



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We continue this morning down the Via Dolorosa with Jesus. We have stopped at three stations thus far: preparation, Passover, and Gethsemane. Today, we come to the station called darkness. These scenes happen late Thursday night or early Friday morning — in the darkest part of the night where evil lurks, and the devil runs. Here we see how dark the human heart is! And here we see how much the Father loves and how much the Son loves us!

Our service this morning draws upon the larger themes of Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus. We are reminded of the prophecies of Zechariah 13, which loom large over this entire night and which serve as our call to worship. We confess our sins knowing there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins — and that Jesus' blood cleanses us from all our sins. And we need to be cleansed because our first parent's and our sinning has brought us into an estate of sin and misery. We can only be delivered from this estate by the Redeemer of God's elect, the Lord Jesus Christ. It is for that purpose that he has come, and he walks this way of sorrow and suffering. Let us worship him!

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 for Prospective Members*, April 28, May 5, 12, and 19. 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 TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Through Adam’s Fall”

Buxtehude

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

All mankind fell in Adam’s fall, and sin doth now infect all;
From sire to son the bane descends, and man’s desire to sin tends.
But Christ, the second Adam, came to bear our sin, woe, and shame,
To be our Life, our Light, our Way, our only Hope, our sure Stay.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Zechariah 13:1,7,9

The Minister: On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

The Congregation: We worship you, Lord Jesus, who shed your blood to make us clean!

The Minister: Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me, declares the Lord of hosts. Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.

The Congregation: We praise you, Lord Jesus, who was struck on our behalf!

The Minister: They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, “They are my people”; and they will say, “The Lord is my God.”

All: We delight in you, Lord Jesus! We are your people, and you are our God!
Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee”

No. 80

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Townes Kenworthy Whittington (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Everlasting God, fountain of all life and the true home of every heart: our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved by selfish passion and base desire. We have sought after many things and have neglected the one thing needful. We have not loved you with our whole hearts; help us to turn to you and find forgiveness. Lead us home, that we may again find in you our life and joy and peace. In Jesus' name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we are confident that God sent Jesus to die in our place and for our cleansing. God's Word tells us, "The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin . . . He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." Thanks be to God that the blood of Jesus cleanses us completely from all our sins! — *1 John 1:7, 2:2*

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

No. 253

Daniel Strawser, Cello

Jurey Howard, Guitar

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 16-18

Question and Answer 16

The Minister: Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?

The Congregation: The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his posterity; all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

Question and Answer 17

The Minister: Into what estate did the fall bring mankind?

The Congregation: The fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

Question and Answer 18

The Minister: Wherein consists the sinfulness of that estate into which man fell?

The Congregation: The sinfulness of that estate into which man fell, consists in the guilt of Adam's first sin, the want of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin; together with all actual transgressions which proceed from it.

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

“The Lord Is My Light”

Courtney

Harrison Howle, Director

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?
Though evildoers assail me, when adversaries attack me,
They stumble and fall.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear? Of whom shall I be afraid?
Though an army besiege me, though war break out against me,
My heart will not fear.

One thing I ask, one thing I seek of the Lord:
That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
To gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he will hide me in his dwelling;
And he will set me high upon a rock.
Then shall my head be exalted above my enemies round about me;
I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear, of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is my light and my salvation, the Lord is my light!

THE SERMON

Mark 14:43-52 (*pew Bible page 851*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“The Via Dolorosa: Darkness”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Darkness of betrayal

2. Darkness of injustice

3. Darkness of abandonment

4. Darkness of shame

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“The Light of the World Is Jesus”

No. 476

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Eventide

Choir and Congregation

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

THE POSTLUDE

“See the Lord of Life and Light”

J.S. Bach

See the Lord of Life and Light, Savior meek and lowly,
Taken like a thief at night, bound by hands unholy.
See the sinless Son of God shameful mockings bearing,
Bitter taunts, a cruel rod, doom of sinners sharing.



EVENING PRAISE

THE TWENTY-FOURTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 49:13-16

Minister: “Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Congregation: But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.’

Minister: Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.

All: Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.”

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Words: Henry Lyte

Music: Christopher Miner



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en,
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor
 3. Frail as sum - mer's flower we flour - ish,



to his feet your trib - ute bring;
 to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
 blows the wind and it is gone;



ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 praise him still the same for - ev - er,
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish,



who, like me, his praise should sing?
 slow to chide, and swift to bless.
 God en - dures un - chang - ing on.



Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him,



1.
 praise the ev - er - last - ing King,
 glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness,
 praise the high e - ter - nal One,

2.



praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 praise the High E - ter - nal One.

4. Fatherlike he tends and spares us;
 well our feeble frame he knows.
 In his hands he gently bears us,
 rescues us from all our foes.
 Praise him, praise him,
 praise him, praise him,
 widely as his mercy goes.
 Praise him, praise him,
 praise him, praise him,
 widely as his mercy goes.

5. Angels help us to adore him;
 ye behold him face to face;
 sun and moon, bow down before him,
 dwellers all in time and space.
 Praise him, praise him,
 praise him, praise him,
 praise with us the God of grace.
 Praise him, praise him,
 praise him, praise him,
 praise with us the God of grace.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Heal Us"

Words: William Cowper (alt. Twit)

Music: Twit and Morton



Heal us, Em - man - uel, here we are.



