



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

This morning's text, Mark 6:1-29, doesn't fit together easily. We move from Jesus' rejection in Nazareth to the extension (and potential rejection) of his disciples' own missions to the ultimate rejection of John the Baptist in his violent death. One clue to the larger meaning of this section is found in its placement in Mark's Gospel: between the three scenes that describe what obeys Jesus to the subsequent scene of the feeding of the five thousand. In the face of clear evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, not everyone is convinced; there is real spiritual warfare that blinds and hardens hearts and minds. Our response is not, "Why don't they believe?" but "Why did I believe?" And the answer is: Grace.

Our service this morning reminds us of the grace that draws us to God in Christ. God is the one who causes us to dwell in Jerusalem, the City of God; God is the one who not only names our sins, but cleanses us from them; God is the one who feeds us with Word and Sacrament so that we continue in this faith once delivered to the saints. As we fix our eyes on this God who has come to us in Jesus Christ, we do so in humility: what do we have that we did not receive? How are we able to praise this triune God? Grace, amazing grace. Thanks be to God!

## 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 *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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness”

Psalm 122

CWM Rhonda



1. I was filled with joy and glad-ness when I heard them  
2. In Je - ru - s'lem, built se - cure - ly, there the tribes--the  
3. For Je - ru - sa - lem's well - be - ing in - ter - cede and  
4. I will say, “May peace be with you!” for my friends' and



say to me: “Let us make our pil - grim jour - ney,  
LORD's tribes--go. This is Is - r'el's ob - li - ga - tion,  
pray for peace: “All the ones who tru - ly love you,  
broth - ers' sake. For the LORD's house, our God's tem - ple,



then the LORD's house we will see.” We were stand - ing!  
to the LORD's name thanks they show. There, for jus - tice,  
may they pros - per and in - crease. Peace and safe - ty,  
this my pur - pose I will make: your well - be - ing,



We were stand - ing! In your gates, Je - ru - sa -  
there, for jus - tice, stand the thrones of Da - vid's  
peace and safe - ty be with - in your walls and  
your well - be - ing, I will seek with all my



lem! In your gates, Je - ru - sa - lem!  
house, stand the thrones of Da - vid's house.  
towers, be with - in your walls and towers.  
heart, I will seek with all my heart.

# THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

CWM Rhondda

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'ful hand;  
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

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

## THE CALL TO CONFESSION

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" — *Isaiah 6:1-5*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Our Father, we confess to you that all too often we have treated holy things as though they were common. Even this morning, we have come to corporate worship distracted, half-hearted, unexpectant; all the result of failing to remember that you are a holy God who dwells among his people for your own glory and our good. We are undone! Have mercy on us, Father! Remind us that the cost you paid to make unholy beings to be holy ones was the infinitely valuable blood of Christ. And grant us grace henceforth to live and worship wholeheartedly for the sake of your name. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we know that God is holy and we are not and that God has provided a means by which our sins might be forgiven. God's Word says: "Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: 'Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.'" Christ's own bloody sacrifice has touched our lips and our hearts, cleansing us from all our guilt and unrighteousness. Thanks be to God! — *Isaiah 6:5-7*

## THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 124

*The Minister:* What does the third petition of the Lord's Prayer mean?

*The Congregation:* "Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" means: Help us and all people to reject our own wills and to obey your will without any back talk. Your will alone is good. Help us one and all to carry out the work we are called to, as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

## THE RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2018 (11:00 a.m.)

### 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 "Surely He Hath Borne Our Grievs" from *Messiah*

Handel

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows!  
He was wounded for our transgressions;  
He was bruised for our iniquities;  
The chastisement of our peace was upon him.

# THE SERMON

Mark 6:1-30 (*pew Bible page 841*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Not Everyone Obeys Jesus”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

### 1. Rejection

A. Hard words

B. Hard hearts

### 2. Mission

A. Take

B. Act

### 3. Opposition

A. Cost

B. Cross

# THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

*James Brown and Drew Lucas, Guitars*

Sandra McCracken and Joshua Moore



We will feast in the house of Zi - on, we will sing with our



hearts re - stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - geth - er.



We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire; he  
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the dawn, my  
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed. You



is the Lord our God. We are not con -  
soul, be not a - fraid; for the prom - ised  
are the Faith - ful one; and from the



sumed, by the flood, up -  
morn - - - ing. Oh, how long! O,  
gar - - - den to the grave bind



held, pro - tect - ed, gath - ered up.  
God of Ja - cob, be my strength.  
us to - geth - er, bring sha - lom.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

### THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Lift High the Cross"

No. 263

### THE BENEDICTION

### THE RESPONSE

Amazing Grace

*Choir and Congregation*

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.

