



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

On this Reformation Sunday, we turn our attention to a passage that you know, even if you have never heard it preached before. Nearly every week, the minister tells you about the good word that God has for you and pronounces Numbers 6:24-26 over you. In doing so, he is offering more than a prayer; rather, God through the minister is blessing his people by putting his name on them over and over again. The same thing that happens in our baptisms happens every week during the benediction: so, it is important for us to see what these gifts that God offers to us are all about.

As we do so, we will hear Aaronic Blessing (for so it is called) in a variety of ways in our worship service this morning. We will hear it in our call to worship through Psalm 67, a musical setting that God's people say asking God for the benefits of the Blessing, not just for themselves but for all the nations — for all races and classes of people throughout the whole world. We will hear it in the chief example of God making his face shine upon us through the salvation he offers to us in Jesus Christ. And we will hear it, of course, in the ministry of the Word and the closing benediction as well. May God grant us his grace through his smiling face this day!

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 Weekend for Prospective Members*, February 7-8, 2020. For more information or to register, please contact Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or 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. 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.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"A Mighty Fortress"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

The Minister: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

The Congregation: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for you, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

The Congregation: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

The Minister: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

No. 92

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

“O God, Show Mercy” (Psalm 67)

Psalm 67

Thaxted

1. O God, show mer - cy to us, and bless us with your
2. For you will judge the peo - ples with per - fect eq - ui -
grace; and cause to shine up - on us the
ty; to na - tions of the whole earth a
bright - ness of your face, so that the whole world
gov - er - nor you'll be. O God, let peo - ples
o - ver may tru - ly know your way, and
praise you; let all the peo - ples praise. The
so that your sal - va - tion all na - tions see dis -
earth has brought its boun - ty through - out its har - vest
played. O God, let peo - ples praise you; let
days. Since God, our God, will bless us. Yes,
all the peo - ples praise. Let na - tions come re -
God will bless - ing send, that all the earth may
joic - ing and songs of glad - ness raise.
fear him to its re - mot - est end.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Michael Nelson Bailey, Jr. (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have too often forgotten that we are your sons and daughters. Sometimes we carry on our lives as if there is no God, and we fall short of being credible witnesses to you. We have denied you with silence, passivity, and cowardice. We have betrayed you by our idolatry, disobedience, and selfishness. Instead of following your ways, we have turned to our own ways. Instead of honoring you, we have desired the applause of man. For these things we ask your forgiveness and your enabling grace. Transform us into courageous ambassadors for Christ. Remind us that we are your children regardless of what we are doing, where we are, or whom we are with. Draw us ever closer to you, and embolden us to take up our cross daily to follow you. For the sake of Jesus our Savior, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

