



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

## FIRST WORD FOR WORSHIP

Martin Luther is one whose life and ministry have served the people of God across the centuries. His quest to have the assurance of acceptance with God drove him to the Scriptures where he found the answer to his deepest need: Jesus Christ, and him alone. Luther wrote of his experience: “Then I grasped that the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise.” Luther the pastor would be compelled to ask us, “Do you know this assurance?” In Calvin’s words from our middle hymn, can you say that you have ‘tasted the sweet grace found’ in Jesus Christ? Our service today focuses on the great theme of justification by faith summarized in Romans 3:19-26. We are called to worship from Psalm 46 which serves as the text for Luther’s great hymn “A Mighty Fortress.” The prayer of confession is from Luther’s pen, as well. Our middle hymn, taken from the Genevan Psalter, was likely penned by John Calvin. And our closing hymn celebrates, triumphantly, the final outcome of our salvation: the whole company of God’s people, made alive at the great day of resurrection, streaming into the new heaven and new earth, singing praises to the Triune God, the author of that salvation. 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 next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*, November 4, 11, 18, and 25, during Sunday School. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria 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 TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"A Mighty Fortress"  
*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Kittel

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11

*The Minister:* God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*The Congregation:* Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

*The Minister:* "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

*All:* The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Amen!  
Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

No. 92 (Stanzas 1-3)

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

No. 92 (Stanza 4)

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also, the body they may kill:  
God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Lee Thomas Little (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Dear Lord Jesus, I feel my sins. They bite and gnaw and terrify me. Where shall I go? I will look to you, Lord Jesus, and believe in you. Although my faith is weak, I look to you and find assurance, for you have promised, “He that believes in me shall have everlasting life.” My conscience is burdened and my sins make me tremble, but you have said: “Be of good cheer, your sins are forgiven and I will raise you up on the last day and you shall have eternal life.” I cannot do any of this for myself. I come to you for help. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. — *1 John 1:8-2:2*

## THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

No. 168

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Confession, Chapter 11

Those whom God effectually calls he also freely justifies. By his obedience and death, Christ completely discharged the debt of all those who are so justified, and he made the correct, real, and full satisfaction to his Father’s justice on their behalf. Since Christ was voluntarily given by the Father for them, and since his obedience and satisfaction were accepted in their place and not for anything in them, their justification is the result only of his free grace — so that both the perfect justice and the rich grace of God might be glorified in the justification of sinners.

## 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 Secret Place”

Lippencott

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Who dwells within his most secret place Is never far from his blessed grace.  
'Neath his great shadow all will be well; No better place now for us to dwell.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;  
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

Fear not the terror that comes at night Nor flaming arrows by morning light.  
His truth is always our sword and shield; Against his power all foes must yield.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;  
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

A thousand fall now at ev'ry side; Ten thousand more may have yet to die.  
Yet plague and sword can ne'er kill the soul; His angels guard us now safe and whole.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;  
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

Choir and Congregation

4. Ref - uge and for - tress for all who trust. No saf - er  
 pas - ture for men of dust. 'Neath wings and feath - ers of Ho - ly  
 Lord; no great - er com - fort can he af - ford. The se - cret  
 place of God most high; The shad - ow of our might - y King; the dwell - ing  
 place where an - gels cry is where our praise will for - ev - er ring.

## THE SERMON

Romans 3:19-26 (*pew Bible page 941*)

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

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Which Will It Be: Mercy or Justice?”

*The Reverend Mike Malone*

*Assistant Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. What we need

2. What was done

3. Who did it?

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“For All the Saints”

No. 358 (Stanzas 1-5)

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

No. 358 (Stanza 6)

*Choir and Congregation*

From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl stream in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE POSTLUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

arr. W.T. Allen



### COMMUNITY REFORMATION SERVICE

***Tonight*** | 6:00 p.m. | Second Presbyterian Church

This evening, Second Presbyterian Church will again host this traditional Community Reformation Service with several sister churches. Choirs from these churches will join in the choir loft with a brass orchestra to commemorate this significant day in the church’s reformation.

## THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God*  
by Joan and Dudley Schaefer in loving memory of their son, Paul.

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*  
Mandy and Richard Powell on the birth  
of their daughter, Mary Parker Powell,  
on October 15.

### DEATH

*We extend our sympathy to*  
Maylon and Jeremy Jones and their family  
on the death of his father,  
Dr. Walter Robert Jones, Jr., on October 19.

### CHANGES TO THE IPC TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Our church has instituted a new phone system.  
During the day, Monday-Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.,  
our new, part-time receptionist will be taking calls.  
Anytime before or after these hours, you will reach a recorded message  
(the voice you hear will be our own Sean Lucas!) that will direct you on how to contact  
the person you are trying to reach.  
*Thank you for your patience as we work through this new system.*

### OUR CHURCH TODAY | OCTOBER 28

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)  
4:30 p.m.....Community Reformation Service Choir Rehearsal | Second Presbyterian Church  
6:00 p.m. .... Community Reformation Service | Second Presbyterian Church



### 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 204*  
Junior High — *Room 155*  
Senior High — *Room 254*



College | Mr. Zach Hood | *Room 125*  
20s Community | Dr. Sean Lucas 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*

**NO WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER OR ACTIVITIES ON OCTOBER 31**  
There will be no Wednesday evening dinner or activities this week.



