



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

There is a bit of backward glance in our text this morning, Mark 6:45-56. After all, just a few scenes before, we saw Jesus calm the wind and the waves with a word; here, we see him plant his footsteps on the sea and ride upon the winds. And in Mark 6:52, you'll notice that Mark makes explicit references to the feeding of the five thousand and the disciples' failure to recognize what that miracle meant. Why does Mark (and more importantly, the Holy Spirit) do this? Why is this text placed here at this point?

To force us to ask the question, "Who is this Jesus? What has he come to do?" Earlier in Mark 6, there was speculation — "John the Baptist, Elijah, a prophet like one of the prophets of old" (6:14-15). But Mark's answer, the answer forced upon us by the teaching and the signs, is different: Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. And he has come to rescue us from our sins and to rule over us as his servants. The question for us this morning is whether or not we will rest in him, receive him, respond to him.

That is the nature of saving faith — resting in and receiving Jesus as he is offered to us in the Gospel. And corporate worship shapes our hearts so that we are repeatedly, weekly resting and receiving him. From the call to worship in Psalm 77 to the assurance of pardon from Isaiah 1, from the instruction in prayer from the Heidelberg Catechism to the various prayers in this service (adoration, confession, thanksgiving, petition), from the ministry of the Word to the administration of the sacrament of baptism — it all is meant to lead us to Jesus, to see him as he actually is, to respond to him in faith. How will you respond? What will you do with Jesus today?

## 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 LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

"It Is Well with My Soul"  
*Katy Piecuch, Oboe*

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### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 77

*The Minister:* When the waters saw you, O God, when the waters saw you, they were afraid; indeed, the deep trembled.

*The Congregation:* The clouds poured out water; the skies gave forth thunder; your arrows flashed on every side.

*The Minister:* The crash of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lighted up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

*The Congregation:* Your way was through the sea, your path through the great waters; yet your footprints were unseen.

*The Minister:* Your way, O God, is holy. What god is great like our God? You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. Amen! Let us worship our God!

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"God Moves in a Mysterious Way"

No. 128

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lyons

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name;  
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Ellie Wray Butterworth, 8:30 a.m.*

*Jenna Marie McKnight, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God, our heavenly Father, you raised Jesus from death to life and crowned him Lord of all. Yet, we confess that we regularly enthrone ourselves as king. Forgive our rebel hearts and treasonous ways, for we are those who regularly set our minds on earthly things instead of things above where Christ is. May your Spirit lead us again to boast in the cross so that we might possess a sincere, pure, and undistracted devotion to our Lord! For we pray in the name of the One who possesses all authority in heaven and on earth, Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We know that our sins are indelibly dirty, but, in the Gospel, God promises to make us gloriously clean. God's Word says, "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." Thanks be to God that through the blood of Jesus we can be and are made clean! — *Isaiah 1:18*

# THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me"

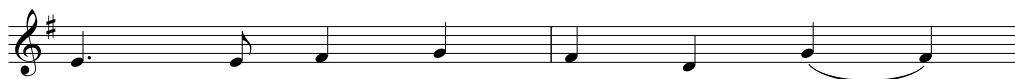
Chris Brown

*Elaine Clowers, Soprano    Lauren Griffin, Violin*

*James Brown and Jurey Howard, Guitars    Harrison Howle, Djembe*

*Congregation, please join in singing stanzas 2 and 3*

Edward Hopper, 1871



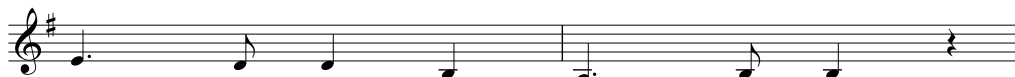
1. Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me  
2. As a moth - er stills her child,  
3. When at last I near the shore,



o - ver life's tem - pes - tuous sea;  
thou canst hush the o - cean wild;  
and the fear - ful break - ers roar



un - known waves be - fore me roll,  
bois - t'rous waves o - bey thy will  
'twixt me and the peace - ful rest,



hid - ing rock and treach - 'rous shoal;  
when thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
then, while lean - ing on thy breast,



chart and com - pass come from thee:  
Won - drous Sov - ereign of the sea,  
may I hear thee say to me,



Je - sus, Sav - ior, pi - lot me.  
Je - sus, Sa - vior, pi - lot me.  
"Fear not, I will pi - lot thee."

*Children (kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader on the last verse.*

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 127-129

### Question and Answer 127

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

*The Congregation:* "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil" means: By ourselves we are too weak to hold our own even for a moment. And our sworn enemies — the devil, the world, and our own flesh — never stop attacking us. And so, Lord, uphold us and make us strong with the strength of your Holy Spirit, so that we may not go down to defeat in this spiritual struggle, but may firmly resist our enemies until we finally win the complete victory.

### Question and Answer 128

*The Minister:* What does the conclusion to the Lord's Prayer mean?

*The Congregation:* "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever" means: We have made all these petitions of you because, as our all-powerful king, you are both willing and able to give us all that is good; and because your holy name, and not we ourselves, should receive all the praise, forever.

### Question and Answer 129

*The Minister:* What does that little word "Amen" express?

*The Congregation:* "Amen" means: This shall truly and surely be! It is even more sure that God listens to my prayer than that I really desire what I pray for.

