



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

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 Tameria 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-NINTH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Ten O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"From Heaven Above to Earth I Come"

Pachelbel

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 2:2-5

The Minister: It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

The Congregation: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

The Minister: For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

The Congregation: He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples;

The Minister: And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

All: O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Reverend Robert O. Browning

Associate Pastor

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

No. 218
(stanzas 1-4)

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Regent Square

All creation, join in praising God the Father, Spirit, Son;
evermore your voices raising to th’eternal Three in One:
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O God, in the beginning you spoke, and creation was born, the object of your loving care. In the fullness of time you spoke, and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of your love. We wonder at the miracle of creation; we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation. Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith, empty of hope, lacking in love. This year let the miracle and mystery of Christmas happen for us again. We wait upon you with ready hearts, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

— *Titus 3:4-7*

THE CHRISTMAS HYMN

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

No. 217
(stanzas 1-4)

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 106-107

Question and Answer 106

The Minister: What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

The Congregation: In the sixth petition, which is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Question and Answer 107

The Minister: What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?

The Congregation: The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, “For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen,” teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him, and in testimony of our desire, and assurance to be heard, we say, “Amen.”

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

“Immortal, Invisible”
Harrison Howle, Director

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days.
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy Justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee. Amen.

THE SERMON

Psalm 139:1-18 (*pew Bible pages 521-522*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Here Is What Is Coming in 2020”
The Reverend Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Who made you? (13-16)

2. Who knows you? (1-6)

3. Who is with you? (7-12)

4. Who? (17-18)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“All My Heart This Night Rejoices”

No. 217
(stanzas 5-7)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria

THE POSTLUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

arr. Wood



THE FLOWERS

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

OUR CHURCH TODAY | DECEMBER 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
10:00 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TODAY

Sunday School classes will not meet today.
Classes will reconvene next Sunday, January 5, 2020.

YEAR-END GIVING

The financial gifts of God's people are an essential part of our effectiveness in fulfilling our mission. As 2019 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, IPC app, or Sunday morning offering; dropped off at the church during business hours; sent by mail; or given through donations of publicly traded 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 in the offering on December 29, dropped off to the Business Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 30 (the Church Office will be closed on December 31), or postmarked by December 31, 2019, 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

PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m. (*beginning January 7*)

Come and join a group of men who meet faithfully for a time of prayer in the Fellowship Hall.

Enjoy a good, hot breakfast for \$3.00.

Women's Prayer Time | Led by Suzanne Wexler | 3rd Floor Conference Room | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.

IPC MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NIGHT | THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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

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.

No nursery provided. **Register and pay online at ipcmemphis.org.**

Contact Lauren Hales, halesl@churchhealth.org
or Rachel Davis, davisr@churchhealth.org for more information.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, January 21

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

IN THE WORD

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Thursday, January 23

6:30 a.m.

GRIEF SHARE

GriefShare is a seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after the death of a loved one. It's led by people who understand your hurt and want to help you find comfort and encouragement. Beginning January 22, IPC's Grief Share will meet for 13 weeks on Wednesday nights, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., in Room 233.

For more information, contact Dixie Power, jamesmoorep83@bellsouth.net or (901) 652-2030.

DR. JOHN DUNLOP | FINDING GRACE IN THE FACE OF DEMENTIA | JANUARY 25
We all want to finish life well. Unfortunately, we do not always understand what that means, and even more, we don't know how to do it. From his years of experience as a geriatrician and student of the scriptures, Dr. John Dunlop offers strategies by which God can be glorified as we age successfully. Dr. John Dunlop is returning to IPC on Saturday, January 25, for the second of his three seminars on aging: *Finding Grace in the Face of Dementia*. Join us in the Fellowship Hall from 8:30 a.m.–noon. Continental breakfast will be served. Seminar admission is free, but attendees are asked to sign up in advance. Please visit ipcmemphis.org to register.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Office and Bookstore Closed | December 31 and January 1
Seniorhigh Post Christmas Campout | January 2-3 | Mallard's Croft
Men's Prayer Breakfast resumes | January 7 | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Wednesday Evening Teaching and Activities resume | January 8
IPC Medical Professionals Night | January 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall
IPC Officers' Retreat | January 9 and 10
Sunday Evening Praise resumes | January 19 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Women's Bible Study resumes | January 21
GriefShare | Wednesdays, beginning January 22 | 6:00-7:30 p.m.
In the Word Men's Bible Study resumes | January 23 | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
Dr. John Dunlop: *Finding Grace in the Face of Dementia* | January 25 | 8:30-noon
IPC Scouts Pinewood Derby | January 25
Souper Supper | January 26 | Immediately following Sunday Evening Praise | Fellowship Hall
Always Ready Youth Conference | February 1 | IPC
Boy Scout Troop and Pack 81 Sunday | February 9
Pathway Weekend for Prospective Members | February 7 and 8
Seniorhigh Retreat | February 15-17 | Nashville
IPC Missions Conference | February 19-23
WOC Spring Conference *with* Paige Benton Brown | March 27-28

TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor
Rev. Robert Browning
Associate Pastor
Rev. Edward Norton
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Jones
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brad Robson
Pastor of Student Ministries
Rev. Parker Tenent
Assistant Pastor
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Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.
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Rev. Bill Hogan
Assistant Pastor Emeritus

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Mr. Jim Wilder
Mr. Joseph Womack

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

Sunday 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday — Closed
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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