



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

We come this week to the final scene in this trilogy of encounters that raise the question, “What obeys Jesus?” We saw previously that nature and evil obey Jesus; so do sickness and death itself. As we will see in this “sandwich” text, Mark 5:21-43, this is the climax of the three: because if Jesus is the Lord of death itself, then he is God Almighty incarnate, able to deliver us on our dying days, able to transform us now by his gracious power.

That confidence shapes our worship this morning. As we hear God call us to worship with Psalm 24, we are reminded that Jesus is the King of Glory, the one who has triumphed over our greatest enemies, the one who rules over his world. As we hear the assurance of pardon, we are reminded that Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, the one who cleanses us from every and all sin and who clothes us in his righteousness. As we participate in the statement of faith, we are reminded that Jesus will bring his kingdom to bear on every area of life. Things will be done on earth as they are in heaven — and Jesus intends to start with us, making us new people for a new Memphis. Thanks be to God!

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*. For more information or to register, please contact Tameria Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

We also live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 services at ipcmemphis.org. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning’s sermon are available in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on our website.

Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"O Saviour, Hear Me!" Gluck
Beth Rushing, Soprano
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

O Saviour hear me, I implore thee, In thee alone can peace be found,
Thou canst sustain and thou restore me Whate'er the cares that hover round.

Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes;
Lord I long for thy salvation, And would fain attain the prize.

When cares of earth to me seem heavy, Heartsore I seek of thee relief,
Thy grace remaineth ever ready To soothe my pain, to assuage my grief.

Hear my supplication. Turn on me thy loving eyes;
Lord, I long for thy salvation, And would fain attain the prize.

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24:7-10

The Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! Be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Congregation: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

The Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory?

The Congregation: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

The Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

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

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"

No. 198

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lyons

O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

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 PROFESSION OF FAITH

Andrew Gibson Cofield, 11:00 a.m.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins because we believe that the Lord of glory is also our chief advocate with the Father. God's Word says: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his Word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous." Thanks be to God that Jesus Christ the Righteous One pleads his blood and righteousness with the Father and secures forgiveness of sins for us! — *1 John 1:9-2:1*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Luke Smith

Elaine Clowers, Melanie Howle, and Lauren McGee, Trio

Jurey Howard, Guitar

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

Choir and Congregation



3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood
4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound,



sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
O may I then in him be found;



when all a - round my soul gives way,
dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone,



he then is all my hope and stay.
fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.



On Christ the sol - id rock I stand;



all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,



all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand,



all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism Q and A 123

The Minister: What does the second petition of the Lord's Prayer mean?

The Congregation: "Your kingdom come" means: Rule us by your Word and Spirit in such a way that more and more we submit to you. Preserve your church and make it grow. Destroy the devil's work; destroy every force which revolts against you and every conspiracy against your holy Word. Do this until your kingdom fully comes, when you will be all in all.

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

"Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"

arr. Powell/Jinkins

Brandon Rushing, Horn

Randal Rushing, Director

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity.

Mighty Spirit dwell with me: I myself would mighty be;
Mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be;
Sep'rate from all sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee!

THE SERMON

Mark 5:21-43 (*pew Bible pages 840-841*)
The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“What Obeys Jesus: Death”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Living Death

A. Reality

B. Relationship

2. Life and death

A. Reality

B. Resurrection

3. Death to life

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

No. 468

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Landas

Choir and Congregation

I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.

THE POSTLUDE

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

arr. Page

EVENING PRAISE

THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

The Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts!

The Congregation: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

The Minister: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity!"

The Congregation: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

All: Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes! He comes to judge the earth! Thanks be to God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Arise, My Soul, Arise”

Words: Charles Wesley, 1742

Music: Kevin Twit



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



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



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



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



(men) A - rise!

A rise!

A - rise,

(women)

A - rise!

A - rise,

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



A - rise!

A - rise!

A - rise,

rise.

A - rise!

A - rise,

a - rise, my soul, a -



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

SONG OF PRAISE

“ O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Words: George Matheson, 1882

Music: Christopher Miner



1. O Love that will not let me go, I
2. O Light that fol - low'st all my way, I
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head, I



rest my wear - y soul in thee; I give thee back the
yield my flick' - ring torch to thee; my heart re - stores its
can - not close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow
dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's



life I owe, that in thine o - cean
bor - rowed ray, that in thy sun - shine's
through the rain, and feel the prom - ise
glo - ry dead, and from the ground there



depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
is not vain, that morn shall tear - less be.
blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

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

“Let Your Kingdom Come”