### THE POSTLUDE

"God of Grace"

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# THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
 by John “Bucky” Philip in honor of his wife, Georgia,  
 in celebration of their 43<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary on May 3, 2018.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 6

8:30 a.m. ....	Worship Service and Communion
8:30 a.m. ....	Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m. ....	Sunday School
9:45 a.m. ....	Pathway Class for Prospective New Members   Room 329
9:45 a.m. ....	Adult VBS Volunteer Training   Room 205
11:00 a.m. ....	Worship Service and Communion
11:00 a.m. ....	Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
12:00 p.m. ....	Sr. High Recognition Banquet   Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. ....	Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. ....	Sr. High Choir Rehearsal



## 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 | MAY 9

6:00 p.m. ....	Adult Choir Rehearsal
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## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

IPC VBS | JUNE 11-15, 2018

### *I Spy*

Grab your spy glass and flashlight, and join us on a spectacular investigation of discovering who Jesus Christ is!

We need teachers and special agents who can lead our detectives to uncover the truth!

Adult and teen volunteers, sign up online at <http://www.ipcmemphis.org/vbs>.

**Adult volunteer training** will be **today**, 9:45 a.m., Room 205.

**Teen volunteer training** will be **next Sunday, May 13**, 10:35 a.m., Sr. High Room.

VBS Prep Week is June 4-7, 9:00 a.m.-noon, or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

*Nursery provided by reservation from 9:00 a.m.-noon.*

*Contact Lucy Green, [lgreen@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:lgreen@ipcmemphis.org), to make reservations.*

### SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION DAYS AT IPC | MAY 8-9

Spring cleaning? Donate your gently used clothing, furniture, accessories, and other household items to the Salvation Army Thrift Shop! One hundred percent of proceeds from sales of donated items go toward supporting Salvation Army addiction programs.

*To make donating easy, IPC has arranged to have a Salvation Army truck in our Walnut Grove at Avon parking lot on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9.* The truck will be manned from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with someone to unload your items. Ask your friends to help, too, and let's fill the truck to the brim! Unable to deliver your items on one of these days?

Call 1-800-SA-TRUCK for a pick-up at your house.

### WOMEN'S SUMMER 2018 BIBLE STUDY

*None Like Him: 10 Ways God is Different from Us*

*(and why that's a good thing)*

by Jen Wilkin

Our Women's Ministry will offer a Bible study on five Tuesdays this summer, June 16 & 26, and July 10, 17 & 24. Come mornings from 10:00 to 11:30 or evenings from 6:00 to 7:30. We'll read Jen Wilkin's book *None Like Him* to contemplate the ways God is different from us and the freedom enjoyed when we let God be God.

*Nursery and child care (up to 5th grade) are available for the morning study.*

Register for Bible study and child care by emailing [smartin@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:smartin@ipcmemphis.org), or completing a registration card, available in the Rotunda at church.

The book can be purchased at Covenanters' Corner Bookstore.

## CAMP PALMER IS FULL!

Camp Palmer is fully booked, and registration is now closed.

All incoming registrations will be placed on a waiting list. We're sorry for anyone who wanted to go and missed out, but also are happy that Camp Palmer's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration reached capacity in record time. Thanks to all who helped make this possible!

Please pray that God blesses the week and this wonderful ministry.

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Women's Prayer Time | Bride's Room | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Salvation Army Collection Days | May 8-9

White Rose Ministry Spring Luncheon | May 10

Camp Palmer 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration | May 25-30

Senior High Choir Summer Tour | May 31-June 8 | Western States

Reception for Sara Tyson and Samuel Husband | June 3, following the 11:00 service

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

Women's Summer Bible Study Begins | Tuesday, June 19

Summer Wednesday Evening at IPC | June 20

Jr. High The Edge Summer Conference | June 23-27 | Covenant College

Sr. High RYM Summer Conference | July 9-14 | Panama City Beach, FL

Summer Wednesday Evening at IPC | July 18

Jr. High and Sr. High Service Over Self (SOS) | July 22-28 | Memphis

Joint Evening Worship Service with Esperanza | Sunday, July 29

Regular Wednesday Evenings Resume | August 1

Evangelism Conference 2018 | August 1, 8, 15, 22, 23, 25, 26, 29



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