

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

Throughout the world, Christians today declare, “Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” Why is that such a vital proclamation for us? Why does Christianity stand or fall with the resurrection of Jesus? There are a number of reasons, but perhaps none is more important than this: the resurrection of Jesus means hope of glory. That’s because he is the “firstfruits” — the early flowers, the first grain, that guarantees the rest is soon to follow. Because Christ is risen, you and I shall rise — and that is the Christian’s hope and confidence. And that’s what sustains us in this sad world.

And so, we rejoice this morning. We awaken the dawn with our praise; we joyfully adore our God of glory and Lord of love; we declare to a watching world that Christ the Lord is risen! Hallelujah! And that confidence frees us to tell the truth about ourselves: we confess our sins knowing that Christ was raised for our justification; he was raised that we might be declared in the right with God. As we hear God’s Word this morning, let us rest and rejoice in the good news: our great hope of life after life after death will be realized! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## 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 FIRST DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Rondeau”

Mouret/arr. Sherman

*The IPC Handbell Choir, Emilee Garrett, Director*

*Sherri Caraway and Jay Wilkerson, Trumpets*

*Brandon Rushing, Horn*

*Bruce Faske, Trombone*

*Robert Kessler, Timpani*

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 57:7-11

*The Minister:* “My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music!

*The Congregation:* Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn!

*The Minister:* I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

*The Congregation:* For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

*All:* Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth!”  
Alleluia! 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

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 277 (stanzas 1-4)

arr. Dobrinski

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

### THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Ode to Joy

Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;  
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.  
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;  
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill.

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

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. Forgive us and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.” Thanks be to God that Christ was raised for our justification and our glory! — *1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

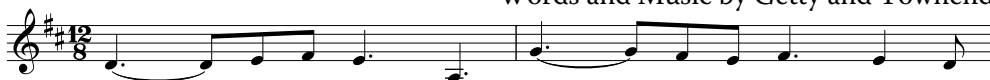
THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“See, What a Morning”

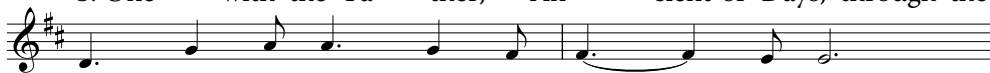
(Resurrection Hymn)

Jurey Howard, Guitar

Words and Music by Getty and Townend



1. See, what a morn - ing, glor - ious - ly bright, with the  
 2. See, Ma - ry weep - ing, “Where is he laid?” as in  
 3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;  
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb;  
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light, as the  
 hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name; it's the  
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce, “Christ is ris - en!”  
 Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!  
 King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
 And we are raised with him, death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice,  
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us,  
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered;



ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for he  
 will sound till he ap - pears, for he  
 and we shall reign with him, for he



lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 28

*The Minister:* Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?

*The Congregation:* Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

## 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

"The Glory of Christ"

K. Lee Scott

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, Amid your Church appearing,  
All girt about your breast with gold And bright apparel wearing:  
Your countenance is burning light, A sun resplendent in its might:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

Your glorious feet have sought and found Your own of ev'ry nation;  
With everlasting voice you sound The call of our salvation;  
You search us till with eyes of flame, You know and call us all by name:  
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

O risen Christ, today alive, Amid your Church abiding,  
Who now your blood and body give, New life and strength providing,  
We join in heav'nly company To sing your praise triumphantly;  
Lord Christ, we see your glory, Lord Christ, we have seen your glory!

