



**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

This morning, we return to Mark 4 and this first significant block of Jesus' teaching. We saw in Mark 4:1-20 that central to Jesus' strategy in using parables was to stir us to listen — not just to hear, but to listen, accept, obey. Here in our text, Mark 4:21-34, we have three more parables that serve to hide and reveal aspects of God's Kingdom that has come in Jesus. And again, Jesus challenges us to listen, but also to rest in him. He is the lamp shining his light in the world; he is the secret energy that causes his Kingdom to grow; he is the one to whom the nations come and find rest. Our hopes rest in Jesus, blessed be his name!

And that's why we are called to worship this morning with Psalm 118. "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Jesus is the one who comes by his Spirit to meet with his people today — we are in the presence of our holy and loving King, worshipping, adoring, praising. And confessing: it is right for sinners to confess sin, knowing that the blood of Jesus shed on the cross cleanses us from all sin. As such, we come and pray; the Heidelberg Catechism questions help us understand the nature of prayer. And our prayer of intercession (pastoral prayer) serves as our collective prayer; it is not the pastor merely who is praying; rather, he is giving common voice to our common prayer. And so, as I ask you each week, "Would you please pray with me?"

## 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 29, May 6, 13 and 20, at 9:45 a.m., during the Sunday School hour. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or [trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto: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](http://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 EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN  
*Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock*

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THE MEDITATION

"Blessed Be the Name" (8:30 a.m.) arr. Reynolds  
*Clint Early, James Brown, Harrison Howle, and Philip Johnson*

"All Creatures of Our God and King" (11:00 a.m.) Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
*The First Grade Choir*  
*Susan Ervin, Director*

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118:26-29

*The Minister:* "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine upon us.

*The Minister:* Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

*The Congregation:* You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*The Minister:* Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*  
*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah"

No. 613

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Hendon

Christ, of all my hopes the ground, Christ, the spring of all my joy, still in you may I be found,  
Still for you my pow'rs employ, still for you my pow'rs employ.

Let your love my heart inflame; keep your fear before my sight; be your praise my highest aim;  
Be your smile my chief delight, be your smile my chief delight.

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Anna Michel Payne, 8:30 a.m.*

*Anne Harris Winterburn, 11:00 a.m.*

## THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we have a Savior who bore our sins and carried our sorrows. God's Word tells us, "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all." Thanks be to God that we have such a sin-bearing substitute in Jesus Christ! — *Isaiah 53:5-6*

# THE HYMN OF PETITION

“Speak, O Lord”

Getty and Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re -  
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.  
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;  
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and  
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the  
ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our  
faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -  
grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by

acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your  
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, let their  
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the

pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.  
truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 116-117

Question and Answer 116

*The Minister:* Why do Christians need to pray?

*The Congregation:* Because prayer is the most important part of the thankfulness God requires of us. And also because God gives his grace and his Holy Spirit only to those who pray continually and groan inwardly, asking God for these gifts and thanking God for them.

Question and Answer 117

*The Minister:* What is the kind of prayer that pleases God and that he listens to?

*The Congregation:* First, we must pray from the heart to no other than the one true God, revealed to us in his Word, asking for everything as God has commanded us to ask for. Second, we must fully recognize our need and misery, so that we humble ourselves in God's majestic presence. Third, we must rest on this unshakable foundation: even though we do not deserve it, God will surely listen to our prayer because of Christ our Lord. That is what God promised us in his Word.

## 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

"Bright Canaan"

arr. Shaw-Parker

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan.  
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see.

O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan.  
O, Canaan, it is my happy home.

I'll join with them who've gone before, Where sin and sorrows are no more.  
Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, And higher still our joys they rise.

