



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We are so pleased to have Reverend John Sartelle, Senior Pastor Emeritus at IPC and Senior Pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church of Fayette County, Oakland, Tennessee, preaching for us this morning. Reverend Sartelle was Senior Pastor at IPC from 1977 until 2005. He also has served churches in Virginia and Kentucky.

As we come into God's presence this morning, we hear the good Word of God calling us to come to him, to find our strength renewed, to ride on eagles' wings. Ultimately, that is a reference to the way that God himself carried his people out of slavery in Egypt (Exodus 19:6); our God continues to rescue us from our slavery, from our sin and sinning, from our pain and sorrow. That's why the comfort of God's Word, both in the assurance of pardon and in our statement of faith is so compelling: we come to this God who has come to us in Jesus, confident that we belong to him, body and soul, in life and in death. As you bring your heart to Jesus this morning, may you find Gospel rest for your soul!

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*. 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.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

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

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"O, Worship the King"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Hobby

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:28-31

The Minister: Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

The Congregation: He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

The Minister: Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

The Minister: But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Amen! Let us worship God!

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

No. 4 (stanzas 1-4)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Mit Freuden Zart

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Through great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
To God all praise and glory!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Emily Grace Cater (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, you are the revelation of God, the wisdom of God, and the Light in the darkness. Give us the eyes of faith to believe in you and repentant hearts to follow your ways. Please invade our dark, wicked hearts and lead us into the light of the gospel. Forgive us for misjudging you and disbelieving you. Forgive us for displaying outward conformity to the law, while coveting sin in our hearts. We are full of greed and we neglect the poor. We neglect to show justice and the love of God to others. We are foolish, prideful, self-serving, and self-promoting. We lead others astray by our hypocrisy and unfaithfulness. We deserve your judgment, but plead for your mercy. Be gracious unto us and forgive us. Grant us the gift of repentance, through the blood of Jesus. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because Jesus invites us to come to him and find rest in him. Hear God's Word: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Thanks be to God for the soul rest that comes through Jesus Christ! — *Matthew 11:28-30*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Cast a Look on Me”

Jones/arr. Powell

Arron Powell, Violin Kelly Turner, Mandolin James Brown and Jurey Howard, Guitars

Words: John Berridge

Music: Matthew Perryman Jones



1. Je - sus cast a look on me,
2. All that feeds my bus - y pride,
3. *Make me like a lit - tle child,*
4. Lean - ing on thy lov - ing breast,
5. In this pos - ture let me live,



give me sweet sim - plic - i - ty,
cast it ev - er - more a - side,
of my strength and wis - dom spoiled,
where a wea - ry soul can rest
and ho - san - nas dai - ly give.



make me poor and keep me low,
bid my will to thine sub - mit,
see - ing on - ly in thy light,
feel - ing well the peace of God,
In this tem - per let me die,



seek - ing on - ly thee to know.
lay me hum - bly at thy feet.
walk - ing on - ly in thy might.
flow - ing from his pre - cious blood.
and ho - san - nas ev - er cry!

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q and A 1

The Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

The Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

arr. K. Lee Scott

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly minded, for, with blessing in his hand,
Christ, our God, to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood,
He will give to all the faithful his own self for heav'nly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph; cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord most High.

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

THE SERMON

2 Kings 23:1-7; 21-25 (*pew Bible pages 330-331*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Identifying and Tearing Down the Idols of My Life”

Do not run until your feet are bare and your throat is dry.

But you said, “It’s no use! I love foreign gods, and I must go after them.” — *Jeremiah 2:25*

The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.

Senior Pastor Emeritus, Independent Presbyterian Church

and

Senior Pastor, Christ Presbyterian Church Fayette County, Oakland, Tennessee

SERMON NOTES

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

No. 252

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Crusader’s Hymn

Choir and Congregation

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.

THE POSTLUDE

“Detroit” from *The Sacred Harp*

arr. Held

Do not I love thee, O my Lord? Behold my heart, and see,
And turn each cursed idol out, That dares to rival thee.



THE FLOWERS

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Rachel and Jason Weatherly on the birth of their daughter, Annie Elaine Weatherly, on November 13.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Brenda and John Warren on the death of her father, Dr. James Leighton Pettis, on November 15.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | NOVEMBER 25

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
8:30 a.m.	Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m.	Pathway Class | Third Floor Conference Room
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 <i>Lessons and Carols</i> Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Combined Rehearsal



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*

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | NOVEMBER 28

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.	.....	Pre-Elementary Music Program: <i>The First Christmas</i> | Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m.	.....	Elementary Children Christmas Rehearsal | Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	.....	Christmas Bingo | Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Fried Chicken or Baked Chicken Breast, Company Mashed Potatoes,
Country Green Beans, Rolls, Apple Crisp with Ice cream

Kid's Box: Chicken Leg and Tots, Celery and Carrots, Fresh Fruit Cup, Christmas Cookie

PRE-ELEMENTARY MUSIC PROGRAM | NOVEMBER 28 | 6:00 P.M.

The First Christmas

presented by the

IPC Preschool, Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten Choirs

CHRISTMAS BINGO | NOVEMBER 28 | 6:30 P.M.

Join us for an hour of Christmas cheer and Bingo — fun for all ages!



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR | CHAPEL

*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,
and also indicate 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.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Sales of our IPC Christmas Food Baskets have begun!

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

Purchasing a basket in someone's name is a meaningful way to honor them at Christmas.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

Christmas Bingo | November 28 | 6:30 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

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

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

99 Balloons rEcess | December 7*

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 | 6:00 p.m.

Food Basket Setup and Assembly | December 14-15

Messiah Sing-Along | December 16 | 6:00 p.m.

Sr. High Christmas Party Campout | December 19 | Mallard's Croft

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)*

Music of Christmas

30th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE
of Lessons & Carols

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Family Christmas Carol Sing

Sunday, December 9 | 6:00 p.m.

Messiah Sing-Along

Sunday, December 16 | 6:00 p.m.



Christmas Eve

Family Service

4:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Communion Service

5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

No nursery provided at either service.



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