

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As we make our way through this weary world, we often wonder where to find help to sustain us, where we might know security, how we might receive protection. Our next psalm of ascent, Psalm 121, points us to the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth as the one who helps us, protects us, and watches over us. Because we know this to be the case, we can rest easy, knowing that our great and gracious God is our keeper.

We make our boast in our God this morning, the one who blesses us as we seek him. Our call to worship from Psalm 1 teaches us this fundamental point of wisdom: those who seek God in his Word will find him and be sustained by him. This is true for us as adults, but also true for our covenant children, some of whom we celebrate today as high school graduates. This wisdom we come to know as we come to Word, sacrament, and prayer this morning, the means of our preservation in this pilgrimage; God meets with us and sustains us — we find him to be for us in Jesus Christ our righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. May God grant you abundant, sustaining grace as you make your way to Zion, the city of God!

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.

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.

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

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Bourree"

Handel

*Lauren Griffin, Violin Peter Winterburn, Bassoon
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

The Minister: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

The Congregation: His delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

The Minister: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The Congregation: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

The Minister: Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

All: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish. Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Robert Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above"

No. 4

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.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender; how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we have sinned, without considering how much you love us. You see our sins more clearly than we can ourselves. Lord, you know when we are indifferent to your Word, the Bible; how often we forget to pray; the times we come unwillingly to worship; and yet we turn to you when we are in trouble. Lord, you know when we are untruthful and when we think evil of others. You see our anger and unfairness to our friends. You know how hard it is for us to forgive. Forgive us and make us clean, so that we can obey your call to take up your cross and follow you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We come to confession not boasting in ourselves, but in all that Jesus is for us. God's Word says, "Because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption, so that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'" Thanks be to God that Jesus supplies our every need by his grace! — *1 Corinthians 1:30-31*

THE DOXOLOGY

Tallis' Canon

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE RECOGNITION OF THE CLASS OF 2019 (11:00 a.m.)

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

"My God Is So High"

arr. Hogan

Beth Rushing, Soprano

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

My God is so high you can't get over him,
He's so low you can't get under him,
He's so wide you can't get 'round him,
You must come in by and through the Lamb.

One day as I was a walkin' along the heav'nly road,
My Savior spoke unto me and he filled my heart with his love.

I'll take my gospel trumpet and I'll begin to blow,
And if my Savior helps me I'll blow wherever I'll go.

THE SERMON

Psalm 121 (*pew Bible pages 516-517*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Looking for Protection”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Our powerful help (1-2)

A. Covenant

B. Creator

2. Our present help (3-6)

A. Watching

B. Working

3. Our promised help (7-8)

THE HYMN OF PREPARATION

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

Drew Lucas, Guitar

Words: Habershon and Merker

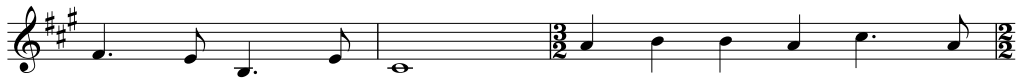
Music: Merker



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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes." — *1 Corinthians 11:26*

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"For All the Saints"

No. 358

THE BENEDICTION

THE CHORAL RESPONSE

"Threefold Amen"

Danish

THE POSTLUDE

"God Is My Strong Salvation"

arr. Young



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019 FROM IPC!

Lucy Brennan
Isabella Bridges
Benjamin Buyer
Anne Cater
Stephen Christenbury
Andrew Cofield
Chad Cothran
Liza Dunlap
Kari Erickson
Kyle Gasaway
Caleb Granger

Jordan Gurley
Clara Halford
Clay Harrison
Jack Horton
Allen Hughes
Grant Hutchens
Abbay Kellum
Drew Lucas
Shea Meena
Cameron Rosenberger
Bella Schaffer

Alden Southerland
Elizabeth Thomas
Abby Utley
Bizzy Walker
Sally Walker
Nathan Webb
Ellie Weeks
Palmer Whittington
Kate Yelverton

EVENING PRAISE

THE FIFTH DAY OF MAY, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 67

Minister: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Congregation: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Minister: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.

