

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As we worked our way through the first part of Romans 8, we saw the triad of benefits that Christ gained for us and the Spirit applies to us — justification, sanctification, and adoption. In the second part of this chapter, vv. 18-39, we have the great virtues that the Spirit works in us — hope (18-25), faith (26-30), and love (31-39). Today as we look at the audacity of hope — to have the earnest expectation that we shall participate in a world made new with bodies made new — may God grant you grace to hope again in this good news that comes through Jesus Christ.

Our service today brings us to that great triad of virtues mentioned above. Our call to worship reminds us that we draw near to God with hearts full of faith. Our assurance of pardon reminds us of the great love that God shows to us as he sings over us. And our sermon teaches us about the hope we have in Jesus Christ. In between, we are reminded in our songs that God himself is our greatest gift: God is the Gospel, and our hope is in him! Thanks be to God!

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 for Prospective Members*. 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 SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

arr. Manz

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

If thou but suffer God to guide thee, and hope in him through all thy ways,
he'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days:
who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the Rock that naught can move.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Hebrews 10:22, 11:6

The Minister: Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists

The Congregation: And that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

The Minister: Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,

The Congregation: Let us draw near to God with sincere heart in full assurance of faith.

The Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The God of Abraham Praise"

No. 34

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Thaxted

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charles Minter Page (8:30 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as those who have been delivered from the wrath to come through the blood of Jesus Christ, we come now to confess our sins, and to seek the grace and mercy that can be found only in you. You have called us to be people of faith, hope, and love, but we are guilty of unbelief, despair, and hatred. When we should have delighted in Jesus, we have sought refuge in created things. Have mercy on us, O God, and bear fruit in us by your Word and Spirit. Turn our faces and our hearts upward to glory, so that we will live as those who are saved in hope. In Jesus' name we pray, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” — *Zephaniah 3:16-17*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

James A. Brown, Jr., Guitar

Words: Charles Wesley, 1740

Music: Greg Thompson



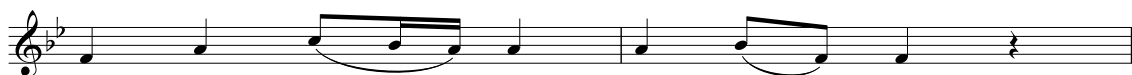
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me
2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none, hangs my
3. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to



to thy bos - om fly, while the near - er
help - less soul on thee; leave, ah! leave me
cov - er all my sin; let the heal - ing



wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in;



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide,
All my trust on thee is stayed,
thou of life the foun - tain art,



'til the storm is past. Safe in - to the
help from thee I bring; cov - er my de -
let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



hav - en guide, re - ceive my soul at last.
fense - less head in the shad - ow of thy wing.
in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 7

The Minister: Are all people saved through Christ just as they were lost through Adam?

The Congregation: No. Only those who are saved through true faith are grafted into Christ and accept all his benefits.

The Minister: What is true faith?

The Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

The Minister: What then must a Christian believe?

The Congregation: All that is promised us in the gospel, a summary of which is taught us in the articles of our universal and undisputed Christian faith.

The Minister: What are these articles?

The Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 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

“How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place”

from *A German Requiem*

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Brahms

How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!
For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God.
Blest are they, O blest are they that dwell within thy house;
They praise thy name evermore!

THE SERMON

Romans 8:18-25 (*pew Bible page 944*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“The Audacity of Hope”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Creation's hope (19-22)
 - A. Waiting eagerly (19)

- B. Working ineffectually (20-21)

- C. Wailing expectantly (22)

2. Our hope (23-25)
 - A. Our groaning

- B. Our guarantee

- C. Our goal

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Commit Now All Your Grievs”

No. 669

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Olivet

While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

THE POSTLUDE

“Voluntary in G”

Heron



EVENING PRAISE

THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Congregation: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Minister: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Congregation: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:

All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care! Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;
 2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,
 3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;
 4. My God is rec - on - ciled his pard'ning voice I hear;



the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears;
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.
 he owns me for his child, I can no long - er fear;



be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence



my Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.
 for ev - ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.
 for - give," they cry, "don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"
 I now draw nigh and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.



(men) A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

(women)

A - rise!

A - rise,

(all) a - rise, my soul, a -



A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

rise.

A - rise!

A - rise,

a - rise, my soul, a -



rise! Shake off your guilt - y fears and rise.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Rodgers and Wyse

1. Won-der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er Spir - it we
 3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther faith - ful - ly

deem - er and Friend; who would have thought that a
 long to em - brace; you of - fer hope when our
 lov - ing your own; here in our weak - ness you

Lamb could res - cue the souls of men.
 hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
 find us fall - ing be - fore your throne.

Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
 Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
 Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.

You are the one that we praise, you are the one we a - dore.

You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun - ger
 for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Please greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

SONG OF PRAISE

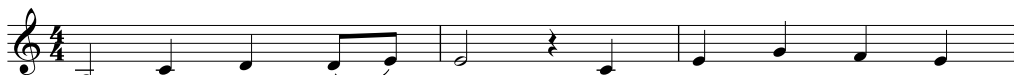
"Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"

Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Dear ref - uge of my wea - ry soul, on
 2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I
 3. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



thee, when sor - rows rise; on thee, when waves of
 fear to call thee mine; the springs of com - fort
 let my soul re - treat, with hum - ble hope at -



trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re -
 seem to fail, and all my hopes de -
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy



lies. To thee I tell each ris - ing grief,
 cline. Yet gra - cious God, where shall I flee?
 feet. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still,



for thou a - lone canst heal;
 Thou art my on - ly trust;
 here let my soul re - treat;



thy word can bring a sweet re - lief,
 and still my soul would cleave to thee,
 with hum - ble hope at - tend thy will,



for eve - ry pain I feel.
 though pros - trate in the dust.
 and wait be - neath thy feet.

SONG OF PRAISE

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Words: Habershon and Merker

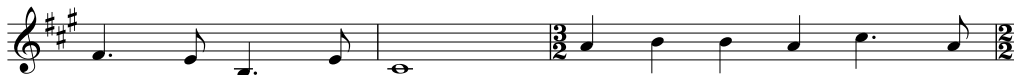
Music: Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
 2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast. When the tempt - er would pre - vail,
 fast. Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,
 fast. Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied,



he will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my
 he will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
 he will hold me fast. Raised with him to end - less



hold through life's fear - ful path;
 lost his prom - is - es shall last;
 life, he will hold me fast;



for my love is of - ten cold, he must hold me
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me
 till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at



fast. He will hold me fast. He will hold me fast.
 fast.
 last.



For my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

Children (K-5th) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 4:1-19 (*pew Bible pages 752-753*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Accusations of a Broken Heart”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

“Before the Throne of God Above”

Charitie Bancroft and Vikki Cook

Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the Throne of God a - bove, I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me
3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb! My per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
spot - less right - eous - ness. The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
Am, the King of Glor - y and of Grace. One with him -



grav - en on his hands. My name is writ - ten on his
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self, I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is -
blood. My life is hid with Christ on



stands, no tongue can bid me thence de -
- fied, to look on him and par - don
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my



part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
me, to look on him and par - don me.
God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Isaac Watts

Folk tune



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast,
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine,



on which the Prince of glo - ry died,
save in the death of Christ my God:
sor - row and love flow min - gled down:
that were a pres - ent far too small;



my rich - est gain I count but loss,
all the vain things that charm me most,
did e'er such love and sor - row meet,
love so a - maz - - ing, so di - vine,



and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

SONG OF PRAISE

“The Glory of the Cross”

Music and Words by Bob Kauflin



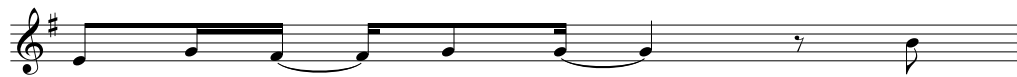
1. What wis - dom once de - vised the plan where
 2. What right - eous - ness was there re - vealed that
 3. What mer - cy now has been pro - claimed for



all our sin and pride was
 sets the guilt - y free, that
 those who would be - lieve a



placed up - on the per - fect Lamb who
 jus - ti - fies un - god - ly men and
 love in - com - pre - hen - si - ble our



suf - fered, bled and died? The
 calls the filth - y clean? A
 minds could not con - ceive? A



wis - dom of a sov - 'reign God whose
 right - eous - ness that proved to all your
 mer - cy that for - gives my sin then



great - ness will be shown when
 jus - tice has been met; and
 makes me like your Son; and



those who cru - ci - fied your Son re -
 ho - ly wrath is sat - is - fied through
 now I'm loved for - ev - er - more be -

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joyce a - round your throne. And,
one a - ton - ing death.
cause of what you've done.



oh, the glo - ry of the Cross that



you would send your Son for us! I



glad - ly count my life as loss that I might come to know



the glo - ry of, the



glo - ry of the Cross.

