



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

The first two weeks in our series on “Christmas in Exodus,” we have noticed how Moses serves as an echo that would find its fulfillment in Jesus. Like Moses, Jesus was the special child; more than Moses, Jesus is the true mediator. Yet in today’s text, we see the fullness of what Christ came to do, why he was born in the first place: for Jesus is the Passover Lamb, the one who died so that judgment might pass over us and we might be set free. We can never come to this season and fail to consider this: Jesus Christ was born to die, for he was the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

With that in mind, our call to worship comes from Isaiah 53 once again, but this time, we hear the language that reminds us that the Lord’s Servant was a lamb led to the slaughter, not for his sin, but for ours. We hear in the assurance of pardon the Good News that Christ has made atonement for our sins as the Passover Lamb; his blood cleanses us from all sin. We sing of Christ’s work in rooting out sin “as far as the curse is found.” And we hear the choir remind us that all shall be well. As you worship today, may your heart be led to love and sing and wonder at the Christ, who died for you, in your place, for your deliverance.

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 Weekend for Prospective Members*, February 15-16, 2019. 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.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Gesù Bambino"

Yon

Tom Horner, Baritone Lauren Griffin, Violin

Emily Edwards, Flute Luke Folse, Clarinet Virginia Folse, Clarinet

Abby Powell, Horn Peter Winterburn, Bassoon Daniel Scott, Tuba

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 53:7-9

The Minister: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before his shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth.

The Congregation: By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

The Minister: And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

All: No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground; he comes to make his blessings flow as far as the curse is found! Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"On Christmas Night All Christians Sing"

No. 227

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Antioch

No more let sins and sorrows grow, nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

McCall Sarah Ward (8:30 a.m.)

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Houston William Hise (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God, your word tells us that sin no longer rules over us, that you have set us free from the power of darkness, and that you have brought us into the kingdom of your Son. And yet, we have felt the pull of sin's temptation, we have caved into our baser desires, we have obeyed sin's voice. Father, forgive us. Remind us that the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin. Remind us that we have been bought with a price, the precious blood of Christ. And remind us that you are leading us home to the Promised Land, where you dwell in light and love. In Jesus' name, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's Word constantly reminds us that our sins are not forgiven because of what we have done, but because of what Christ has done for us. God's Word says, "God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. And the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin." Thanks be to God that Christ has died to make us clean, acceptable and righteous before the Triune God!

— Romans 5:8; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 1 John 1:7

THE ADVENT HYMN

"God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

No. 211

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith 8:5

We believe that the Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of his Father; and he has purchased, not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father hath given unto 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

"All Is Well"

Smith and Kirkpatrick/arr. Huff

Elaine Clowers, Soprano

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

All is well, all is well. Angels and men rejoice!
For tonight darkness fell into the dawn of love's light. Sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well. Let there be peace on earth.
Christ is come, Go and tell that he is in the manger. Sing alleluia!

All is well, all is well. Lift up your voice and sing.
Born is now Emmanuel. Born is our Lord and Savior. Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! All is well.

THE SERMON

Exodus 11:1-12:32 (*pew Bible pages 53-54*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

A True Mediator, A New Exodus: Christmas in Exodus

“A Passover Lamb”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Firstborn

2. Final blow

A. Judgment

B. Salvation

3. Fulfillment

A. Spotless Lamb

B. Firstborn Son

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

Jurey Howard, Guitar

Words: John Newton

Music: Laura Taylor



1. Let us love and sing and won - der,
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion
4. Let us won - der, grace and jus - tice



let us praise the Sa - vior's name!
pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
threat - en hard to bear us down!
join and point to mer - cy's store.



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der,
called us by his grace, and taught us,
For the Lord, our strong Sal - va - tion,
When through grace in Christ our trust is



he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame. He has
gave us ears and gave us eyes. He has
holds in view the con - queror's crown. He who
jus - tice smiles and asks no more. He who



washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,
washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood,
washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,



he has washed us with his blood,
he has washed us with his blood,
he who washed us with his blood,
he who washed us with his blood



he has brought us nigh to God.
he pres - ents our souls to God.
soon will bring us home to God.
has se - cured our way to God.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Veni Emmanuel

Choir and Congregation

O come, thou Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by thy drawing nigh;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

THE POSTLUDE

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

arr. Johnson



Messiah Sing-Along

Tonight | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Nursery provided



CHECKING ON THE ARTS

James Brown and Jennifer Velázquez will be interviewed by Darel Snodgrass on WKNO 91.1 radio's "Checking on the Arts" this Tuesday, December 18, at 9:00 a.m.

LESSONS AND CAROLS BROADCAST

Did you miss it? Would you like to hear it again? Tune to WKNO - FM 91.1, this Friday, December 21, at noon, for the broadcast of the 2018 IPC Service of Lessons and Carols.



Christmas Eve

Family Service

4:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Communion Service

5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

No nursery provided for either service.

THE FLOWERS

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

DEATH

*We extend our sympathy
to the family of Dorothy Wilkerson White
on her death on December 4.*

DEATH

*We extend our sympathy
to Kristi and Brad Johnson
on the death of her father, Paul Norton,
on December 9.*

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 16

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)
6:00 p.m. *Messiah* Sing-Along | Sanctuary



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 | DECEMBER 30

Join us for morning worship on Sunday, December 30, at 8:30 or 11:00.

Sunday School classes will not meet that day.

Note: Children's Church (Kindergarten) will meet at 8:30 and 11:00.

YEAR-END GIVING

The financial gifts of God's people are an essential part of our effectiveness in fulfilling our mission. As 2018 comes to an end, the Finance Committee would like to ask you to continue your financial support of IPC. Gifts can be made through the IPC website, Sunday morning offering, dropped off at the church during business hours, by mail, or publicly traded gifts of stock. The IPC Business Office maintains brokerage accounts with several financial institutions and is able to assist you with a stock transfer should this be of interest. ***All year-end contributions must be dropped off to the Business Office by 4:00 p.m. on December 28, in the offering on December 30, or postmarked by December 31, 2018, to receive the tax benefit in the current year. If you have any questions, please contact the Business Office, or Robert Browning, Executive Pastor.*** Thank you for your financial support and commitment to IPC.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

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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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Messiah Sing-Along | Tonight | 6:00 p.m.

James Brown and Jennifer Velázquez Interview | December 18 | 9:00 a.m. | WKNO 91.1

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

Church Offices and Bookstore Closed | December 24-26

Church Offices and Bookstore Closed | December 31-January 1

IPC Officers' Retreat | January 4-5

Men's Prayer Breakfast Begins | January 8

Wednesday Evening Teaching and Activities Resume | January 9

Short-Term Mission Trips Interest Meeting | January 13 | 9:30 a.m. | Bride's Room

Women of the Church Bible Study Begins | January 15

In the Word Men's Bible Study Begins | January 17

Sunday Evening Praise Begins | January 20

Wednesday Evening Grace Groups Begin | January 23

GriefShare Begins | January 23 | 6:00 p.m. | Room 233

IPC Scouts Pinewood Derby | January 26

Souper Supper | January 27 | Following Sunday Evening Praise

Troop and Pack 81 Scout Sunday | February 3

Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | February 15-16

Sr. High Spring Retreat | February 15-17 | YMCA Nashville, TN

Missions Conference | February 20-24

Women of the Church Dinner | March 21

Women of the Church Spring Retreat | March 22-23 | The Country Place



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