



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Already we are getting the rhythms of these songs that are accompanying our pilgrimage to Zion, the City of God. Having left the place of slander and exile, infighting and outworking, we come to God's dwelling place, his place of protection, presence, and mercy. Today, Psalm 124 is working its way into our head and hearts — a song of thanksgiving to the God who has rescued us from powerful enemies and brought us to himself with great joy.

Our call to worship from Psalm 92 tells us that it is good to sing praises, to give thanks, to declare God's steadfast love. When we do these things, we are the way we ought to be, living in the same direction as the very fabric of the universe. But the reason why it is a good thing to praise is because God has rescued us from our enemies — from our sin and folly, our guilt and shame. This morning, as we hear again the good news of Jesus, may our pilgrim song encourage your heart and send you forth with praise!

## WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or member on your aisle. Our Welcome Center greeters are also eager to assist you or answer your questions. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

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*. 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.

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.*

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

# THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE MEDITATION

“Voluntary in C”

Boyce

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92

*The Minister:* It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High!

*The Congregation:* To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.

*The Minister:* For you, O Lord, have made us glad by your work; at the work of your hands we sing for joy!

*The Congregation:* How great are your works, O Lord! Your thoughts are very deep!

*The Minister:* For behold, your enemies, O Lord, for behold, your enemies shall perish; all evildoers shall be scattered.

*All:* Thanks be to God! Let us worship him!

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

### THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“How Good It Is to Thank the Lord”

No. 635

### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Thaxted

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
at blessings without number and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

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

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death and proved your matchless sovereignty. Yet we confess that we often remain captive to our mistrust and fear. In our suffering, we have not believed your promises or rested in your holiness. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about our church, and about our trials. We have doubted your perfect reign, infinite wisdom, fatherly goodness and eternal love. Help us to humble ourselves and trust in your power. Even if we do not understand your ways, give us grace to trust your heart. Conquer, cleanse, and forgive us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, who always lives to make intercession for us, *Amen*.

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

As we confess our sins, we may wonder whether God will forgive us. But God's Word says, "O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities." Thanks be to God for his forgiveness not just for some, but for *all* our sins! — *Psalms 130:7-8*

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“Rock of Ages”

Jurey Howard, Guitar    Tim Keith, Bass

Words: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776

Music: James Ward



1. Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my -  
2. Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fil thy  
3. Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy  
4. While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eye - lids



self in thee; let the wa - ter and the blood,  
law's de - mands; could my zeal no res - pite know,  
cross I cling; na - ked, come to thee for dress;  
close in death, when I soar to worlds un - known,



from thy riv - en side which flowed, be of sin the  
could my tears for - ev - er flow, all for sin could  
help - less, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the  
see thee on thy judg - ment throne, Rock of A - ges,



dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.  
Foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 33

Question and Answer 33

*The Minister:* What is justification?

*The Congregation:* Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

## 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

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

arr. Sjolund

*Emily Edwards, Flute John Chase, Director*

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, My Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight  
I'll ever adore thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

## THE SERMON

Psalm 124 (*pew Bible page 517*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Trusting Our Rescuing God”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. What would've happened  
A. Swallowed up

B. Swept away

2. What did happen  
A. In the moment

B. For eternity

3. Why it happened

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Be Still, My Soul”

No. 689 (*Stanzas 1-3*)

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

Finlandia

*Choir and Congregation*

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## THE POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in G”

Heron





## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
in celebration of the thirty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mary Ellen and Will Chase,  
and in loving memory of their parents, Minna C. and William J. Chase,  
and Mildred R. and John P. Poindexter.

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## DEATHS

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Melissa and Dan Brenner and Kim and Rob Robinson  
on the death of Melissa and Rob's father, Mac Robinson, on May 15.

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Jamie and Mike Brown  
on the death of his mother, Grace Brown, on May 21.

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## OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 26

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)
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>	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*

## CHURCH OFFICE AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED

The Church Office and Bookstore will be closed tomorrow, Monday, May 27,  
in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

## OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MAY 29

4:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal  
5:00 p.m. .... Sr. High Choir Rehearsal  
7:00 p.m. .... Adult Choir Rehearsal



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### JOIN THE JUNGLE JAMBOREE!

#### **Vacation Bible School | June 10-14 | 9:00 a.m.–noon**

Our Children's Ministry needs classroom leaders for VBS! We use easy, scripted lessons and fun activities to share our love for Jesus, so leaders do not need teaching experience.

If you prefer to team teach, sign up with a friend or let us find you a partner.

Classrooms also have teen helpers to assist with crafts.

*To sign up to volunteer or register your child, visit [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

### MORE SUMMER THINGS FOR KIDS

Water fun, cooking, crafts, experiments, games, movies, and bowling are just some of the exciting things IPC has planned for kids in kindergarten through 4th grade during June and July. For a complete schedule, pick up a copy of the *2019 Children's Summer Things* booklet at church. Also, please join us in welcoming our Children's Ministry summer interns: Isabella Bridges and Sally Walker.

### CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF TOURING!

Our Senior High Choir leaves this Thursday on their summer tour of the Northeast U.S.A.

The group will perform at churches in Tennessee, Virginia, Massachusetts, New York, Pennsylvania, and Kentucky, stopping along the way to enjoy a Broadway musical, see historic Boston, and journey into Niagara Falls aboard the Maid of the Mist.

Please pray for safe travel, their ministry to the host churches, and that God is glorified through their singing. They will return on Thursday, June 6, and perform for us that night at 6:00. Come welcome them home, and enjoy the concert.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**College Summer Kick-off Cookout** | June 2 | 6:30 p.m. | 5144 Walnut Grove Road

**Jr. High and Sr. High Promotion Sunday** | June 2

**Jr. High Water Buffalo (Pool Party)** | June 3 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Pizza provided

**Sr. High Bowling at Billy Hardwicks and Lunch @ Las Delicias** | June 4 | Noon-3:00 p.m.

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

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

**Jr. High Rising 6th Graders Trip to Jerry's Snow Cones** | June 5 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Jr. High Small Groups @ IPC** | June 5, 24 (noon-2:00) and July 19, 27 (6:15-7:30 p.m.)

**Sr. High 9th Grade Promotion at Bellyacres** | June 5 | 4:15-5:45 p.m.

**Sr. High Small Groups @ IPC** | June 5, 19, 26, and July 17, 24 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**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.

**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.

**Wednesday Evenings in August** | *Common Grace for the Common Good*

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

**In the Word Men's Bible Study Resumes** | August 29 | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

## PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Robert Browning  
*Associate Pastor*

Rev. Edward Norton  
*Associate 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

Alison Barger  
*Director of Communications*

James A. Brown, Jr.  
*Director of Worship and Music Ministries*

Pam Brown  
*Assistant Director of Worship and Music Ministries*

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*

Emilee Garrett  
*Children's Choirs Coordinator*

Lucy Green  
*Director of Children's Ministry*

Paul Halford, Sr.  
*Director of Operations*

Zach Hood  
*Director of College Ministry*

Rob Howard  
*Director of Recreation Ministries*

Harrison Howle  
*Choral Assistant*

Debbie McCallen  
*Covenanters' Corner Bookstore*

Lisa Turner  
*Director of Women's Ministry*

Jennifer Velázquez  
*Associate Director of Worship and Music Ministries | 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.  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.  
901-763-3932

*The Bookstore will be closed  
on Fridays through 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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