



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

It is fitting on this first Sunday of Advent to come to Revelation 21. Because as we recall the first coming of Jesus, we look forward to his second coming, which will usher in a new heaven and a new earth. And yet, this new world to which we are going and to which we belong isn't absolutely different from this world; rather, it is a renewed, restored creation, the world it was meant to be, a world of joy and love where every tear shall be wiped away.

Our worship service this morning looks forward to that new world. As we come into worship, we meditate on God coming to comfort his people in the advent of his Son, Jesus. We are called to worship with words from Isaiah 25, a promise that shows up again in Revelation 21. We also hear the glorious promise of everlasting life from a modern catechism, the New City Catechism, which well summarizes the teaching of Revelation 21. And above all, in our singing, we delight in this new world and the sweet promise, "I am making all things new!"

It is also our great joy this morning to recognize Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr., as senior pastor emeritus. It is a reminder of God's goodness to us as his people that he has given us faithful shepherds to point us to Jesus and to prepare us for the new heaven and new earth. It is the work of every pastor to prepare his people to die; Rev. Sartelle has done that well for us. We are blessed to honor him today.

## 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](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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come”

No. 195

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

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

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Samuel Michael Shumate (8:30 a.m.)*

*James Stinson Forsdick (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, we confess that we have often received your blessings with thankless hearts. We have been slow to cast all our cares on you who cares for us. Forgive us for allowing faithless fears and worldly anxieties to drive our decisions. Work in our hearts so that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of your love, which is immortal, and which you have revealed to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins knowing that God is transforming us by his Spirit from one degree of glory to another. God's Word says, “We all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.” Thanks be to God for his glorious, transforming grace in Jesus Christ! — *2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:6*

## THE ADVENT HYMN

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

No. 201

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

New City Catechism, Q and A 52

*The Minister:* What hope does everlasting life hold for us?

*The Congregation:* It reminds us that this present fallen world is not all there is; soon we will live with and enjoy God forever in the new city, in the new heaven and the new earth, where we will be fully and forever freed from all sin and will inhabit renewed, resurrection bodies in a renewed, restored creation.

## THE PRESENTATION

### 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

*"And the Glory" from Messiah*  
*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
And all flesh shall see it together;  
For the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

## THE SERMON

Revelation 21:1-8 (*pew Bible page 1041*)

“All Things New”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. “All things new”: what (1-4)

A. New place

B. New people

C. New presence

2. “I am making”: who (5-8)

A. Trustworthy

B. Sovereign

C. Judge

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 529  
(Stanzas 1-3)

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

No. 529  
(Stanza 4)

### *Choir and Congregation*

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## THE POSTLUDE

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

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Jeep

REVEREND JOHN P. SARTELLE, SR., NAMED SENIOR PASTOR EMERITUS

Our Session unanimously approved a resolution to name John Sartelle as Senior Pastor Emeritus of IPC, effective November 1, 2017. *Join us today*, as we recognize and honor John and Janet, along with their family, at both morning worship services. In addition, we will host a gathering in the rotunda, 9:30-11:00, to celebrate this special event.

THE FLOWERS

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

by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Walter Barnett, Jr., in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wesley Barnett, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. William West Bond, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Yeamans Cridlin, Sr., and Mr. Michael Allen Roper. Mrs. Barnett is the former Miss Lee Anderson Roper.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | NOVEMBER 26

- 8:30 a.m. .... Worship Service
- 8:30 a.m. .... Children's Church (Kindergarten)
- 9:30 a.m. .... Reception for John and Janet Sartelle
- 9:45 a.m. .... Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. .... Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m. .... Children's Church (Kindergarten)
- 2:00 p.m. .... Student Ministry "Turkey Bowl" (MUS field)
- 4:00 p.m. .... Adult Choir "Lessons and Carols" Rehearsal
- 5:00 p.m. .... Combined Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs 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 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 29

5:30 p.m. .... Dinner, Fellowship Hall  
 5:30 p.m. .... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)  
 6:15 p.m. .... Preschool and Kindergarten Choirs Christmas Program  
 6:30 p.m. .... Graded Choirs Christmas Program Rehearsal  
 7:30 p.m. .... Adult Choir Rehearsal

Join us for dinner in the Fellowship Hall this Wednesday, November 29.

Our menu for the evening: slow cooked pot roast, company mashed potatoes, steamed green peas and carrots, rolls, apple cobbler with ice cream, chocolate cake, cookies.

Kids' box: chicken tenders and waffles, apples, and milk.

After dinner, we will enjoy the Preschool and Kindergarten Choirs Christmas Program, *The Nativity*, followed by Christmas Bingo.

*Next Wednesday, December 6*, join us in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m., for our **final** Wednesday evening dinner for 2017, followed by the Graded Choirs Christmas Program, *Sing a Song of Christmas: Carols for the King*, in the Sanctuary. Afterward, we will enjoy cookies and punch in the Fellowship Hall.

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### *Visit*

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 for all of your Christmas shopping needs and more!  
 Beautiful gift ideas — candles, jewelry, pottery, and of course,  
 a wonderful selection of Bibles and books.  
 For help with your selections, please drop by today,  
 or call 901-763-3932.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP SEMINAR | CHAPEL

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

*Saturday, December 2 — 8:30 a.m.-noon (continental 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](mailto: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](mailto:jjones@ipcmemphis.org).

MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS 2017

29<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Service

*of*

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Adult Choir, Children's Choirs, and Junior and Senior High Choirs

with members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra

*Reception in the Fellowship Hall will follow.*



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

IPC FOOD BASKET ASSEMBLY AND DELIVERY

*Setup | Friday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.*

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

***We are now accepting donations for food baskets.***

Baskets are \$50.00 each and may be purchased in memory or honor of someone. Each basket will feed a family of 4 for one week.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

**4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders Gingerbread Contest**

Wednesday, December 20 | Displayed on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor hallway

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

**Church Offices and Bookstore Closed** | Monday-Tuesday, December 25-26

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

**New Year's Eve Worship Services** | Sunday, December 31 | 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

**Church Offices and Bookstore Closed** | Monday-Tuesday, January 1-2, 2018

**Wednesday Evening Ministries Resume** | January 10, 2018

**Sunday Evening Praise Resumes** | January 14, 2018

**Missons Conference** | February 4-11, 2018

**Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members** | February 23-24, 2018

## PASTORAL STAFF

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 S. Williams, Jr.  
*Pastoral Associate*  
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.  
*Senior Pastor Emeritus*  
Rev. Bill Hogan  
*Assistant Pastor Emeritus*

## MINISTRY STAFF

James A. Brown, Jr.  
*Director of Music and Worship*  
Pam Brown  
*Director of Children's Choirs*  
Hannah Callaway  
*Assistant Director of Junior High Ministry*  
Gwen Carpenter  
*Food Services Manager*  
Gary Cummings  
*Director of Operations*  
Ben Ervin  
*Audio Visual Coordinator*  
Mary Virginia Felker  
*Assistant Director of Senior High Ministry*  
Stephen Felker  
*Interim Director of Student Ministries*  
Leigh Fox  
*Hospitality Consultant*  
Lucy Green  
*Director of Children's Ministry*  
Zach Hood  
*Student Ministries Intern*  
Rob Howard  
*Director of Recreation Ministries*  
Debbie McCallen  
*Covenanters' Corner Bookstore*  
Lisa Turner  
*Director of Women's Ministry*  
Jennifer Velázquez  
*Music Ministry Associate | Organist*  
Suellen Warren  
*Business Administrator*  
Rachel Wukasch  
*Assistant Director of Children's Ministry*

## 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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