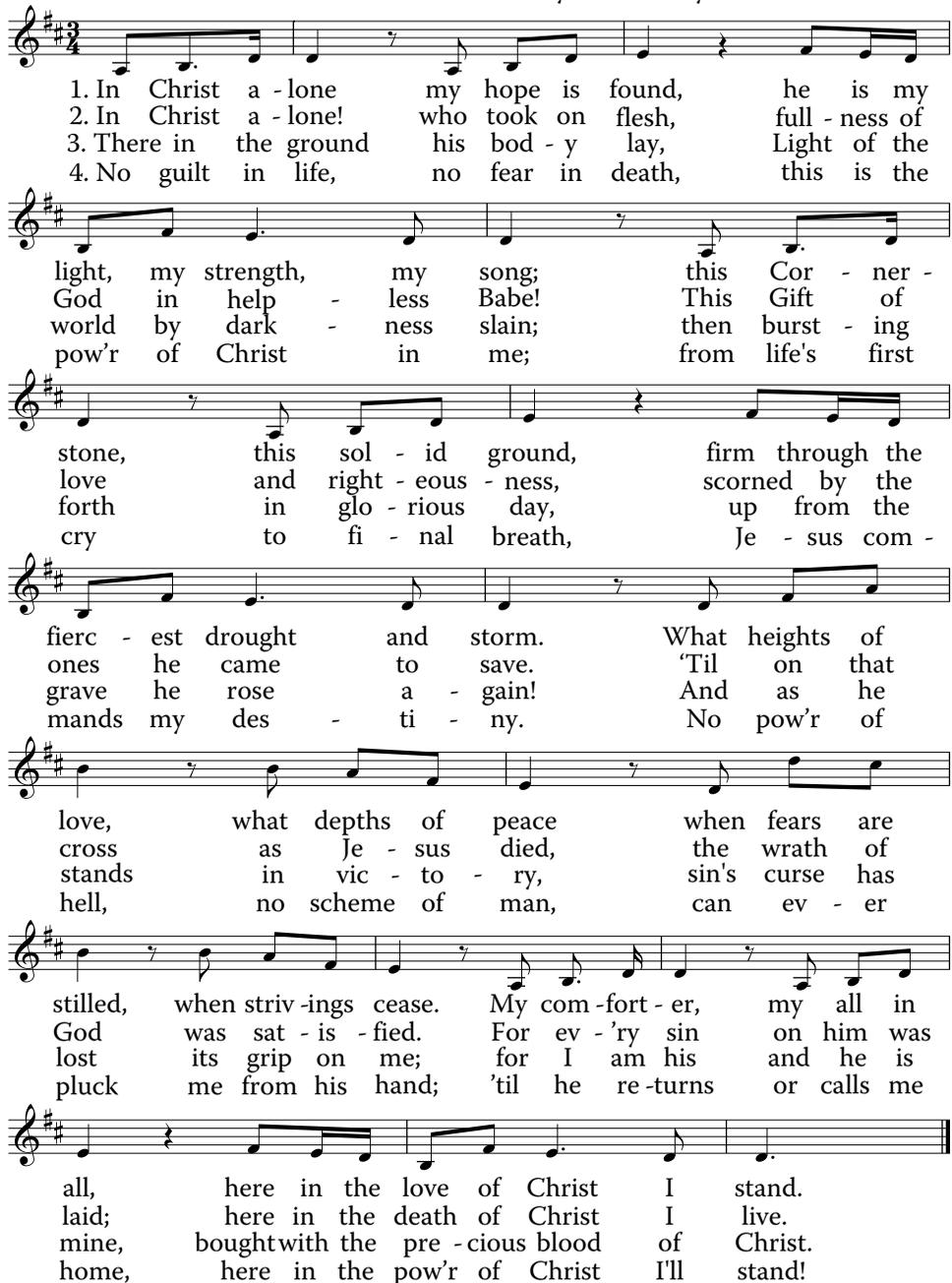
Hear the Good News: “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Thanks be to God for his marvelous grace that grants us forgiveness for our sins and frees us to serve him! — *Ephesians 2:8-10*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“In Christ Alone”

Jurey Howard, *Guitar* Peter Winterburn, *Bassoon*

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my
2. In Christ a - lone! who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner -
God in help - less Babe! This Gift of
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first

stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the
forth in glo - rious day, up from the
cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of
ones he came to save. 'Til on that
grave he rose a - gain! And as he
mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of

love, what depths of peace when fears are
cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me

all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

Question and Answer 87

The Minister: What is repentance unto life?

The Congregation: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

Question and Answer 88

The Minister: What are the outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption?

The Congregation: The outward and ordinary means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption are, his ordinances, especially the Word, sacraments, and prayer; all which are made effectual to the elect for salvation.

Question and Answer 89

The Minister: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

The Congregation: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching, of the Word, an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort, through faith, unto salvation.

Question and Answer 90

The Minister: How is the Word to be read and heard, that it may become effectual to salvation?

The Congregation: That the Word may become effectual to salvation, we must attend to it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; receive it with faith and love, lay it up in our hearts, and practice it in our lives.

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

“Saints Bound for Heaven”

arr. Parker/Shaw

Harrison Howle, Director

Our bondage it shall end by and by. From Egypt’s yoke set free,
Hail the glorious jubilee, And to Canaan we’ll return by and by.

Our Deliv’rer he shall come by and by. And our sorrows have an
End with our three-score years and ten, And vast glory crown the day
By and by.

And when to Jordan’s floods we are come, Jehovah rules the tide
And the waters he’ll divide, And the ransom’d host shall shout we are come.

Then with all the happy throng we’ll rejoice! Shouting Glory to our King,
Till the vaults of heaven ring, And thro’ all eternity we’ll rejoice!
Glory, hallelujah!

