



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

On this week in which we celebrate Thanksgiving, our thoughts are taken to why it is so good to thank the Lord. Psalm 92 tells us that it is good for us to thank God because we then have the opportunity to meditate on the greatness and goodness of our God, the one whom we come to know in and through Jesus Christ. Only in this way — this expression of gratitude and praise — do we know the very gladness and joy of God.

It is particular in corporate worship that we learn how to express thanksgiving and praise. As so, from our call to worship this morning from Psalm 92 to our hymns and prayers, from the sacrament of baptism to the ministry of the Word, from our confession to God's benediction — God is at work forming us and shaping us to be grateful people. We are grateful for his grace and steadfast love shown to us in Jesus! May God once again meet us so that we would shout, "How good it is to thank the Lord!"

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.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Thanks Be to Thee"
Arron Powell, Violin Daniel Strawser, Cello
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

Handel

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 92:1-4

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, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre!

The Minister: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Now Thank We All Our God"

No. 98

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Marion

Rejoice, ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King,
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth!
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Emma Jane Upchurch, Ezra Tyler Upchurch,
Patrick Riley Upchurch, and Felicity Haven Upchurch (11:00 a.m.)*

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy God, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. We confess wanting more and more things: food, clothes, toys, and money. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus' name. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. — *Romans 5:8-9*

THE HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

Andrew Olinger, Guitar

Townend/Getty

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
3. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to

him who bore my pain; who
him who walks be - side; who
him who reigns a - bove, whose

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose

gave me life a - gain; who
caus - es fears to fly; whose
ev - 'ry thought is love. For

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for
ev - 'ry day I have on earth is

clothed me in his light and
ev - 'ry step I take, sus -
giv - en by the King; so

wrote his law of right - eous - ness with
tain - ing me with arms of love and
I will give my life, my all, to

pow'r up - on my heart.
crown - ing me with grace.
love and fol - low him.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 96-97

Question and Answer 96

The Minister: What is the Lord's Supper?

The Congregation: The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's appointment, his death is showed forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment, and growth in grace.

Question and Answer 97

The Minister: What is required for the worthy receiving of the Lord's Supper?

The Congregation: It is required of them that would worthily partake of the Lord's Supper, that they examine themselves of their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, of their faith to feed upon him, of their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment to themselves.

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

"Hallelujah!" from *Mount of Olives*

Beethoven

Harrison Howle, Director

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.

Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy.

Man, proclaim his grace and glory.

THE SERMON

Psalm 92 (*pew Bible page 498*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“How Good It Is to Thank the Lord!”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. God's greatness
 - A. Thoughts

- B. Ways

2. God's goodness
 - A. To us

- B. Through us

3. God's gladness

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Good It Is to Thank the Lord”

No. 635

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

Nun Danket

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven—
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

THE POSTLUDE

“March Triomphale”

Karg-Elert



THE FLOWERS

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

in honor of and with thankful hearts for Imogene King Stanley (mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother) by Candy and Gus Denton, their children, and grandchildren.

One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts.

—*Psalm 145:4*

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DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Tina and Walter Edge on the death
of her mother, Imogene Hudspeth,
on November 13.

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OUR CHURCH TODAY | NOVEMBER 24

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)
4:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Christmas Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Cross-Cultural Book Club Room 124
5:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir 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 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 | NOVEMBER 27 AND DECEMBER 4

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there will be no
Wednesday evening dinner or activities this week.

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m., next Wednesday, December 4.
Beginning at 6:15 p.m., in the Sanctuary, the Pre-Elementary, Children's,
Junior High, and Senior High Choirs will present *He Is Born*.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR | CHAPEL

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

To register, please visit our website, ipcmemphis.org.

You may also contact Gayle Hardee, ghardee@ipcmemphis.org.

Note: This seminar also serves as our Fall 2019 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.

*A continental breakfast will be provided on Saturday morning.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Food Basket Set-Up | Friday, December 13 | 2:00 p.m.

Assembly and Delivery | Saturday, December 14 | 9:00 a.m.

Sales of our IPC Christmas Food Baskets begin in the Rotunda today. You can also purchase them online now through MY IPC Online Giving at ipcmemphis.org. Click on My IPC, click on Giving, then Online Giving. Select “Friends & Internet Campus,” then select the “Food Baskets” designation. Enter the amount, then complete your donation.

You may pick up your gift cards at the reception desk in the lobby.

Each basket is \$50.00 and will feed a needy family of four for a week.

SAVE THE DATE | IPC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NIGHT

Dinner and Conversation with Dr. Scott Morris, CEO and Founder of Church Health

Thursday, January 9, 2020 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | IPC Fellowship Hall

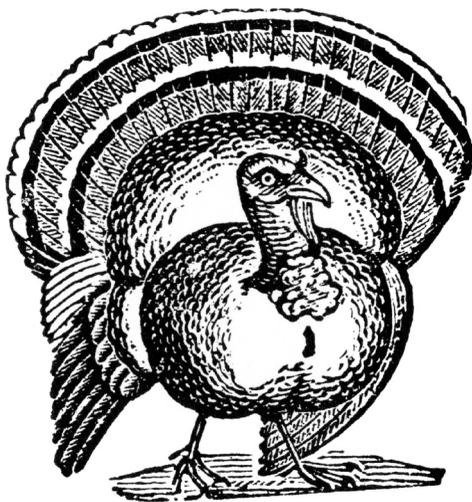
Come hear Dr. Morris discuss the ways in which your professional training can be used as a vocational calling to work in God’s Kingdom. Cost for dinner is \$7/person.

Watch for further details and online registration instructions.

DR. JOHN DUNLOP | FINDING GRACE IN THE FACE OF DEMENTIA | JANUARY 25

On Saturday, November 9, Dr. John Dunlop, a well-known author and Christian geriatrician, shared with us his exceptionally helpful insight on aging. If you were not able to attend his Saturday morning seminar or his Foundation Sunday School Class talk, both were recorded and are available now to listen to or download. Dr. Dunlop will be with us again on Saturday morning, January 25, 8:30–noon, in the Fellowship Hall. This seminar will focus on dementia in its several forms and also provide helpful guidance for caregivers. Be sure and save the date! For more on Dr. Dunlop’s three appearances at IPC, to listen to his talks from his most recent visit, or to register for the seminar on January 25, visit ipcmemphis.org. His books are also available in the IPC bookstore.

Thanksgiving Day Service



November 28

10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

NO NURSERY



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