We long to feel thy touch.



Deep wound - ed souls to thee we fly;



O Sav - ior, hear our cry.



1. Our faith is fee - ble, we con - fess
2. Re - mem - ber him who once ap - plied
3. She, too, who touched you in the press
4. Like her, with hopes and fears we come



we faint - ly trust thy word;
with tremb - ling for re - lief;
and heal - ing vir - tue stole
to touch you if we may.



but will you pit - y us the less?
"Lord, I be - lieve," with tears he cried,
was an - swered, "Daugh - ter, go in peace.
O send us not de - spair - ing home.



Be that far from you, Lord!
"O help my un - be - lief!"
Thy faith has made thee whole."
Send none un - healed a - way.

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.

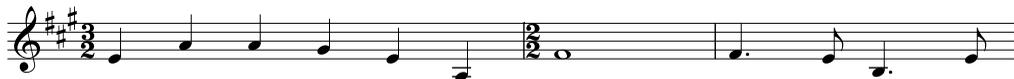
Please greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

SONG OF PRAISE

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Words: Habershon and Merker

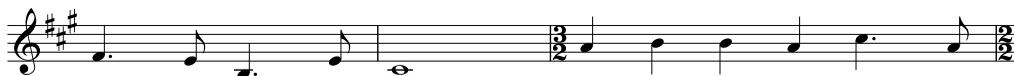
Music: Merker



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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Steadfast”

*Words and Music: McCracken, Jordan,
Silverberg (adaptions: Nouwen)*



1. I will build my house, wheth-er storm or drought, on the
2. By the word you spoke. All the star - ry host are called
3. I will not trust in the strength of kings. On your



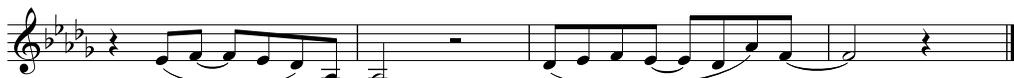
rock that does not move. I will set my hope in your
out by name each night. In your watch-ful care I will
prom - ise I will stand. I will shout for joy, I will



love, O Lord; and your faith-ful -ness will prove you are
rest se - cure as you lead us with your light. You are
raise my voice: Hal-le - lu - jah to the Lamb! You are



stead - fast, stead - - - fast; You are



stead - fast, stead - - - fast.

GRACE MOMENT

*Reverend Robert Browning
Tanzania Mission Trip*

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Tender Mercy”

Words and Music: Roley and Pitts



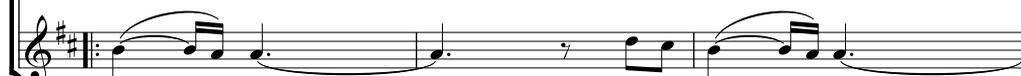
1. Hear my cry for mer - cy as I call to you,
2. In your ten - der mer - cy brought by grace through faith,



as I lift my hands in Spir - it and in Truth, we cry
I will lift my heart toward your most ho - ly place,



In the name of the Fa - ther most Ho - ly, in the name of the Son



mer - cy.
mer - cy.

We cry mer - cy.
You are mer - cy.



who was slain, in the name of the Spir - it in dwell - ing,



Lord have mer - - - cy, ten - der
Lord have mer - - - cy, ten - der



mer - cy Lord



mer - cy Lord You are
mer - cy

2. go to verse 2 3.

Lord. Lord We cry mer - cy.

We cry mer - cy. Lord, have

mer - - cy, ten - der mer - cy,

Lord, ten - der mer - cy Lord.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 2:29-3:3 (*pew Bible page 1022*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Children of the Heavenly Father:
Becoming Sons: Loved and Love”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

"His Love Can Never Fail"

Words: E.S. Hall

Music: Chris Miner



1. I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to
 2. And if my feet would go a - stray, they can - not, for I
 3. I will not fear, tho' dark-ness come a - broad o'er all the



tread; but on - ly that my soul may feed up - on the Liv - ing
 know that Je - sus guides my falt'r-ing steps, as joy - ful - ly I
 land, if I may on - ly feel the touch of his own lov - ing



Bread. 'Tis bet ter far that I should walk by faith close to his
 go. And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and
 hand. And tho' I trem ble when I think how weak I am, and



side; I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my
 clear, that in each hour of sore dis - tress my Sav - ior will be
 frail, my soul is sat - is - fied to know his love can nev - er



Guide. His love can nev - er fail, his love can
 near.
 fail.



nev - er fail, my soul is sat - is - fied to know his love can



nev - er fail. My soul is sat - is - fied to



know his love can nev - er fail.

BENEDICTION



IPC'S OFFICES AND BOOKSTORE CLOSED

IPC's offices and bookstore will be closed on Tuesday, March 26.

