

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

Protestants around the world are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation today, the Sunday closest to October 31. As we remember Martin Luther and those reformers who followed in his train, we do so not simply in order to recreate the past, but to gain fresh wisdom and insight for our present and future.

Our service this morning draws on many classic elements of Protestant worship. We are called to worship with Psalm 46 and then will sing it in Luther's classic rendering, "A Mighty Fortress." We also are reminded that our salvation is by grace alone through faith alone in the assurance of pardon from Ephesians 2. Our choir's anthem is based on Psalm 23, and then we will sing that psalm in response to God's Word at the end of our service. We confess our faith from the Belgic Confession, the oldest Reformed confessional statement, dating to 1561. And of course, we are reminded that our hopes rest in Christ alone — his death, burial, and resurrection for sinners like us.

And so, though our world is filled with devils—who are seductive, powerful, and persuasive like the prostitute Babylon in Revelation 17-18 — they will not triumph, but instead will be brought down by the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The Word will triumph and gain great glory for himself! 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. 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-NINTH DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION “God’s Holy Word Alone” Walther/Praetorius
God’s Holy Word alone shall be My ground and faith’s foundation;
 No other treasure will I seek In all this wide creation.
No human wisdom can compare With God’s own Word immortal;
Who trusts in this will ne’er despair, He’ll find the heavenly portal.
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 46

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: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation
of the Most High.

The Congregation: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when
morning dawns.

The Minister: The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Minister and

Congregation: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress!” Amen! Let
us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Mike Malone, 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

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Zachary James Taras (8:30 a.m.)

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Phillips Lee Hendry and William Robert Hendry (8:30 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

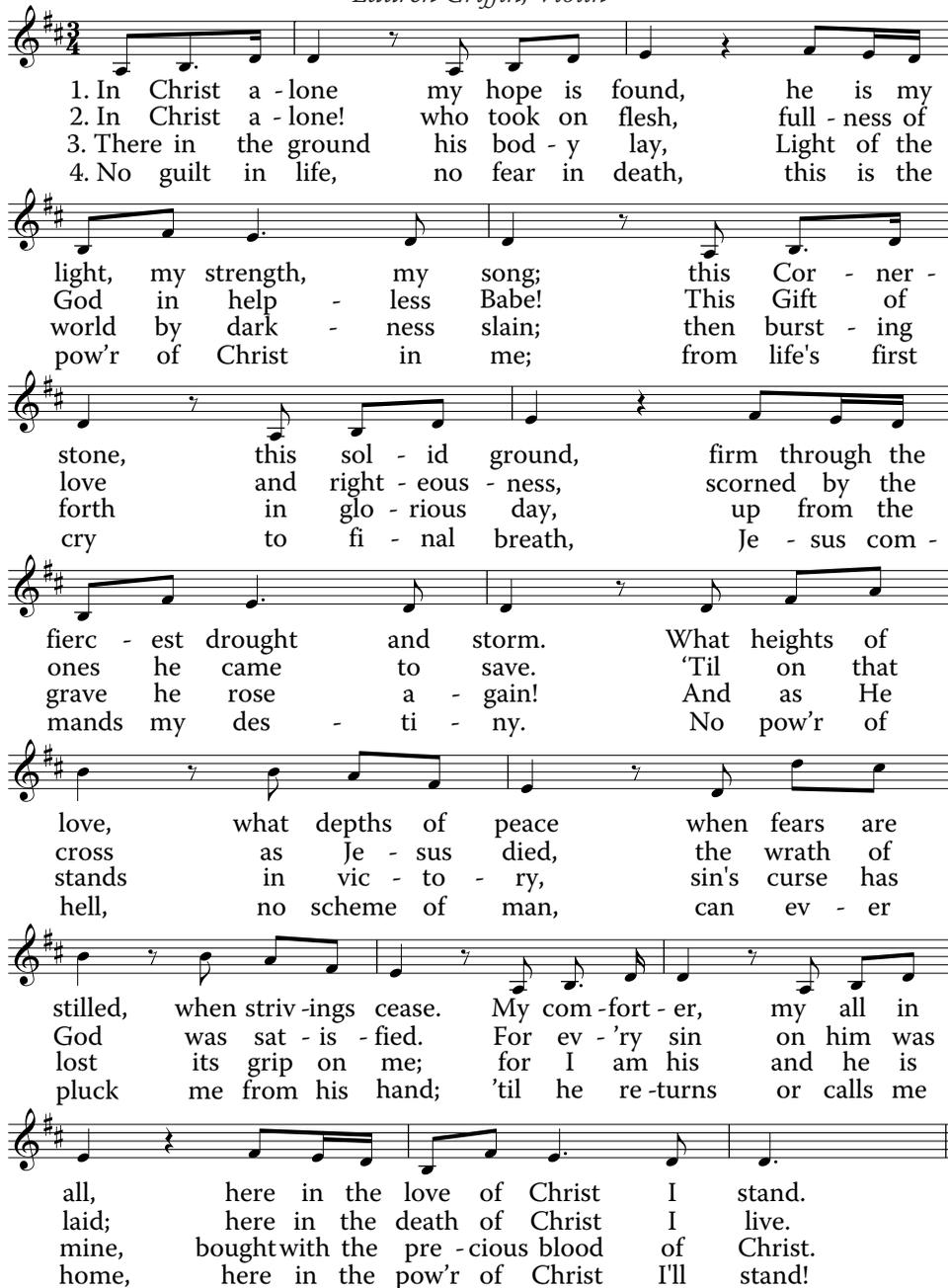
Hear the Good News: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Thanks be to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