BENEDICTION



THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Martha and Jack Laster
by Lynne, Nathan, and Harrison Knox.*

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Lindsay and Mikell Hazlehurst on the birth
of their son, Waring Mikell Hazlehurst, IV,
on February 5.

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Katie and Brantley Davidson on the birth
of their daughter, Waverly Grace Davidson,
on February 6.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Sharron and Matt Buyer on the death
of his step-mother, Betty Jo Buyer,
on February 6.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Wanda and Charlie Fee on the death
of their son, Chip Fee,
on February 10.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the office of Deacon will conclude today at noon.

Nomination forms with instructions are located throughout the church building,
and voting boxes are located in the Rotunda. ***Please make sure that all sections of the
nomination form are completed before placing in a voting box.***

OUR CHURCH TODAY | FEBRUARY 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)
4:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Praise and Communion | Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Children migrate to Four Corners from Sunday Evening Praise



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –
First floor, rooms divided by age
Kindergarten — Room 209

1st grade — Room 216
2nd grade — Room 215
3rd grade — Room 217

4th/5th grade — Room 201
IDK (Middle School) — Room 155
Seniorhigh — Room 254

YOUNG ADULTS

College (Zach Hood) | Room 131
Browning Community (20s-30s) | Room 220-222

MIDDLE ADULTS

Tenent Community (30s-40s) | Fellowship Hall South
Jones Community (40s-50s) | Fellowship Hall North

MATURE ADULTS

Norton Community (50s-60s) | Chapel
Malone Community (60s+) | Room 237
The Westminster Class (Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson) | Room 233
Line by Line Class (Rankin Fowlkes) | Room 132

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | FEBRUARY 19 — 2020 IPC MISSIONS CONFERENCE KICK-OFF —

5:30 p.m.	..... Dinner | Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	..... GriefShare | Room 233
6:00 p.m.	..... Early Childhood Music
6:15 p.m.	..... BLAST! | Romper Room (K - 5 th grade)
6:15 p.m.	..... IPC IDK (Middle School) Youth Group | Middle School Room
6:15 p.m.	..... Seniorhigh Youth Group | Seniorhigh Room
6:15 p.m.	..... Special Music led by Sunday Evening Praise Musicians
6:30 p.m.	..... Casey Cockrum; Reverend Brent Corbin
6:30 p.m.	..... Grace Groups
6:30 p.m.	..... Pre-Elementary Choir
7:30 p.m.	..... Adult Choir Rehearsal

SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 19

Join us in welcoming our RUF guests with some Memphis soul food: fried catfish with fixings, hush puppies, fries, coleslaw, salad, and banana pudding.

After dinner, IPC member Casey Cockrum, Director of RUF Female Campus Staff, will share “RUF Stories,” and the Reverend Brent Corbin, RUF Regional Coordinator for Central South, will speak on, “The Pillars of RUF: What We’re All About.”

MISSIONS CONFERENCE WEEKDAY BREAKOUTS & SATURDAY HOMECOMINGS

February 18, 20, 21 and 22

Breakfasts | 6:30 a.m. • Lunches | Noon • Dinners | 6:00 p.m.

Hear from individual RUF ministers and staff in small group gatherings over breakfasts, lunches, and dinners in the homes and offices of IPC members or at IPC. (Attend as many as you’d like.) For a schedule of speakers and locations, go to ipcmemphis.org or the Missions Conference table in the IPC Rotunda. **To register, sign up in the Rotunda.**

Questions? Email Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

A NOTE ABOUT THE FINAL NIGHT OF OUR 2020 MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Our Missions Conference Sunday Night dinner is sold out. Seating is at capacity, and reservations are closed. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

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

IN THE WORD: MEN’S BIBLE STUDY

led by Dr. Sean Lucas

Thursdays | 6:30 a.m.

LARGE GROUP STUDY

of

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Chapel

led by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas and IPC Pastors

MOTHER/SON COWBOY BREAKFAST

February 29 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | IPC Avon Lawn.*

Kindergarten-5th Grade • Games, Bonfire, Dinner

IPC is planning a very special evening for Kindergarten through 5th Grade Boys and their Moms (grandma or mother figure). Join us for our first Mother/Son Cowboy Breakfast Saturday, February 29, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., on the IPC Avon Lawn. We'll be serving breakfast for dinner, and there will be lots of fun and games! Wear your best western attire. The event is free, but we do ask that you make reservations online at ipcmemphis.org.

**Rain Location: IPC Gym*

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WOC SPRING CONFERENCE

with PAIGE BENTON BROWN

March 27-28 | IPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

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SAVE THE DATE! | IPC VBS

June 8-12



INDEPENDENT

Presbyterian Church