



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

Today, we reach the conclusion of Paul's argument that he began back in Romans 8:18. There, he told us that our present suffering will be outweighed by future glory, a glory to which we have a right as God's adopted children. We wonder about whether we will reach glory; when we know suffering, difficulty, pain, and hurting, how can we be sure that we will receive the promised inheritance — glory, renewal, resurrection?

Paul clinches his argument in these final two verses by telling us that God's purpose is unstoppable. Final salvation and final glory are sure and certain because those whom God loved from eternity past and whom he destined to receive glory (conformity to Christ's image in the resurrection) shall surely receive it. Theologians have called these verses "the golden chain" because the five verbs here serve as links. Those whom God loved beforehand will surely be glorified because the central links hold true: calling, justification, glorification.

As those who have been called, justified and glorified in and through Jesus Christ, it is right for us to worship and adore our Savior. And so, as we come to this holy and awesome place where Christ is within the doors, we delight in our Savior, marvel at his grace, participate in Word, sacrament, and prayer, and receive his good and gracious promises. And yet with all of this blessing, we are reminded yet again that Jesus, the slain Lamb and resurrected Lion, is all the glory of this place! Hallelujah and amen!

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 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.

1 *As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.*

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Farlee

Peter Winterburn, Bassoon

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 64:10; Isaiah 61:10

The Minister: Let the righteous one rejoice in the Lord and take refuge in him! Let all the upright in heart exult!

The Congregation: Let us greatly rejoice in the Lord; for he has clothed us with the garments of salvation; he has covered us with the robe of righteousness.

The Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

No. 76

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Darwall

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Max William Cary Cohen (8:30 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, and by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father, and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it, the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, ‘The righteous shall live by faith.’” — *Romans 1:16-17*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Sands of Time Are Sinking”

Kelly Turner, Mandolin James Brown, Guitar

Anne R. Cousin, 1857

Music: Philip Palmertree



1. The sands of time are sink - ing, the
2. The King there in his beau - ty with -
3. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the
4. The bride eyes not her gar - ment, but



dawn of heav - en breaks, the sum - mer
out a veil is seen; it were a
deep, sweet well of love! The streams on
her dear bride - groom's face; I will not



morn I've sighed for, the fair, sweet morn a - wakes.
well - spent jour - ney though sev'n deaths lay be - tween.
earth I've tast - ed more deep I'll drink a - bove.
gaze at glo - ry, but on my King of Grace.



Dark, dark had been the mid - night, but
The Lamb with his fair ar - my doth
There to an o - cean full - ness his
Not at the crown he gift - eth, but



day - spring is at hand, and glo - ry,
on Mount Zi - on stand, and glo - ry,
mer - cy doth ex - pand, and glo - ry,
on his pierc - ed hand: the Lamb is



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

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 11

The Minister: Why is the Son of God called “Jesus,” meaning “savior”?

The Congregation: Because he saves us from our sins, and because salvation should not be sought and cannot be found in anyone else.

The Minister: Do those who look for their salvation in saints, in themselves, or elsewhere really believe in the only savior Jesus?

The Congregation: No. Although they boast of being his, by their actions they deny the only savior, Jesus. Either Jesus is not a perfect savior, or those who in true faith accept this savior have in him all they need for their salvation.

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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. Forrest

Tom Horner, Baritone Soloist

Harrison Howle, Director

A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Now seeks to work us woe; His wrath and pow'r are great
And armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side—the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he:
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim—we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure,
For lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

Choir and Congregation

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also. The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still. His kingdom is forever!

THE SERMON

Romans 8:29-30 (*pew Bible page 944*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“God's Unstoppable Purpose”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Past

A. Foreknew

B. Predestined

2. Present

A. Called

B. Justified

3. Prospect

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

No. 469
(stanzas 1-5)

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

St. Columba

THE POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

arr. Willan



EVENING PRAISE

THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 87

Minister: He has founded his city on the holy mountain. The Lord loves the gates of Zion, more than all the other dwellings of Jacob.

Congregation: Glorious things are said of you, city of God!

Minister: I will record Rahab and Babylon among those who acknowledge me — Philistia too, and Tyre, along with Cush—and will say, “This one was born in Zion.”

Congregation: Indeed, of Zion it will be said, “This one and that one were born in her, and the Most High himself will establish her.”

Minister: The Lord will write in the register of the peoples: “This one was born in Zion.”