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"In Christ Alone"

Getty/Townend

Lauren Griffin, Violin



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
mand's 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!

Children (5-6 years old) may be dismissed to their worship leader on the last verse.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Belgic Confession, Article 20

We believe that God — who is perfectly merciful and also very just — sent the Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death. So, God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

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

“Psalm 23”

Lippencott

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want. He maketh me lie in green pastures.

He leadeth me. Beside the still water there’s rest for my soul;

Restoreth my soul and in righteousness lead;

He leadeth me on in the paths of his righteousness for his name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of shadow and death, No evil I fear for thou art with me.

Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely thy goodness and thy lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life.

And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord.

Yea, I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Amen!

THE SERMON

Revelation 17:1-18:24 (*pew Bible pages 1037-1039*)

“Babylon the Great”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. The whore described (17:1-18)
2. The world's lament (18:1-20)
3. The Word's triumph (18:21-24)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

No. 87
(stanzas 1-4)

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

No. 87
(stanza 5)

Choir and Congregation

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
And in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be.

THE POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress”

arr. Hustad

There will be no Sunday Evening Praise tonight,
but please join us at 6:00 p.m., at Second Presbyterian Church
for

A REFORMATION SERVICE OF WORSHIP

Each year, IPC gathers with other Presbyterian and Reformed churches in Memphis for a service of worship that celebrates our common Reformation heritage. This service, hosted by Second Presbyterian Church, will feature our own Dr. Sean Lucas as the speaker. Highlighting how God's glory motivates every area of our lives, Dr. Lucas' message will inspire us to continue to seek reformation in our day. Choirs from a dozen sister churches will join with a brass orchestra to commemorate this significant day.

THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Heather and Allen Hendry in honor of the baptisms of
Phillips Lee Hendry and William Robert Hendry, in memory of
their maternal great-grandmother, Lila Phillips Gould,
and in honor of their paternal great-grandfather,
William Bradford Wilbur, and their paternal grandfather,
Robert Allen Hendry.

DEATHS

Our sympathy to
Carole and Corky Jones on the death
of her mother, Addie David,
on October 18, 2017.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | OCTOBER 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:30 a.m. Reception honoring Dorothy Cooper | Rotunda
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Reformation Service of Worship | Second Presbyterian Church

DOROTHY COOPER'S
30TH ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Today, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Beloved by so many families,
Dorothy Cooper has been caring for
IPC's children for 30 years now. Please
come for a reception in her honor today.
You can stop by the Rotunda anytime
between 9:30 and 11:00 to join the
celebration and say "thank you" for her
three decades of service to IPC.