## THE SERMON

Mark 4:21-34 (*pew Bible page 839*)  
*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.  
*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

“Hide and Seek”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*  
*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Exposure
  - A. Reason
  
  - B. Reception
2. Energy
  - A. Secret
  
  - B. Sovereign
3. Extent

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“The Light of the World Is Jesus”

No. 476

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

St. George's, Windsor

*Choir and Congregation*

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

## THE POSTLUDE

“How Brightly Shines the Morning Star”

Pachelbel

# EVENING PRAISE

THE EIGHTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

*Six O' clock*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 146

*The Minister:* "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being!"

*The Congregation:* Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation. When his breath departs, he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.

*The Minister:* Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God!

*The Congregation:* The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations!"

*The Minister:* Amen! Let us praise our God!

## INVOCATION



SONG OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Words: William Kirkpatrick

Music: Darwin Jordan



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to  
 3. Food he dail - y gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,  
 be his aid; he is blest whose hope of bless - ing  
 pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,  
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,



of my God thru all my days. Put no con - fi -  
 on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the  
 makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah  
 of my God thru all my days. O - ver all God



dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 loves the right - eous, and the stran - ger he be - friends,  
 reigns for - ev - er, through all ag - es he is King;



he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,  
 he de - liv - ers from op - press - ion,  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,  
 un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 right - eous - ness he will main - tain.  
 judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

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,



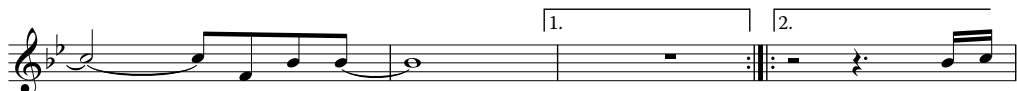
trem - bles at his voice. How great  
The Li - on and The Lamb.




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.

## 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

“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.

# SONG OF PRAISE

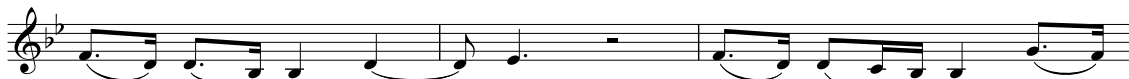
“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

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. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than  
 4. 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  
 all in thee I find; raise the fall - en,  
 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!  
 cheer the faint, heal the sick and lead the blind.  
 streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in;



hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide,  
 All my trust on thee is stayed,  
 Just and ho - ly is thy name;  
 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 -  
 I am all un - right - eous - ness; false and full of  
 let me take of thee; spring thou up with -



hav - en guide, re - ceive my soul at last.  
 fense - less head the shad - ow of thy wing.  
 sin I am, thou full of truth and grace.  
 in my heart, to all e - ter - ni - ty.

## GRACE MOMENT

Casey Cockrum, RUF

## SONG OF PREPARATION

"Holy Spirit"

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing  
 life in - to my will - ing soul.  
 joy be seen in all I do.  
 life to all that God has made,  
 Let the pres - ence of the ris - en Lord come re -  
 Love e - nough to cov - er ev' - ry sin in each  
 show your pow - er once a - gain on earth; cause your  
 new my heart and make me whole.  
 thought and deed and at - ti - tude,  
 church to hun - ger for your ways.  
 Cause your Word to come a - live in me;  
 kind - ness to the great - est and the least,  
 Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise.  
 give me faith for what I can - not see;  
 gen - tle - ness that sows the path of peace.  
 Lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice  
 give me pas - sion for Your pu - ri - ty. Ho - ly  
 Turn my striv - ings in - to works of grace. Breath of  
 that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be  
 Spir - it, breathe new life in me.  
 God, show Christ in all I do.  
 clear for all the world to see.

## SCRIPTURE READING

James 4:13-5:6 (*pew Bible page 1013*)

*The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord.