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

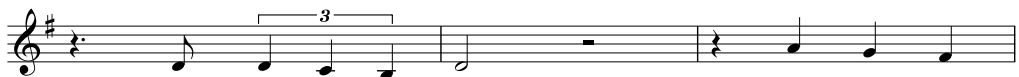
Music and Words: Bob Kauflin



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



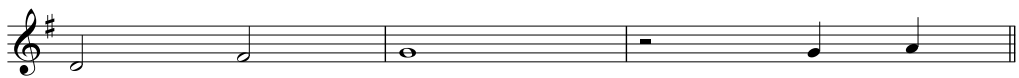
wher - ev - er we are. We ask not
through those who are weak. Lord, use us



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

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

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“Tender Mercy”

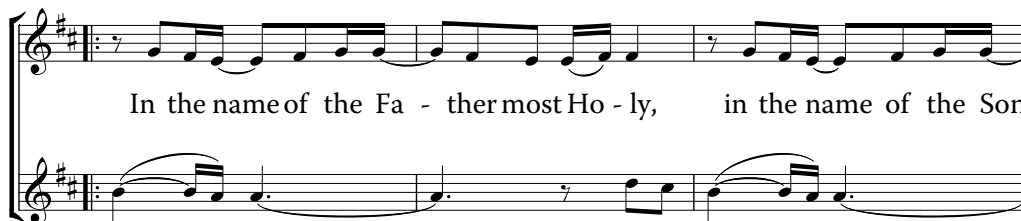
Words and Music: Roley and Pitts



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



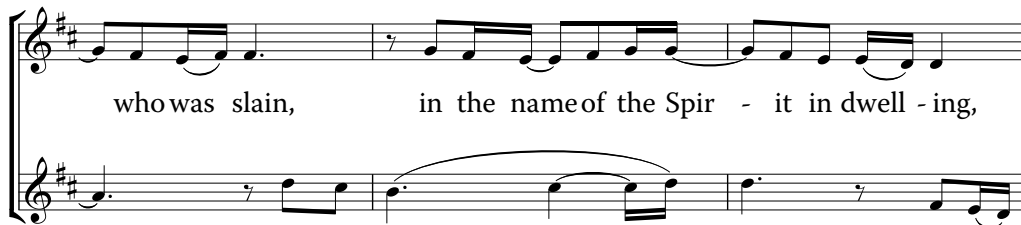
as I lift my hands in Spir - it and in Truth, we cry
I will lift my heart toward your most ho - ly place,



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

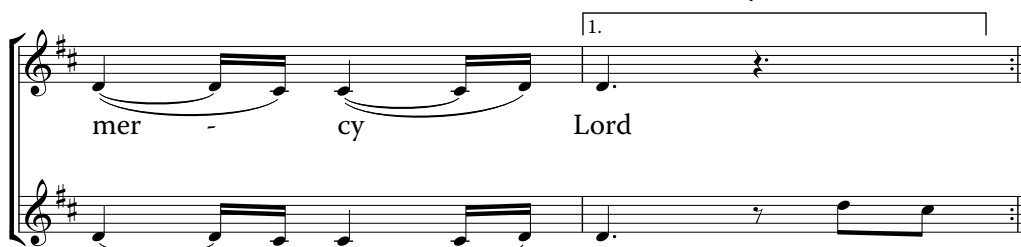
mer - cy.
mer - cy.

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

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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.

GRACE MOMENT

Rev. John Crosby, RUF University of Memphis

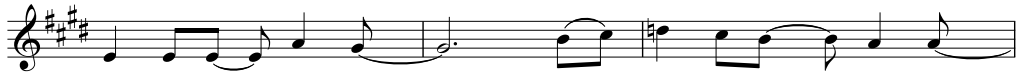
SONG OF PREPARATION "Thou Lovely Source of True Delight"

Words: Anne Steele

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Thou love - ly source of true de - light whom
2. Thy glo - ry o'er cre - a - tion shines but
3. 'Tis here, when - e'er my com - forts droop and
4. But ah! Too soon the pleas - ing scene is



I un - seen a - dore un - veil thy beau - ties to
in thy sa - cred Word I read in fair - er, bright -
sin and sor - row rise thy love with cheer - ing beams
cloud - ed o'er with pain. My gloom - y fears rise dark



my sight that I might love thee more,
- er lines my bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord,
of hope my faint - ing heart sup - plies,
be - tween and I a - gain com - plain,



oh, that I might love thee more.
see my bleed - ing, dy - ing Lord.
oh, my faint - ing heart sup - plied.
oh, and I a - gain com - plain.

5. Jesus, my Lord, my life, my light
Oh come with blissful ray
Break radiant through the shades of night
And chase my fears away,
Won't You chase my fears away?