## THE SERMON

2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10 (*pew Bible page 966*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“We Do Not Lose Heart: The Hope of the Resurrection”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Looking (4:16-18)

2. Longings (5:1-5)

3. Living (5:6-10)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

No. 283

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“Hallelujah!” from *Messiah*  
*Choir and Congregation*  
(Please see music found in the hymnal rack)

Handel

THE POSTLUDE

“Toccata” from *Symphony V*

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## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God  
in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Presley Wilson  
and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Neil Goshorn, by Dr. and Mrs. Neumon Taylor Goshorn.*

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,  
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.— John 3:16*

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### BIRTH

*Congratulations to  
Hillary and David Butler  
on the birth of their son, Fox Matthew Butler,  
on March 20, 2018.*

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### OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 1

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)



### OUR NEXT SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE

April 8 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary



### SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

|   |                             |                               |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Nursery & Preschool –<br><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 | APRIL 4

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| 5:30 p.m. | ..... Dinner (Fellowship Hall)  |
| 5:30 p.m. | ..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)                                   |
| 6:30 p.m. | ..... Dr. Dolphus Weary (Fellowship Hall)                                     |
| 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   |

### WELCOME DR. DOLPHUS WEARY

On Wednesday night, April 4, when so many in our city will be remembering the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's death, we are pleased to have Dr. Dolphus Weary with us to help us reflect on what this anniversary means and how the Gospel compels us to respond. Dr. Weary is currently president of REAL Christian Foundation, but he has spent a lifetime as a "bridge-builder in the body of Christ" through Mendenhall Ministries and Mission Mississippi. He is the author of *I Ain't Coming Back* and *Crossing the Tracks*.

### MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

grilled chicken Parmesan over penne pasta, steamed whole green beans,  
plain bread stick, cookies, brownie and whipped cream  
Kid's Menu: grilled chicken tenders, veggie sticks



## 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.

## 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).



## 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

## TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas  
*Senior Pastor*  
Rev. Edward Norton  
*Associate Pastor*  
Rev. Samuel Husband  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Jeremy Jones  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Mike Malone  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Brad Robson  
*Pastor of Student Ministries*  
Rev. Parker Tenent  
*Assistant Pastor*  
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.  
*Senior Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Bill Hogan  
*Assistant Pastor Emeritus*

## RULING ELDERS

Mr. Cannon F. Allen  
Mr. Matthew G. Buyer  
Mr. Richard M. Carter  
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.  
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove  
Dr. Hugh Francis III  
Dr. Neumon Taylor Goshorn  
Mr. Samuel N. Graham II  
Mr. J. Lee Greene Jr.  
Mr. Stephen Guenther  
Dr. Charles R. Halford  
Mr. Bryan A Hawkins  
Mr. John Jurey Howard III  
Mr. Nathan W. Kellum  
Mr. George G. Leavell  
Dr. James R. Mitchum  
Mr. William R. Mitchum Jr.  
Mr. David R. Neubert  
Mr. Matthew J. Olson  
Dr. Melvin P. Payne III  
Mr. John Philip  
Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.  
Mr. John W. Stokes III  
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn  
Mr. Adrian Yelverton

## DEACONS

Dr. Scott Bartusch  
Mr. David Butler  
Mr. John W. Chambers Jr.  
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. Charles Clowers  
Mr. John R. Coates  
Mr. Glenn W. Cofield  
Mr. Duffy Cothran  
Mr. John T. Crews Jr.  
Mr. Brantley Davidson  
Mr. Josh Davis  
Mr. John Dorrill  
Mr. John J. Dudas  
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi  
Mr. Robert E. Hicks  
Mr. Kevin Holt  
Mr. Govan S. Hornor  
Mr. Jay Jacks  
Dr. John G. Kakales  
Mr. William Kay  
Mr. James McDonald  
Mr. William G. Mueller IV  
Mr. Thomas A. Pacello  
Mr. Calvin Purcell  
Mr. Timothy Rainey  
Mr. Alex Ransone  
Mr. Chris W. Rogers  
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.  
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg  
Mr. Kimbrough Taylor  
Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Richard B. Vining  
Mr. James Dwight Wilder  
Mr. Joseph Womack

## IPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.  
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Friday

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|----------------------|--------------|
| Church's Main Office | 901-685-8206 |
| Music Office         | 901-685-9707 |
| Recreation Office    | 901-763-3857 |

## COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
901-763-3932

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Independent Presbyterian Church  
is to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for worship,  
growing in community, and going out in love.

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