839*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

"Listen!"

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Story (1-9)
2. Secret (10-12)
  - A. Insiders
  - B. Outsiders
3. Signifies (13-20)
  - A. Defines
  - B. Difference

# THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Before the Throne”

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 Glor - y 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  
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on



stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -  
fied, to look on him and par - don  
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my



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

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Crusader's Hymn

*Choir and Congregation*

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

"Fanfare on All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

arr. Southbridge

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## HOSANNA!

*Palm Sunday Music Program*

Tonight | 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.*

# HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

## MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary  
The Lord's Supper will be observed.

## GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

March 30 | Noon | Sanctuary  
*Seven Sayings of Jesus from the Cross*  
*Chiming of the Noon Hour*  
Readings from Scripture and Congregational Hymns

## 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. Bring chairs, pack a picnic or visit the food trucks, and enjoy this citywide celebration!  
For more information, visit [www.sharethelight901.com](http://www.sharethelight901.com).

## EASTER SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES

April 1 | 8:30 and 11:00 | Sanctuary

# THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of Benjamin Joseph Buyer by Sharron and Matthew Buyer.

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## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 25

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. ....	Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal
5:15 p.m. ....	Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Palm Sunday Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. ....	<i>Hosanna!</i> Palm Sunday Music Program   Sanctuary
7:15 p.m. ....	Sr. High Small Groups

OUR NEXT SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE  
April 8 | 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 | *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 | MARCH 28

6:00 p.m. ....	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m. ....	Adult Choir Rehearsal



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining IPC? Would you like to know more about what we believe?

Our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members* will be at 9:45 a.m., on Sundays, April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, in the third floor conference room.

To register, or for more information, contact Tameria Rackley, [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org), or 901-685-8206.

### OUR NEXT VOCATION MEETING

This spring, IPC is holding monthly gatherings in members' homes to discuss various vocation-related topics. The next meeting is Sunday, April 8, from 7:30 to 8:30, at the home of Craig & Brooke Christenbury, 8419 Drury Lane. The topic, "What Should I Do with My Life?" is especially for college students and 20s, but all are welcome to attend. For questions and to sign up, email [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

### 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 [emailmusicoffice@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:emailmusicoffice@ipcmemphis.org).

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m.

*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.



## 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 Class for Prospective Members** | April 29, May 6, 13 and 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



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