

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

This morning, we return to Mark's Gospel. What we find is that we have not left the themes that we heard during our missions conference. The Pharisees have real concerns about the way Jesus does or does not do feasting and fasting. But underlying their concerns is a misunderstanding of who Jesus is and what he has come to do. As we continue to wrestle with Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?", I trust that we will wrestle with Jesus' call on us to be about the master's business, taking the good news of the Kingdom to those who need to hear.

Our worship service this morning reminds us that God is at work over the generations. Our call to worship this morning from Psalm 90 takes us to this God who is faithful from generation to generation. And his faithfulness is displayed in the beautiful summation of the Gospel in John 3:16. May we never get tired of telling our friends and neighbors about the boundless love of God! May we never get tired of believing it ourselves! It is our hope, our salvation, our peace, our rest!

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 23-24. 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 EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Cornet Voluntary”

Travers

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90

The Minister: “Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You return man to dust and say, ‘Return, O children of man!’

The Congregation: For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.

The Minister: You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.

The Congregation: Teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom. Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

The Minister: Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil. Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

All: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!” Amen!
Let us worship God!

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

No. 30

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lauda Anima

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Carlisle Williams (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we believe that the Gospel is true. God's Word says that "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son that whoever believes in him will not perish but have everlasting life." My sin and sinning cannot undo that Gospel promise! Thanks be to God!

— *John 3:16*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

Jurey Howard, Guitar

Anne R. Cousin, 1857

Music: Philip Palmertree



1. The sands of time are sink - ing, the
2. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the
3. The bride eyes not her gar - ment, but
4. O I am my be - lov - ed's, and



dawn of heav - en breaks, the sum - mer
deep, sweet well of love. The streams on
her dear bride - groom's face. I will not
my be - loved is mine! He brings a



morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn a - wakes.
earth I've tast - ed more deep I'll drink a - bove.
gaze at glo - ry, but on my King of Grace.
poor, vile sin - ner in - to his house of wine.



Dark, dark had been the mid - night, but
There to an o - cean full - ness his
Not at the crown he giv - eth, but
I stand up - on his mer - it, I



day - spring is at hand. And glo - ry,
mer - cy doth ex - - pand. And glo - ry,
on his pierc - ed hand. The Lamb is
know no oth - er stand. Not e'en where



glo - ry dwell - eth in Em - man - uel's land.
glo - ry dwell - eth in Em - man - uel's land.
all the glo - ry of Em - man - uel's land.
glo - ry dwell - eth in Em - man - uel's land.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q and A 1-3

Question and Answer 1

The Minister: What is the chief end of man?

The Congregation: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Question and Answer 2

The Minister: What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

The Congregation: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Question and Answer 3

The Minister: What do the Scriptures principally teach?

The Congregation: The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

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

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Distler

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Gather ye round, Let us make music resound!
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wond'rously reigneth.
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;
Hast thou not seen how thy heart's wishes have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

THE SERMON

Mark 2:13-22 (*pew Bible page 837*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Feasting and Fasting”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Feasting (13-17)
 - A. Follow

 - B. Seek

2. Fasting (18-22)
 - A. Wedding

 - B. Wineskins

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus Calls Us”

No. 591

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Hendon

Choir and Congregation

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

THE POSTLUDE

“Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou”

Dupré

EVENING PRAISE

THE EIGHTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Daniel 7:13-14; Revelation 11:15, 17

- The Minister:* “Behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a Son of Man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him.
- The Congregation:* And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.
- The Minister:* His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.”
- The Congregation:* “And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever.
- The Minister:* We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign.”
- All:* Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

"How Great is Our God"

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin



1. The splen-dor of a King clothed in ma - jes - ty,
2. Age to age he stands and time is in his hands;



let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice.
Be - gin - ning and The End, Be - gin - ning and The End,



He wraps him - self in light and
The God - head, Three in One,



dark - ness tries to hide and trem - bles at his voice,
Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son, The Li - on and The Lamb,



trem - bles at his voice. How great
The Li - on and The Lamb.



is our God, sing with me how



great is our God, and all will see, how great, how great



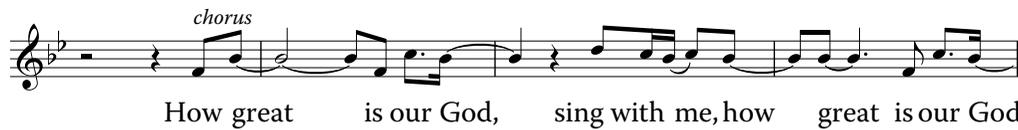
is our God. You're the



Name a -bove all names, you are wor - thy of all



praise. My heart will sing how great is our God.



chorus
How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God



and all will see, how great, how great is our God.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Revelation Song”

Jennie Lee Riddle



1. Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain.
 2. Clothed in rain- bows of liv - ing col - or,
 3. Filled with won- der awe-struck won- der



Ho - ly, ho - ly is he.
 flash - es of light - ning rolls of thun - der,
 at the men - tion of your name.