THE SERMON

Numbers 6:22-27 (*pew Bible page 114*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“A Reformation Blessing”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Protection

2. Pleasure

3. Peace

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“I Need Thee Every Hour”

No. 674

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Grise

THE POSTLUDE

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

arr. Phillips

THE FLOWERS

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to
Katie and Bubba Badgett on the birth of
their son, Robert Russell Badgett,
on October 19.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | OCTOBER 27

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)
4:15 p.m.	IDK (Middle School) Small Groups
4:30 p.m.	Cross-Cultural Book Club Room 124
6:00 p.m.	Community Reformation Service Second Presbyterian Church

TONIGHT | COMMUNITY REFORMATION SERVICE | 6:00 P.M.

Each year in October, Second hosts a Community Reformation Service with several sister churches from all over the greater Memphis area.

This evening at 6:00, choirs from these churches will join in the choir loft with a brass orchestra to commemorate this significant day in the Church's reformation.

Jason Cook, Teaching Pastor at Fellowship Memphis, will preach.



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –
First floor, rooms divided by age
Kindergarten — Room 209

1st grade — Room 216
2nd grade — Room 215
3rd grade — Room 217

4th/5th grade — Room 201
IDK (Middle School) — Room 155
Seniorhigh — Room 254

YOUNG ADULTS

College (Zach Hood) | Room 131
Browning Community (20s-30s) | Room 220-222

MIDDLE ADULTS

Tenent Community (30s-40s) | Fellowship Hall South
Jones Community (40s-50s) | Fellowship Hall North

MATURE ADULTS

Norton Community (50s-60s) | Chapel
Malone Community (60s+) | Room 237
The Westminster Class (Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson) | Room 233
Line by Line Class (Rankin Fowlkes) | Room 132

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | OCTOBER 30

- 5:30 p.m. Dinner | Fellowship Hall
- 5:30 p.m.Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. DivorceCare | Room 233
- 6:00 p.m.Early Childhood Music
- 6:15 p.m. BLAST! | Romper Room (K - 5th grade)
- 6:15 p.m.IPC IDK (Middle School) Youth Group | Middle School Room
- 6:15 p.m.Grace Groups: *Reframe*
- 6:30 p.m. Cross-Cultural Book Club | Room 124
- 6:30 p.m. Pre-Elementary Choir
- 6:30 p.m.Large Group Study: *A Survey of the New Testament* | Chapel
- 7:10 p.m.Seniorhigh Youth Group | Seniorhigh Room
- 7:30 p.m.Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Homemade Meatloaf, Hashbrown Casserole, Green Peas with Baby Carrots, Rolls,
Carrot Cake, Oreo Chocolate Pudding
Kid’s Box: Mac and Cheese, Carrots and Celery, Apple Slices



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, November 6 | 4:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 237

Each year, nearly 5 million Americans need blood transfusions. Blood helps trauma and burn patients, premature infants, heart surgery patients, organ transplant recipients, and those fighting cancer, among others. In emergencies, it's the blood already on hospital shelves that saves lives. IPC will be hosting a blood drive Wednesday, November 6. To make an appointment to donate, sign-up at the blood drive table in the IPC lobby, or sign-up online at vitalant.org, and use code IPCMemphis. (Lifeblood is now Vitalant.)
For more information, please contact Cheryl Parker at 901-283-9552.

AGING SUCCESSFULLY RIGHT TO THE END

Dr. John Dunlop | Saturday, November 9 | 8:30 a.m.-noon

We all want to finish life well. Unfortunately, we do not always understand what that means, and even more, we don't know how to do it. From his years of experience as a geriatrician and student of the Scriptures, Dr. John Dunlop will introduce strategies by which God can be glorified as we age successfully.

This seminar is for those who are aging, as well as their family members and caretakers. Continental breakfast will be served. Seminar admission is FREE, but attendees are asked to sign up in advance. Please register at ipcmemphis.org.

COMING SOON! IPC MOBILE APP AND ONLINE DIRECTORY

In early November, we'll be launching our long-awaited IPC mobile app, and among its many features will be an online membership directory. You can choose to upload your own photo or have one taken at church at no cost by a professional photographer (who's an IPC member!). Photo sessions will be available on Saturday and Sunday the first two weekends in November (and possibly additional times depending on demand). A session with 1-3 subjects should take about 5 minutes, groups of 4 or more up to 10 minutes. Watch for more details on the app rollout and how to sign up for a photo session if you want one.



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