All: As they make music they will sing, “All my fountains are in you.” Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

Words: John Newton

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3. Blessed in - hab - it - ants of Zi - on, washed in the Re -
 4. Sav - ior, if of Zi - on's cit - y, I, through grace, a



of our God; he, whose word can - not be bro - ken,
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters,
 deem - er's blood; Je - sus, whom their souls re - ly on,
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,



formed thee for his own a - bode; on the Rock of
 and all fears of want re - move; who can faint while
 makes them kings and priests to God. 'Tis his love his
 I will glo - ry in thy name. Fad - ing is the



Ag - es found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 such a riv - er, ev - er flows their thirst to quench?
 peo - ple rais - es, o - ver self to reign as kings
 world - ling's plea - sure, all his boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed,
 Grace which like the Lord, the giv - er,
 and as priests his sol - emn prais - es
 sol - id joys and last - ing treas - ures



thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
 nev - er fails from age to age.
 each for a thank off - 'ring bring.
 none but Zi - on's child - ren know.

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

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Words: Elizabeth C. Clephane


Music: Christopher Miner

Women




1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
 3. I take, O cross, the shad - ow for my a - bid - ing


Men




1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my
 2. Up - on that cross of Je - sus my eyes at times can
 3. I take, O cross, the shad - ow for my a - bid - ing




stand, the shad - ow of a migh - ty Rock with - in a wea - ry
 see the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for
 place: I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun shine of his



stand, the shad - ow in a wea - ry
 see the One who suf - fered there for
 place: I ask no oth - er than his



land; a home with - in the wil - der - ness a
 me: and from my smit - ten heart with tears two
 face; con - tent to let the world go by, to



land; a home of rest up -
 me: and from my heart two
 face; con - tent to know no

rest up - on the way, from the burn - ing of the
 won - ders I con - fess, the won - ders of his
 know no gain or loss; my sin - ful self, my

on the way, from the burn - ing of the
 I con - fess, the won - ders of his
 gain or loss; my sin - ful self, my

noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 on - ly shame; my glo - ry all the cross.

noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 on - ly shame; my glo - ry all the cross.

SONG OF PRAISE

“More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Words: Elizabeth Prentiss

Music: Kevin Twit



1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!
 2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;
 3. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend-
 now thee a - lone I seek, give what
 this be the part - ing cry my heart



- ed knee. This is my ear - nest plea,
 is best. This all my prayer shall be
 shall raise; this still its prayer shall be



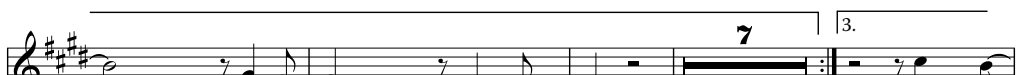
more love, O Christ, to thee; more love



more love more love to thee, more love



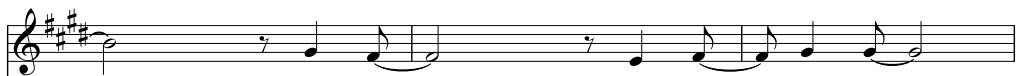
More love, more love, more love to thee,



more love to thee! More love,



more love, more love to thee!



more love, move love to thee,



More love, move love, more love to thee,

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more love, more love, to thee!

more love, more love to thee!

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 6:7-7:16 (*pew Bible pages 743-745*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Broken Covenant”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

“His Mercy Is More”

Words and Music:
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His



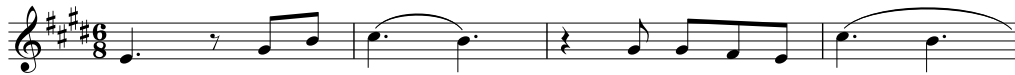
nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
fa - ther so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is



more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more
more.
more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

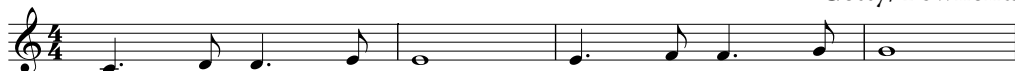


sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

DURING THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

“The Power of the Cross”

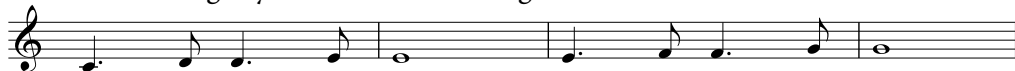
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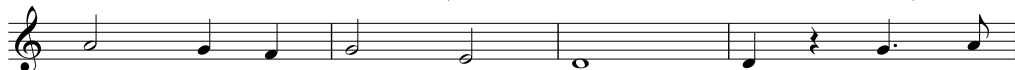
1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,



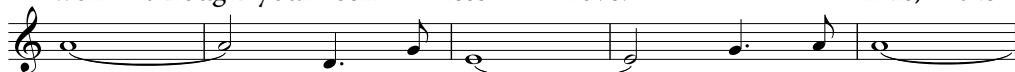
Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
quakes as its Mak - er bows his head.
for through your suf - fring I am free.



Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
Ev' - ry bit - ter thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,



nailed to a cross of wood. This, the
crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This, the
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This, the
won through your self - less love! This, the



pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
pow'r of the cross: Son of God,



sin for us; took the blame, bore the
sin for us; took the blame, bore the
sin for us; took the blame, bore the
slain for us; what a love! What a



wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Be Thou My Vision”

No. 642

BENEDICTION



THE FLOWERS

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

by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Johnson in honor of our Founding Members, and with gratitude for the blessings of God's hand on the ministry of Independent Presbyterian Church in our community for 55 years. To Him belongs eternal praise!

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Keely and Andrew Forsdick on the birth
of their daughter, Laura Frances Forsdick,
on March 9.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 15

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)
4:00 p.m.	.....	Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	.....	Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	.....	Jr. High Small Groups
4:30 p.m.	.....	Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	.....	Handbell Choir 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
7:15 p.m.	.....	Sr. High Small Groups



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 | MARCH 18

5:30 p.m.	Dinner | Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare | Room 233
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
6:30 p.m.	Large Group Study: <i>An Overview of the New Testament</i> | Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Grace Groups
6:30 p.m.	Pre-Elementary Choir
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Menu for Wednesday evening: Fried Chicken, Cheese Grits, Southern Green Beans,
Biscuits, Apple Cobbler with Ice Cream, Pecan Pie, Cookies
Kid's Menu: Chicken Leg

C.S. LEWIS BIOGRAPHER HARRY LEE POE

Thursday, March 19 | 2:00 p.m. | Room 237

Author Harry Lee Poe will be at IPC on Thursday, March 19, to discuss his newest book, *Becoming C. S. Lewis: A Biography of Young Jack Lewis (1898-1918)*. Dr. Poe serves as the Charles Colson Professor of Faith and Culture at Union University, where he has taught a course on C. S. Lewis for almost 20 years. He is the author of *The Inklings of Oxford* and *C. S. Lewis Remembered* (plus many other books), and is a frequent speaker on Lewis and the Inklings. All are welcome to attend. Afternoon tea and refreshments will be served.



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

WOC SPRING CONFERENCE

with

PAIGE BENTON BROWN

March 27-28 | IPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Independent Presbyterian Church is thrilled to have Paige Brown as our spring Women's Conference speaker. This is an opportunity you do not want to miss! Unlike off-campus retreats in previous years, all conference sessions will be held at IPC to make the event accessible for as many women as possible.

For more details or to register, visit ipcmemphis.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- C.S. Lewis Biographer Harry Lee Poe | March 19 | 2:00 p.m. | Room 237
- WOC Spring Conference *with* Paige Benton Brown | March 27-28
- Boys and Girls BLAST! Parties | March 28
- 99 Balloons rEcess | April 3, May 1
- Palm Sunday Music Program *Rejoice in the Lord!* | April 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
- Maundy Thursday Communion Service | April 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
- Good Friday Service | April 10 | Noon | Sanctuary
- Easter Eve Concert *with* Sara Groves | April 11
- Easter Sunday | April 12
- Junior High Choir Commissioning Concert | April 22
- Junior High Choir Spring Trip | April 24-26
- Dr. John Dunlop Living Well Seminar | April 25
- Senior Sunday Luncheon | April 26
- Women's Spring Dinner with Mitch Maher | April 28
- Children's Spring Program | April 29
- IPC Ballet Recital | May 2
- Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | May 8-9
- Camp Palmer | May 22-27
- Senior High Choir Summer Tour | May 26-June 4
- College Cookout | May 31
- Senior High Choir Homecoming Concert | June 4
- College Drive-In | June 5
- Vacation Bible School | June 8-12 | *Go, Go, Go Joseph!*
- College Trip to Six Flags | June 12
- Junior High at The Edge | June 15-19 | Covenant Collge, Lookout Mountain, GA
- College Worship Night: Food and Games | June 26
- Senior High RYM Florida | July 6-11 | Panama City Beach, FL

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday | April 5 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services | Sanctuary
Rejoice in the Lord! Palm Sunday Spring Program | April 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday Communion Service | April 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary
Good Friday Worship Service | April 10 | Noon | Sanctuary
Easter Eve Concert with Sara Groves | April 11 | 6:00 p.m. | IPC Avon Parking Lot
Easter Sunday | April 12 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services | Sanctuary

REJOICE IN THE LORD!

Palm Sunday Music Program

Sunday, April 5 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Please join us as we joyfully praise our Savior on Palm Sunday evening with anthems and hymns sung by the IPC Adult Choir, Senior High Choir, and congregation, accompanied by orchestra.

EASTER EVE OUTDOOR CONCERT

Sara Groves

Saturday, April 11 | 6:00-8:00 p.m.

IPC Avon Parking Lot

Singer-songwriter Sara Groves is a seven-time Dove Award nominee known for her beautiful voice and poetic lyrics that speak to the soul's deepest longings and hopes. Bring a picnic blanket or lawn chairs, and enjoy Sara live at our outdoor Easter Eve concert.



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