## 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 Lord Is My Shepherd"

Rutter

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk thro' the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff comfort me.  
Thou shalt prepare a table for me against them that trouble me:  
Thou hast anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.  
But thy loving kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

## THE SERMON

Mark 6:45-56 (*pew Bible page 842*)  
*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Mysterious Ways”  
*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Separation
2. Revelation
  - A. God
  - B. Ghost
3. Salvation

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

No. 508

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Lyons

*Choir and Congregation*

Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

## THE POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness”  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

J.S. Bach

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Billie Jean Graham and Margaret and Sam Graham in memory of  
Dr. Joseph William Graham, Sr., beloved husband, father, and grandfather.

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### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*  
Julie and Tyler Little on the birth  
of their son, Lee Thomas Little,  
on May 11, 2018.

### DEATH

*Our sympathy to*  
Karen and Rick Smith on the death  
of his mother, Susanna Michels Smith,  
on May 13, 2018.

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## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 20

8:30 a.m. .... Worship Service  
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  
11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service  
11:00 a.m. .... Children's Church (Kindergarten)  
3:30 p.m. .... Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Choir Rehearsal



## SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –  
*First floor, rooms divided by age*  
Kindergarten — Room 220-222  
1st grade — Room 216

2nd grade — Room 215  
3rd grade — Room 217  
4th grade — Room 201

5th grade — Room 204  
Junior High — Room 155  
Senior High — Room 254

College | Teaching Team | Room 125  
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



COLLEGE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS BEGINS TODAY

If you are presently in college or recently graduated, we are starting a College Sunday School class **today**, 9:45 a.m., in Room 125. We will be studying the life of Solomon from 1 Kings this summer, as well as enjoying times of fellowship together. We are eager to develop a community of worship and service for college students year-round and are excited to begin together this Sunday!

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MAY 23

6:00 p.m. ....Adult Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 p.m. ....Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal

RECEPTION FOR THE HUSBAND FAMILY | JUNE 3 | IPC ROTUNDA

Please join us for a reception on Sunday, June 3, immediately following the 11:00 worship service, to honor The Reverend Samuel Husband, his wife, Sara Tyson, and their children, Sam and Luke, and to celebrate their call to plant New City Fellowship Memphis.



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 still need teachers who can lead our detectives to uncover the truth!**

**Volunteers, sign up online at <http://www.ipcmemphis.org/vbs>.**

**There will be another adult training next Sunday, June 3, 9:45 a.m., in Room 205.**

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.*

## SUMMER 2018 RUF IN MEMPHIS

Our Memphis RUF campus ministers, John Crosby and John Craft, have organized Summer RUF in Memphis. Starting Tuesday, June 5, we'll gather at Redeemer Presbyterian Church, 651 Cooper Street, at 7:00 p.m. to hear from Ro Taylor (Delta State), Mike Ford (Arkansas), Elliott Everett (Mississippi State), and Brian Sorgenfrei (Ole Miss), as well as John Crosby (Memphis) and John Craft (Rhodes).

If you have questions, contact John Crosby at [john.crosby@ruf.org](mailto:john.crosby@ruf.org).

## SENIOR HIGH BIBLE STUDY TIMES

Our summer Bible studies for Senior High students will meet from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Thursdays, June 7, 21, 28, and July 19, and Tuesday, July 31.

*Please correct the dates printed in your Senior High summer activities calendar.*

## 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.

## 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 | Bride's Room | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**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

**Jr. High Fellowship Bible Studies** | June 5, 19, 26; July 17, 31 | 10:00 a.m.-noon | IPC

**Sr. High Fellowship Bible Studies** | June 7, 21, 28; July 19, 31 | 10:00 a.m.-noon | IPC

**Sr. High Tennessee Safari Park** | June 5 | 1:00-5:00 p.m. | \$20 (Freshmen lunch before)

**Summer 2018 RUF in Memphis Begins** | June 5

**Jr. High Pool Party** | June 7 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | Free

**Senior High Choir Homecoming Concert** | June 8 | Sanctuary | 6:30 p.m.

**Vacation Bible School** | June 11-15

**6th Grade Lunch and Games** | June 12 | noon-2:00 p.m.

**Sr. High VBS Teen Helper Pool Party** | June 14 | noon-2:00 p.m.

**Evening Worship Service at Palmer Home Hernando** | Sunday, June 17

**Women's Summer Bible Study Begins** | June 19

**Sr. High Downtown Night and Sonic Drive-In** | June 19 | 7:30-11:00 p.m. | Free

**Summer Wednesday Evening at IPC** | June 20

**Jr. High Main Event** | June 21 | noon-2:00 p.m. | \$15

**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

## PASTORAL STAFF

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*

## MINISTRY STAFF

James A. Brown, Jr.  
*Director of Music and Worship*  
Pam Brown  
*Director of Children's Choirs*  
Hannah Callaway  
*Assistant Director of Junior High Ministry*  
Gwen Carpenter  
*Food Services Manager*  
Ben Ervin  
*Audio Visual Coordinator*  
Mary Virginia Felker  
*Assistant Director of Senior High Ministry*  
Stephen Felker  
*Student Ministry Associate*  
Leigh Fox  
*Hospitality Consultant*  
Lucy Green  
*Director of Children's Ministry*  
Paul Halford, Sr.  
*Director of Operations*  
Zach Hood  
*Student Ministries Intern*  
Rob Howard  
*Director of Recreation Ministries*  
Debbie McCallen  
*Covenanters' Corner Bookstore*  
Lisa Turner  
*Director of Women's Ministry*  
Jennifer Velázquez  
*Music Ministry Associate | Organist*  
Suellen Warren  
*Business Administrator*  
Rachel Wukasch  
*Assistant Director of Children's Ministry*

## IPC OFFICE HOURS

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

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

## COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.\*  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.  
901-763-3932

*\*The Bookstore will be closed on Fridays  
from Memorial Day to Labor Day.*

## 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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