6. Then shall my soul with rapture trace
The wonders of Thy love
But the full glories of Thy face
Are only known above,
They are only known above.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:44-46 (*pew Bible page 819*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“The Inestimable Value of Christ’s Lordship”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787

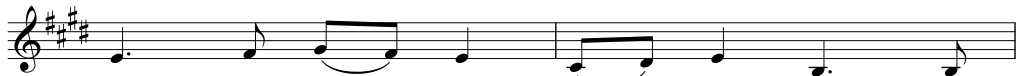
Music: Christopher Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, and
 (2.) o'er those wide ex - tend - ed plains, shines
 (3.) chill - ing winds nor poi - sonous breath, can
 (4.) shall I reach that hap - py place, and



cast a wish - ful eye to
 one e - ter - nal day. There
 reach that health - ful shore, where
 be for - ev - er blessed. When



Ca - naan's fair and hap - py land, where
 God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, and
 sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, are
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, and



my pos - ses - sions lie 2. All way. I am
 scat - ters night a - more. I am
 felt and feared no more.
 in his bos - om rest.



bound I am bound, I am bound for Prom - ised



Land. I am bound, I am bound, I am



bound for Prom - ised Land. 3. No
 4. When

BENEDICTION

THE FLOWERS

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to
Rebekah and Walker Sudduth
on the birth of their son, James Clark Sudduth,
on April 19, 2018.

DEATH

Our sympathy to
Leslie and Jay Jacks
on the death of her father, Jim Shuford,
on April 24, 2018.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | APRIL 29

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Pathway Class for Prospective New Members | Room 329
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

TONIGHT: SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE AND FOOD TRUCKS

Our final Sunday Evening Praise service for the spring is tonight.

Join us in the Sanctuary at 6:00, for worship, and afterward for fellowship and food trucks on the Avon side of the building. Enjoy tacos from El Mero, gourmet hotdogs and sausages from Lenny's Links, delicious offerings from Yippie Trippie and the Porkstars, and wonderful desserts from The Dream Machine Ice Cream Truck.

Costs range from \$3.00-\$5.00.

Our regular Sunday Evening Praise services will resume September 9.



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 | MAY 2

7:30 p.m.Adult Choir Rehearsal



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

IPC JR. HIGH CHOIR IN ST. LOUIS TODAY

Our Jr. High Choir members and their leaders are in St. Louis this morning, providing musical leadership for the morning worship service at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church (PCA), Rev. Brad Robson's home church. Please pray for their ministry today among the members of Good Shepherd Presbyterian and for their safety as they return to Memphis this afternoon.

IPC VBS | JUNE 11-15, 2018

I Spy

Grab your spy glass and flashlight, and join us on a spectacular investigation of discovering who Jesus Christ is!

We need teachers and special agents who can lead our detectives to uncover the truth!

Adult and teen volunteers, sign up online at <http://www.ipcmemphis.org/vbs>.

Adult volunteer training will be **today**, 9:45 a.m., Room 205,
or Sunday, May 6, 9:45 a.m., Room 205 (choose one).

Teen volunteer training will be **today**, 10:35 a.m., Sr. High Room,
or Sunday, May 13, 10:35 a.m., Sr. High Room (choose one).

VBS Prep Week is June 4-7, 9:00 a.m.-noon, or 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Nursery provided by reservation from 9:00 a.m.-noon.

Contact Lucy Green, lgreen@ipcmemphis.org, to make reservations.

WOMEN OF THE CHURCH SPRING LUNCHEON

Ephie Johnson, Guest Singer Susan Tyner, Guest Speaker

Tuesday, May 1 | 11:30 - 1:00 | Fellowship Hall

Bring a friend or a co-worker!

Please make reservations by contacting Sandy Martin, smartin@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206. (*Nursery is provided, but please bring your child's lunch.*)

IPC BALLET SPRING RECITAL

Saturday, May 5 | 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

IPC Ballet will present their 8th Annual Recital in two separate programs this year. Our Ballet Ministry has grown with leaps and bounds since its founding nearly 10 years ago.

IPC Ballet teaches children and youth ages 3 and up classical ballet technique in a Christian environment, from a Christian perspective. Students participate in weekly classes that emphasize character, discipline, and creativity, while encouraging the pursuit of excellence in worshipping our God through the Art of Dance.

For more information, email ipcballet@gmail.com.

SALVATION ARMY COLLECTION DAYS AT IPC | MAY 8-9

Spring cleaning? Donate your gently used clothing, furniture, accessories, and other household items to the Salvation Army Thrift Shop! One hundred percent of proceeds from sales of donated items go toward supporting Salvation Army addiction programs.

To make donating easy, IPC has arranged to have a Salvation Army truck in our Walnut Grove at Avon parking lot on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9. The truck will be manned from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with someone to unload your items. Ask your friends to help, too, and let's fill the truck to the brim! Unable to deliver your items on one of these days?

Call 1-800-SA-TRUCK for a pick-up at your house.

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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