

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This week we finish the journey down the Via Dolorosa with Jesus. We started the journey in Bethany; there Jesus had warned his disciples that he would be crucified during Passover. And as we walked down this road, we have seen how Jesus endured humiliation, tears, and suffering for our sake. But now, we come to Golgotha; we come to the Cross. Why was Jesus stricken, smitten, afflicted? Why was his sacred head wounded? Why did he cry out in dereliction? It pleased the Father to bruise him, not because the Father was angry and maniacal; rather, it pleased the Father to bruise him because of the Father's love for you and me — this was the way of salvation, for the innocent to suffer in the place of the guilty. But Jesus also suffers this way to fulfill Scripture.

That is why our call to worship this morning is Psalm 22. That psalm sits in the background of Matthew's telling of Jesus' crucifixion — over and again, what happens to Jesus fulfills God's Word. And that's why our assurance of pardon from 1 John 4:10 is such good news: the love of God displayed in Jesus' offering of himself as a propitiation for our sin and sinning. And that's why as we hear the cries of our Savior, we weep with sorrow and love because of his sorrow and love mingled together for us. As we survey the wondrous cross this morning, may God engage our hearts and transform us for his own glory!

## 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 28, May 5, 12, and 19. 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.

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

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*  
*The Women's Ensemble*  
*Emilee Garrett, Director*

Mendelssohn

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 22

*The Minister:* My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest.

*The Congregation:* All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; “He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

*The Minister:* I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint; my heart is like wax; it is melted within my breast. I can count all my bones — they stare and gloat over me; they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

*The Congregation:* But you, O Lord, do not be far off! O you my help, come quickly to my aid! Deliver my soul from the sword! Save my life from the mouth of the lion!

*The Minister:* I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

*All:* Praise be to God for Jesus Christ, who fulfilled these words on the Cross!  
Let us worship him!

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

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

No. 235

## 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.

He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, he sets the pris’ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

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

### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Parker Dixon Tenent, Jr. (8:30 a.m.)*

*Ally Noelle Mains (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O righteous and holy Sovereign, in whose hand is my life and whose are all my ways: keep me from fluttering about religion. Fix me firm in it, for I am irresolute; my decisions are smoke and vapor, and I do not glorify you or behave according to your will. Save me from myself: from the artifices and deceits of sin; from the treachery of my perverse nature; from a life of continual rebellion against you; from wrong principles, views, and ends. O Father of my spirit, O King of my life, cast me not into destruction, drive me not from your presence, but wound my heart that it may be healed; break it that your own hand may make it whole. In Jesus’ name, *Amen.*

*— adapted from The Valley of Vision*

### THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

It is the love of God in Jesus Christ that draws us to confess our sins. God’s Word tells us, “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.” Thanks be to God that Jesus’ death on the cross cleanses us from all sin and reconciles God to us! — *1 John 4:10*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

*Tim Keith, Guitar*

Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
sin up - on his shoul - ders a -  
gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom, but

he should give his on - ly Son to  
shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call  
I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his

make a wretch his treas - ure. How  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The  
was my sin that held him there un -  
should I gain from his re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as  
til it was ac - com - plished. His  
can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One, bring  
dy - ing breath has brought me life. I  
this I know with all my heart: his

man - y sons to glo - ry.  
know that it is fin - ished.  
wounds have paid my ran - som.

*Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader during the last verse.*

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 21-22

### Question and Answer 21

*The Minister:* Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

*The Congregation:* The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man in two distinct natures, and one person, forever.

### Question and Answer 22

*The Minister:* How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?

*The Congregation:* Christ, the Son of God, became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable Soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

## 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

"Lift Up Your Heads" from *Messiah*

Handel

*Peter Winterburn, Bassoon Pam Brown, Harpsichord*

*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 15:16-39 (*pew Bible pages 852-853*)  
*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“The Via Dolorosa: Golgotha”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

### 1. Derision

A. Soldiers (16-20)

B. Crowds (29-32)

### 2. Death

A. Darkness (33)

B. Dereliction (34)

### 3. Denouement

A. New way (38)

B. New hope (39)

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 252

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Townend

*Choir and Congregation*

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no pow’r, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ: his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

## THE POSTLUDE

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Hobby



## Palm Sunday Program

### *Handel's Messiah Complete*

**Tonight | 5:00-7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary**

*Handel's glorious oratorio telling the story of Jesus the Messiah's life and triumph over death is rarely heard live in its entirety. Please don't miss this presentation by our Adult, Senior High and Junior High Choirs, plus soloists and members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.*

*Afterward, please join us for a reception in the Fellowship Hall.*

***The program will include an intermission.***

***Nursery will be provided during the program but not the reception.***

## THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God.

## NEW MEMBERS

*We are happy to welcome the following new members:*

Blair and George Connor, Charles Constantine, Keith and Tabitha Hembree, Scovia Rushing