**OUTREACH & MINISTRIES**

**PATHWAY CLASS**

*for*

**PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS**

If you are interested in joining IPC, or learning more about what we believe, join us in the third floor conference room each Sunday morning in November at 9:45. To register, please contact Tameria Rackley, [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org).

**CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR | CHAPEL**

*Friday, November 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, November 17, 8:30 a.m.-noon\**

**OR**

*Friday, December 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m., and Saturday, December 8, 8:30 a.m.-noon\**

In this seminar taught by Dr. Sean Lucas, we'll study the biblical elements of Christian leadership to equip male and female members of IPC to serve in a variety of leadership roles: as parents, professionals, citizens, and church members.

*Please RSVP to Gayle Hardee, [ghardee@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:ghardee@ipcmemphis.org), indicate which session you would like to attend, if you will need nursery, and the age(s) of your child(ren).*

*Note:* This seminar also serves as our Fall 2018 Officer Pre-Requisite Class for those male members of IPC interested in serving as a new elder or deacon at IPC in the future. Please contact Sean Lucas for details regarding course requirements, [slucas@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:slucas@ipcmemphis.org).

\*A continental breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning.

IN THE WORD:  
BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

*with*

DR. SEAN LUCAS

Thursdays | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join any time!

*If you've missed one, watch previous lessons at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

*details at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org)*

BLAST!

Building Lives Around Sound Truth  
Grades K-5 | Wednesday Nights at IPC

*Register at [ipcmemphis.org](http://ipcmemphis.org).*

DIVORCECARE

*Find help.*

*Discover hope. Experience healing.*

Wednesdays

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 233

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 | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Reformation Service** | Tonight | 6:00 p.m. | Second Presbyterian Church

**99 Balloons rEcess** | November 2, December 7\*

**Pathway Class for Prospective Members** | November 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9:45 a.m.

**Faith and Work Fellowship: *Why You Can't Do This Alone*** | November 15 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Chapel

**Christian Leadership Seminar** | November 16-17 | Chapel

**Jr. High Buffalo Retreat** | November 16-18

**Church-Wide Potluck following 11:00 a.m. Worship Service** | November 18

**Thanksgiving Day Worship Service** | November 22 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

**Jr. High and Sr. High Turkey Bowl** | November 25 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | MUS

**Pre-Elementary Music Nativity Program** | November 28 | 6:00 p.m.

**Annual Service of Lessons and Carols** | December 2 | 6:00 p.m.

**Graded Choirs Christmas Program** | December 5 | 6:30 p.m.

**Christian Leadership Seminar** | December 7-8 | Chapel

**Jr. High Christmas Party** | December 9 | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

**Family Christmas Carol Sing** | December 9 | 5:00 p.m.

**Sr. High Christmas Party** | December 9 | 7:00-9:00 p.m.

**Food Basket Setup and Assembly** | December 14-15

***Messiah* Sing-Along** | December 16 | 5:00 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Family Service** | December 24 | 4:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Christmas Eve Communion Service** | December 24 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

*\*(Parents-Night-Out for Families with children ages 12 and under who have special needs)*

## TEACHING ELDERS

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*

## RULING ELDERS

Mr. Cannon F. Allen  
Mr. Matthew G. Buyer  
Mr. Richard M. Carter  
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.  
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove  
Dr. Hugh Francis III  
Dr. Neumon Taylor Goshorn  
Mr. Samuel N. Graham II  
Mr. J. Lee Greene Jr.  
Mr. Stephen Guenther  
Dr. Charles R. Halford  
Mr. Bryan A. Hawkins  
Mr. John Jurey Howard III  
Mr. Nathan W. Kellum  
Mr. George G. Leavell  
Dr. James R. Mitchum  
Mr. William R. Mitchum Jr.  
Mr. David R. Neubert  
Mr. Matthew J. Olson  
Dr. Melvin P. Payne III  
Mr. John Philip  
Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.  
Mr. John W. Stokes III  
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn  
Mr. Adrian Yelverton

## DEACONS

Mr. Dan Butler  
Mr. David Butler  
Mr. John W. Chambers Jr.  
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury  
Mr. John R. Coates  
Dr. Colton Cockrum  
Mr. Glenn W. Cofield  
Mr. Brantley Davidson  
Mr. Josh Davis  
Mr. John Dorrill  
Mr. John Edwards  
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi  
Dr. Kevin Garrett  
Mr. Robert E. Hicks  
Mr. Govan S. Hornor  
Mr. Jay Jacks  
Dr. John G. Kakales  
Mr. William Kay  
Mr. James McDonald  
Mr. William G. Mueller IV  
Mr. Thomas A. Pacello  
Mr. Calvin Purcell  
Mr. Timothy Rainey  
Mr. Alex Ransone  
Mr. Chris W. Rogers  
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.  
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg  
Mr. Chris Thornton  
Mr. Jay Vaughn  
Mr. Richard B. Vining  
Mr. Jim Wilder  
Mr. Joseph Womack

## 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, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
901-763-3932

## 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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