Staff will be training on our new church management software all day and unable to answer email or phones. *However, Women's Bible Study will meet.*

THE FLOWERS

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Sarah and Gray Fiser on the birth of their daughter, Maggie Paige Fiser, on March 13.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Amy Shipman on the death of her father, William "Bill" Newport, on March 19.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 24

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
8:30 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
9:45 a.m.	IPC Cross-Cultural Book Club Third Floor Conference Room
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
4:00 p.m.	Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
4:00 p.m.	Adult Choir Palm Sunday Rehearsal
4:30 p.m.	Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m.	IPC Cross-Cultural Book Club Room 233
6:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Praise 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 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 | Rev. Robert Browning 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 WEDNESDAY | MARCH 27

5:30 p.m.	Dinner Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Grief Share Room 233
6:15 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6:15 p.m.	BLAST! (Building Lives Around Sound Truth) (K - 5 th grade)
6:15 p.m.	Grace Groups
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Large Group Study Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Chronological Reading of the New Testament Third Floor Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	Pre-Elementary Choir
7:10 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Pulled Pork with BBQ Sauce on a Bun, BBQ Beans, Cole Slaw, Potato Salad,
Cookies, Banana Pudding
Kids Menu: BBQ Sliders, Chips, Baked Beans



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

2019 COMPASSION CONFERENCE | APRIL 5-6

Restoration Now is sponsoring a mercy ministry conference, which is being hosted by IPC on April 5-6. In short, this ministry seeks to recognize needs, reach partners, and repair brokenness within our community, by expressing Christ's compassion, sympathy, and hope for restoration that is found in and through the gospel. Michael Rhodes, director of MCUTS and author of *Practicing the King's Economy*, will be the keynote speaker. There will also be breakout sessions covering crisis intervention, mental health, students who live in poverty, training and development, mercy in the public square, and how to serve people who are incarcerated and their families.

*For more information contact Robert Browning, rbrowning@ipcmemphis.org,
or visit restoration-now.org to register.*

IPC COLLEGE MINISTRY EVENTS

College Summer Kickoff: Cookout at the Rainey's'

June 1 | 6:30 p.m. | 5144 Walnut Grove Road

Guys/Girls Summer Small Groups

Beginning June 4 | Times TBA

We'll be studying Tim Keller's book, *The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness*.

Malco Summer Drive-In Movie Night

June 7, 21 and July 19 | 7:00 p.m. | 5310 Summer Avenue

Flapjack Freshman Fridays

June 14, 28; July 19; August 2, 15 | 10 a.m.-noon

Memphis 901 Football Club vs Nashville Soccer Club

July 17 | 7:30 p.m. | AutoZone Park

Lake Day

July 26-27 | Location TBA

*For more information about these events or our College Sunday School Class,
please contact Zach Hood, zhood@ipcmemphis.org.*

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

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

Details at ipcmemphis.org

IN THE WORD BIBLE STUDY

FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

led by Dr. Sean Lucas

Thursdays

6:30 a.m. | IPC Fellowship Hall

LARGE GROUP STUDY

of

THE WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Chapel

led by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas and IPC Pastors

50'S COMMUNITY BIBLE STUDY

The Chronological Reading of the New Testament

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Third Floor Conference Room

led by Rev. Ed Norton

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CITY CAMP IN NEW YORK

IPC's summer mission to serve at City Camp in New York needs more volunteers! The trip is for adults and families with 8th graders and up, July 27-August 3. Team members will help run a vacation Bible school with missionaries ministering to international families needing activities for children while parents work. The group will have time for sightseeing at night. Approximate cost is \$1,200, although financial assistance is available if a person is unable to pay the full fare to go. For more information, please contact Don Kilgore, dkilgore@uhsweb.com.

MEMPHIS EXPRESS FAITH DAY | MARCH 30 | 1:00 P.M. | LIBERTY BOWL

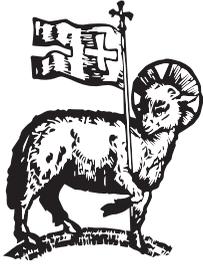
Enjoy the game with your IPC family in the stadium's general admission section for a discounted price of \$15 per ticket. Other reserved seating options are also available. To order tickets, go to the Recreation Ministry/Special Events page at ipcmemphis.org. For more information, contact Rob Howard, rhoward@ipcmemphis.org.

PRAYER MINISTRY

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

Women's Prayer Time | Led by Suzanne Wexler | Bride's Room | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.

~For a complete list of upcoming events at IPC, please visit ipcmemphis.org.~



Holy Week

Palm Sunday Program

Handel's Messiah Complete

April 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Handel's glorious oratorio telling the story of Jesus the Messiah's life and triumph over death is rarely heard live in its entirety. Please don't miss this presentation by our Adult, Senior High and Junior High Choirs, plus soloists and members of the Memphis Symphony Orchestra.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Good Friday Service

April 19 | Noon | Sanctuary

Easter Eve Concert with Sandra McCracken

April 20 | 6:00 p.m. | IPC Soccer Field

Bring a blanket and join us on the field west of the Sanctuary for an Easter Eve Concert featuring singer/songwriter Sandra McCracken, whose acoustic hymns are regularly sung at IPC and churches across the world. In case of rain, we'll move to the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Worship Services

April 21 | 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary



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