REFORMATION DAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday, October 31

Join us for lunch on Tuesday,
October 31, 11:45 a.m., in the
Fellowship Hall, as we commemorate
the actual date on which Martin Luther
nailed the 95 theses on the Wittenberg
Church door 500 years ago.
Dr. Sean Lucas will address the theme,
*Protestant Still: Why the Reformation
Matters Today.* Cost is \$5/person.
No nursery provided.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

Don't forget to "fall back" 1 hour
before you go to bed Saturday evening, November 4!

COMMUNION | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

The Lord's Supper will be observed next Sunday, November 5,
during the 8:30 and 11:00 morning worship services.



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*

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 | NOVEMBER 1

5:30 p.m.	..... Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:00 p.m.	..... Divorce Care (Room 233)
6:30 p.m.	..... <i>On Being Presbyterian</i> , Fellowship Hall — Dr. Sean Lucas
6:30 p.m.	..... Grace Groups and Small Groups
6:30 p.m.	..... Preschool and Children’s Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m.	..... Christ in Action (C.I.A.) — Romper Room
6:30 p.m.	..... Jr. High Youth Group
7:15 p.m.	..... Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m.	..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE FALL

Dr. Sean Lucas is teaching from his widely-used book,
On Being Presbyterian: Our Beliefs, Practices, and Stories.

You can join the larger group at 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall where Sean is speaking,
or follow the study with a small group. Come at 5:30 for dinner. This Wednesday’s menu:

penne pasta primavera with roasted chicken, freshly grated parmesan,
toasted baguette, tiramisu, brownies

Kids’ box: pizza



UPCOMING EVENTS

Jr. High Buffalo Retreat | November 17-19 | Victory Ranch

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service | Thursday, November 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Preschool and Kindergarten Choirs Christmas Program

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Christmas Bingo | Wednesday, November 29 | 6:40 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Christian Leadership Seminar | December 1-2 | Chapel

“Lessons and Carols” | Sunday, December 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

WOC Christmas Brunch | Tuesday, December 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Graded Choirs Christmas Program | Wednesday, December 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Food Basket Assembly and Delivery | Friday, December 15 and Saturday, December 16

Messiah Sing-Along | Sunday, December 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

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

Sr. High Ski Trip | December 27-31 | Winter Park, CO

CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

We will have a church-wide potluck on Sunday, November 12, in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00 worship service. *Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:* A-G: main dish; H-P: side dish; Q-Z: dessert.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR | CHAPEL

Friday, December 1 — 6:00-9:00 p.m. (dinner provided)

Saturday, December 2 — 8:30 a.m.-noon (breakfast provided)

In this seminar, 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 Suzanne Doyle, sdoyle@ipcmemphis.org.

Note: This seminar also serves as our Fall 2017 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 Jeremy Jones for details regarding course requirements, jjones@ipcmemphis.org.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

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.

Women's Prayer Time | Bride's Room | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.

IPC FOOD BASKET ASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY

Assembly | Friday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.

Delivery | Saturday, December 16, 9:00 a.m.

We will begin accepting donations for food baskets on Sunday, November 19. Baskets are \$50.00/each.

More details will be forthcoming.

TEACHING ELDERS

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 Williams
Assistant to Mike Malone
Rev. Bill Hogan
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

Dr. Scott Bartusch
Mr. David Butler
Mr. John W. Chambers Jr.
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury
Mr. Charles Clowers
Mr. John R. Coates
Mr. Glenn W. Cofield
Mr. Duffy Cothran
Mr. John T. Crews Jr.
Mr. Brantley Davidson
Mr. Josh Davis
Mr. John Dorrill
Mr. John J. Dudas
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi
Mr. Robert E. Hicks
Mr. Kevin Holt
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. Kimbrough Taylor
Mr. Chris Thornton
Mr. Richard B. Vining
Mr. James Dwight 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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