



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

As we continue to meditate on the second coming of Jesus and the glorious benefits that will attend his return, surely there is no greater benefit than dwelling in a world made new. We often talk about bringing heaven to earth — that's not just wishful thinking, but in fact is the promise of the Gospel. What we find in Revelation 21 is the heavenly Jerusalem, God's own people, coming to dwell in a world made new with God at the center and his glory filling all things.

That's what Jesus's first coming meant to accomplish — the making of all things new in such a way that the world will be filled with his glory. As we worship God today, we are reminded of the glory of the new world coming and above all about the glory of our great King who loved us and gave himself for us. As we hear the call to worship from Isaiah 60, as we hear God's Gospel word of pardon from John 1:14, as we sing and pray and celebrate the Supper together, we are reminded yet again of God's glory and grace in Jesus Christ. How we long to eat this Supper in the new world! Until then, we delight to worship and to praise our Triune 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 THIRD DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“O Come, Redeemer of the Earth”

Getty

Lydia Fisher, Soprano
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

O come, Redeemer of the earth, And bring to us your holy birth.
Break through the shadows of the night With Heaven's pure and radiant light.
O come our long awaited King As songs of adoration ring.
May voices join with every age To tell the wonders of your grace.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 60

The Minister: “Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!”

The Congregation: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.

The Minister: And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

The Congregation: The sun shall be no more your light by day, nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; but the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your God will be your glory.

The Minister: Your sun shall no more go down, nor your moon withdraw itself; for the Lord will be your everlasting light, and your days of mourning shall end.

The Minister and Congregation: Your people shall be righteousness; they shall possess the land forever. I am the Lord; in its time, I will hasten it!” Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!”

No. 198

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,

In ancient times didst give the law in cloud and majesty and awe.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of salvation, in Christ you have done great things — our hearts are filled with joy. By your power you lifted us out of the wasteland of sin and brought us with joy and laughter into your kingdom. Salvation is your gift to us. But we confess that often we try to replace your gift with our own efforts. We try to complete what is already perfect; we try to add to what is already full; we try to earn what we already have. Forgive us for our foolishness. Help us to focus on your grace. Help us to live grateful lives in return. For Jesus' sake alone, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins knowing that God in Jesus Christ has shone his light in our hearts and in our world. God's Word says, “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.” Thanks be to God that Jesus dwelt among us and dwells in us with his transforming glory and grace! — *John 1:14*

THE DOXOLOGY

Adeste Fideles

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;

Glory to God in the highest; O come, let us adore him,

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.

Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead; I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

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 Every Heart"

Ratcliff

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Let every heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come: let earth receive her King!

While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy, the Savior reigns:

Joy to the world, let us our songs employ.

Sing Emmanuel. Sing God is with us. Hallelujah; sing Gloria!

He comes to make his glories known far as the curse is found.

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground.

He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness, and wonders of his love.

Sing Emmanuel. Sing God is with us. Hallelujah; sing Gloria!

Joy to the world, the Lord is come; Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare him room and sing.

THE SERMON

Revelation 21:9-27 (*pew Bible page 1041*)

“The Holy City”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Security (10-14)
2. Holy (15-17)
3. Beauty (18-21)
4. Glory (22-27)

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Jerusalem the Golden”

No. 539

(Tune: Aurelia)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.” — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196

(stanzas 1-3)

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

No. 196
(stanza 4)

Choir and Congregation

Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit, raise us to thy glorious throne.

THE POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying”

arr. Manz



MUSIC OF CHRISTMAS 2017
 29th Annual Christmas Service
of
 Lessons and Carols
 This evening | 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.

THE FLOWERS

*The decorations in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
 by the Women’s Ministry.*

BIRTHS

Congratulations to
 Rebekah and Jeff Payne on the birth of
 their daughter, Annie Michel Payne,
 on November 27, 2017.

DEATHS

Our sympathy to
 Adrienne and Bruce Hillyer on the death of
 her father, John Morgan Bass, III,
 on November 22, 2017.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 3

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service and Communion
- 8:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service and Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
- 5:00 p.m. Adult Choir “Lessons and Carols” Rehearsal
- 5:15 p.m. Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Rehearsal
- 6:00 p.m. 29th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols



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*

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS BRUNCH

This Tuesday, December 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | DECEMBER 6

5:30 p.m. Dinner, Fellowship Hall
5:15 p.m. Jr. High and Sr. High Choirs Rehearsal (Grades 6-12)
6:30 p.m. Graded Choirs Christmas Program
7:30 p.m. Reception in the Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Join us this Wednesday, December 6, 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.

You are invited to our
MESSIAH SING-ALONG
with IPC Soloists and Orchestra
Sunday, December 17, 5:00 p.m.
IPC Sanctuary

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. | worship services in the Sanctuary
(Please note: there will be no Sunday School on this day.)
5:30 p.m. | Communion service in the Sanctuary



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

4th and 5th Graders Gingerbread Contest

Wednesday, December 20 | Displayed on 2nd floor hallway

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

Missions Conference | February 4-11, 2018

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

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

RULING ELDERS

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Mr. Matthew G. Buyer
Mr. Richard M. Carter
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove
Dr. Hugh Francis III
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Mr. Samuel N. Graham II
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Mr. Nathan W. Kellum
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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
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Mr. Kevin Holt
Mr. Govan S. Hornor
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Dr. John G. Kakales
Mr. William Kay
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Mr. Calvin Purcell
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Mr. Alex Ransone
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Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.
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Mr. Kimbrough Taylor
Mr. Chris Thornton
Mr. Richard B. Vining
Mr. James Dwight Wilder
Mr. Joseph Womack

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
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
Paul Halford
Director of Operations
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

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.

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.

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