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 14

8:30 a.m.	.....	Worship Service
8:30 a.m.	.....	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m.	.....	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	.....	IPC Cross-Cultural Book Club   Third Floor Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	.....	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	.....	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
3:30 p.m.	.....	IPC Cross-Cultural Book Club   Room 233
4:00 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal
4:15 p.m.	.....	Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Palm Sunday Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	.....	Handel's <i>Messiah</i> Complete   Sanctuary
7:30 p.m.	.....	Reception   Fellowship Hall



## SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool – <i>First floor, rooms divided by age</i>	1st grade — <i>Room 216</i>	4th grade/5th grade — <i>Room 201</i>
Kindergarten — <i>Room 220-222</i>	2nd grade — <i>Room 215</i>	Junior High — <i>Room 155</i>
	3rd grade — <i>Room 217</i>	Senior High — <i>Room 254</i>

College | Mr. Zach Hood | *Room 125*

20s Community | Rev. Robert Browning and Teaching Team | *Room 131*

30s Community | Rev. Parker Tenent | *Fellowship Hall South*

40s Community | Rev. Jeremy Jones | *Fellowship Hall North*

50s Community | Rev. Ed Norton | *Chapel*

60s+ Community | Rev. Mike Malone | *Room 237*

The Westminster Class | Mr. Jurey Howard and Dr. Ray Wilson | *Room 233*

Line by Line Class | Mr. Rankin Fowlkes | *Room 132*

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | APRIL 17

6:30 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 28, May 5, 12 and 19, in the Third Floor Conference Room. To register, or for more information, contact Tamera Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.

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### CAMP PALMER | MAY 24-29

*Sign up today!*

For over 50 years, the children of Palmer Home and Independent Presbyterian Church have gone to camp together, enjoying a week of fun and friendship. Camp is open to anyone who has completed 1<sup>st</sup> grade up to 12<sup>th</sup> grade; space is limited and filled on a first come basis. Camp details and forms are available on our website, ipcmemphis.org, or you can pick up a brochure at church.

*Please drop registration forms, including  
all liability releases, with payment (checks only)  
in the Camp Palmer mailbox located outside the Fellowship Hall.*

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### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

There is still time to join our Senior High Choir and participate in our tour of the Northeast U.S.A. *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.*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Church Offices and Bookstore Closed | April 19**

**Jr. High Choir Commissioning Concert | April 24 | 6:00 p.m.**

**Jr. High Choir Trip | April 26-28 | Panama City, FL**

**Pathway Class for Prospective Members | April 28, May 5, 12, 19 | 9:45 a.m.**

**Women of the Church Spring Luncheon | April 30 | Fellowship Hall**

**Final Wednesday Evening Dinner for the Spring | May 1**

**Children's Spring BLAST! Program: *A Faith That Sings* | May 1 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary**

**99 Balloons rEcess | May 3**

**IPC Ballet Spring Recital | May 4 | 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

**Senior Sunday Lunch | May 5 | IPC**

**Last Sunday Evening Praise for Spring | May 5 | 6:00 p.m.**

**Palmer Home Hernando Campus Evening Worship Service | May 19**

**Camp Palmer | May 24-29 | Mentone, AL**

**Sr. High Choir Tour | May 30-June 6 | Northeast, U.S.**

**College Summer Kick-off Cookout | June 1 | 6:30 p.m. | 5144 Walnut Grove Road**

**VBS Decoration Week | June 3-6**

**College Guys/Girls Summer Small Groups | beginning June 4 | Time TBA**

**Sr. High Choir Homecoming Concert | June 6 | Sanctuary**

**Vacation Bible School | June 10-14**

**College Drive-In Movie Nights | June 7, 21; July 19 | 7:00 p.m. | 5310 Summer Avenue**

**College Flapjack Freshman Fridays | June 14, 28; July 19; August 2, 15 | 10-noon**

**Summer Evening Praise | Sundays, June 16-July 21 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary**

**Women's Summer Bible Study | Tuesdays, beginning June 18 | 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m.**

**Summer Wednesday Evening Dinner | June 19 and July 17**

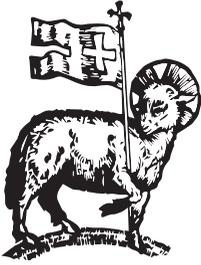
**Jr. High The Edge | June 22-26 | Covenant College, Lookout Mountain**

**Sr. High RYM Trip | July 8-13 | Laguna Beach Christian Retreat Center, Panama City Beach**

**Palmer Home Work, Play, and Fellowship Day | July 20 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Sunday Evening Praise Resumes | August 18 | 6:00 p.m.**

**In the Word Men's Bible Study Resumes | August 29 | 6:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall**



# Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday *Communion Service***

April 18 | 6:00 p.m. | *Sanctuary*

**Good Friday *Service***

April 19 | Noon | *Sanctuary*

**Easter Eve Concert *with Sandra McCracken***

April 20 | 6:00 p.m. | *Second Baptist Field*

*Bring a blanket and join us on the field west of the IPC Sanctuary for an Easter Eve Concert featuring singer/songwriter Sandra McCracken, whose acoustic hymns are regularly sung at IPC and churches across the world. In case of rain, we'll move to the Sanctuary.*

— No alcohol, please. —

**Easter Sunday Worship Services**

April 21 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. | *Sanctuary*



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