*The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

## HOMILY

“Christ’s Lordship Over Economics”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

SONG OF PRAISE

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

Based on The Valley of Vision prayer  
"God's Cause"

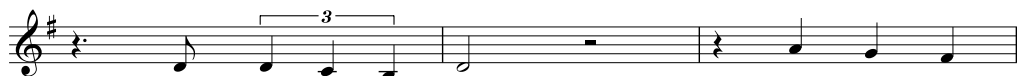
Music and Words: Bob Kauflin



1. Your glo - rious cause, O God, en - gag - es our  
2. Give us your strength, O God, and cour - age to



hearts. May Je - sus Christ be known  
speak. Per - form your won - drous deeds



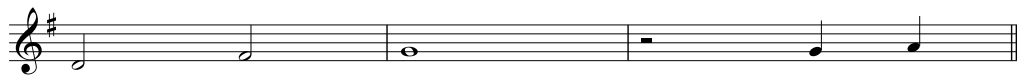
wher - ev - er we are. We ask not  
through those who are weak. Lord, use us



for our - selves, but for your re - nown.  
as you want, what - ev - er the test.



The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your  
By grace we'll preach your gos - pel till our



king - dom come." Let your  
dy - ing breath.



king - dom come, let your will be done



so that ev - ery - one might know your Name.



Let your song be heard



ev - ery - where on earth till your  
 sove - reign work on earth is done.  
 Let your king - dom come.

## BENEDICTION

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### THE FLOWERS

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

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*We are happy to welcome the following new members:*

Georgia and Tim Consterdine  
 Alison and Jeff Hutchens  
 Louise and Jon Reesman  
 Sally Walker

### BIRTH

*Congratulations to*  
 Elizabeth and Joseph Ingram  
 on the birth of their son, Joseph Micah Ingram,  
 on March 14, 2018.

### DEATH

*Our sympathy to*  
 Cobb Hammond on the death  
 of his sister-in-law, Carol Jones Hammond,  
 on April 2, 2018.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 8

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)
3:30 p.m. ....	Sr. High Choir Ensemble Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. ....	Jr. High Grill 'N Games
4:30 p.m. ....	Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. ....	Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
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 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 | APRIL 11

5:30 p.m.	..... Dinner (Fellowship Hall)
5:30 p.m.	..... Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
6:30 p.m.	..... <i>Called: A Christian View of Work</i> (Fellowship Hall)
6:30 p.m.	..... Grace Groups and Small Groups
6:30 p.m.	..... Preschool and Children's Choirs Rehearsals
6:30 p.m.	..... Christ in Action (Romper Room: 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> 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:

grilled pork tenderloin, roasted rosemary sweet potatoes, turnip greens,  
mac and cheese, cornbread muffins, cheesecake with topping  
Kids' menu: mac and cheese, fruit cup



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

Are you interested in joining IPC? Would you like to know more about what we believe?

Our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members* will be at 9:45 a.m.,  
on Sundays, April 29, May 6, 13 and 20, in the third floor conference room.

To register, or for more information, contact Tameria Rackley,  
[trackley@ipcmemphis.org](mailto:trackley@ipcmemphis.org), or 901-685-8206.

### 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.*

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Women's Prayer Time | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Junior High Redbirds Game** | Friday, April 13

**Junior High Choir Commissioning Concert** | April 18 | 6:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Sr. High, 20s, 30s, and 40s Communities Crawfish Boil** | Sunday, April 22 | 12:30

**Children's Choir Spring Program** | April 25 | Sanctuary

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

**Pathway Sunday School Class Begins** | April 29 (ends May 20) | 9:45 a.m.

**Final Sunday Evening Praise** (*until September 9*) **with Food Trucks and Fellowship** | April 29

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

**IPC Ballet Spring Recital** | May 5

**Sr. High Recognition Sunday and Lunch** | May 6

**Camp Palmer 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** | May 25-30

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

**Promotion Sunday for Students Entering Jr. and Sr. High** | June 3

**Senior High Choir Homecoming Concert** | June 8 | Sanctuary

**Vacation Bible School** | June 11-15

**Evening Worship Service at Palmer Home Hernando** | Sunday, June 17

**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



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