Sing a new song to him who sits on
 bless - ing and hon - or, strength and glo - ry and pow er
 Je - sus your name is pow - er, breath and living wa - ter;



heav - en's mer - cy seat.
 be to you the only wise king.
 such a marvelous mys - ter - y.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord God Al - might - y



who was and is and is to come



With all cre - a - tion I sing praise to the King of kings.



You are my ev - ery - thing and I will a - dore you.

PASSING THE PEACE

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

The Congregation: And also with you.

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

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

SONG OF SUPPLICATION "God, Be Merciful to Me"

The Psalter, 1912

Miner



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est
4. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it



rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace
truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,
right and true. Cast me not a - way from thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy
teach thy wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, thy
let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
joy im - part, stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Thy Mercy, My God”

Words: John Stoker

Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart, which
4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground, and
praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
weep to the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.



ending for verse 4
All praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

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

GRACE MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION

"O Church, Arise"

Getty/Townend



1. O church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 3. Come, see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev' - ry stride, give



call of Christ our cap - tain; for now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev' - ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
 wound-ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of



faith and belt of truth we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
 trials on ev' - ry side, we know the out - come is se -
 stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of his



lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
 cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is "Love!" reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
 till the day ev - ry eye and heart shall see him.
 for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 13:1-7

(pew Bible page 948)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Christ’s Lordship Over the State”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

No. 196

BENEDICTION

THE FLOWERS

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

and in loving memory of Arthur H. “Jack” Laster by

Martha Laster, and Lynne, Nathan, and Harrison Knox.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | FEBRUARY 18

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
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Praise Sanctuary
6:30 p.m.	Children migrate to Four Corners from Sunday Evening Praise

2018 DEACON NOMINATIONS

2018 Deacon nominations are open through today.

Communing members of IPC in good standing may recommend men for nomination to the office of Deacon. Please review the Deacon nomination guidelines at ipcmemphis.org. You may print a nomination form online, or pick up a printed copy at IPC in the main lobby.

Please note that both the communing member submitting the nomination form and the man being nominated must sign and date the form.



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 | FEBRUARY 21

5:30 p.m. Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:30 p.m. *Called: A Christian View of Work* (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m. Grace Groups and Small Groups resume
6:30 p.m. Preschool and Children’s Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m. Christ in Action (Romper Room: 2nd - 5th grade)
6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
7:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING:

baked pork chop, steamed green peas and carrots, mashed potatoes, no butter breadstick,
chocolate cake, vanilla pudding cup with whipped cream
Kids’ menu: hamburger sliders

NEW WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES BEGINS FEBRUARY 21

Called: A Christian View of Work

Whether folding clothes or closing deals, starting a new job or facing retirement,
there is one thing we all have in common – work.

Join us as Reverend Jeremy Jones leads a new large group teaching series on faith and
work, beginning February 21, 6:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

CAN YOU HELP US?

IPC is producing a commemorative flyer to celebrate Camp Palmer's 50th anniversary. If you have any Camp Palmer photos from 1968-1985, or know someone who does, we would love to get copies! For more information on how you can help, contact Lisa Turner, lturner@ipcmemphis.org.

PATHWAY CLASS WEEKEND FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining IPC? Would you like to know more about what we believe? Our next *Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members* is Friday evening, February 23, and Saturday morning, February 24. To register, or for more information, contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.

BALLET MAGNIFICAT!

The Scarlet Cord

sponsored by IPC Ballet
Saturday, March 3 | 7:00 p.m.

Michael D. Rose Theatre

University of Memphis campus

Tickets available in the IPC Bookstore
and at www.etix.com

EASTER EVE CONCERT

Share the Light of the World

Saturday, March 31 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

The Levitt Shell

www.sharethelight901.com

PRAYER MINISTRY

Men's Prayer Breakfast in Fellowship Hall | Tuesdays | 6:30 a.m.

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 | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Women of the Church Dinner | March 22

Women of the Church Spring Retreat | March 23-24 | The Country Place

Palm Sunday Spring Program ~ IPC Choirs and Orchestra | March 25 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Communion Service | March 29 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Good Friday Service | March 30 | Noon | Sanctuary

Easter Eve Concert | March 31 | Levitt Shell

Easter Sunday Worship Services | April 1 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Junior High Choir Commissioning Concert | April 18 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Children's Choir Spring Program | April 25 | Sanctuary

Junior High Choir Spring Trip | April 27-29 | St. Louis

Women of the Church Spring Luncheon | May 1 | Fellowship Hall

IPC Ballet Spring Recital | May 5

Camp Palmer 50th Anniversary Celebration | May 25-30

Senior High Choir Summer Tour | May 31-June 8 | Western States

Senior High Choir Homecoming Concert | June 8 | Sanctuary

Vacation Bible School | June 11-15

Jr. High The Edge Summer Conference | June 23-27 | Covenant College

Sr. High RYM Summer Conference | July 9-14 | Panama City Beach, FL

Jr. High and Sr. High Service Over Self (SOS) | July 22-28 | Memphis

PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
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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

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Director of Children's Choirs
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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, Sr.
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

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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