All: God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him! Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Words: James Montgomery

Music: Sandra McCracken

CHORUS



Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, great Da - vid’s great-er Son!



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!



His reign on earth be - gun!

VERSES



1. He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer
3. *To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to*
4. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful
5. The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion,
 wrong, to help the poor and need - y,
light, whose souls, con-demned and dy - ing,
 earth, love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers,
 move. His Name shall stand for - ev - er,



and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 and bid the weak be strong.
are pre - cious in his sight.
 spring in his path to birth.
 that Name to us is Love.

to chorus

to v. 3

to chorus

to v. 5

to chorus

SONG OF PRAISE

“I Will Glory in My Redeemer”

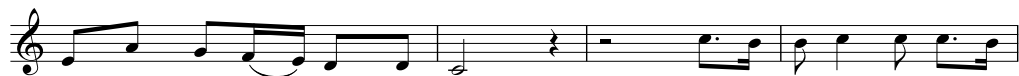
Words and Music: Steve and Vikki Cook



1. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er whose price-less blood has ran-somed
 2. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er; my life he bought, my love he
 3. I will glo-ry in my Re-deem-er who car-ries me on ea-gles'



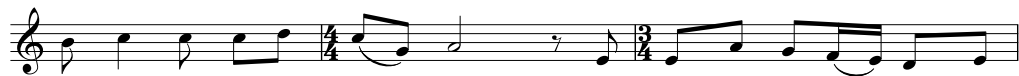
me. Mine was the sin that drove the bit-ter nails and
 owns. I have no long-ings for an-oth-er; I'm
 wings. He crowns my life with lov-ing-kind-ness; his



hung him on that judg-ment tree. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 sat-is-fied in him a-lone. I will glo-ry in my Re-
 tri-umph song I'll ev-er sing. I will glo-ry in my Re-



deem-er who crushed the power of sin and death; my on-ly
 deem-er; his faith-ful-ness my stand-ing place. Though foes are
 deem-er who waits for me at gates of gold; and when he



Sav-ior be-fore the ho-ly Judge, the Lamb who is my right-eous
 might-y and rush up-on me, my feet are firm, held by his
 calls me, it will be par-a-dise; his face for-ev-er to be-



ness, the Lamb who is my right-eous-ness.
 grace. My feet are firm, held by his grace.
 hold, his face for-ev-er to be-hold.

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

"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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free”

Words: William Gadsby

Music: Sandra McCracken



1. The love of Christ is rich and free; fixed on his
 2. His lov - ing heart en - gaged to be their ev - er -
 3. *Love has re - deemed his sheep with blood; and love will*
 4. He loves through ev - ery chang - ing scene, nor aught from
 5. At death, be - yond the grave, he'll love; in end - less



own e - ter - nal - ly; nor earth, nor hell, can it re -
 last - ing Sur - e - ty; 'twas love that took their cause in
bring them safe to God; love calls them all from death to
 him can Zi - on wean; not all the wan - derings of her
 bliss, his own shall prove the blaz - ing glo - ry of that



move; long as he lives, his own he'll love.
 hand, and love main - tains it to the
life; and love will fin - ish all their strife.
 heart can make his love for her de -
 love which nev - er could from them re - move.



end. Love can - not from its post with - draw; nor
 part.



death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law, can



turn the Sur - ety's heart a - way; he'll



love his own to end - less day. *to next verse*

GRACE MOMENT

SONG OF PREPARATION "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my
 3. I will not boast in an - y - thing: no

vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 sin up - on his shoul - ders a -
 gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom, but

he should give his on - ly Son to
 shamed I hear my mock - ing voice call
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his

make a wretch his treas - ure. How
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The
 was my sin that held him there un -
 should I gain from his re - ward? I

Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
 til it was ac - com - plished. His
 can - not give an an - swer. But

wounds which mar the Cho - sen One, bring
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I
 this I know with all my heart: his

man - y sons to glo - ry.
 know that it is fin - ished.
 wounds have paid my ran - som.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 15:11-32 (*pew Bible pages 874-875*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“Children of the Heavenly Father:
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”

Words: Samuel Stennett, 1787

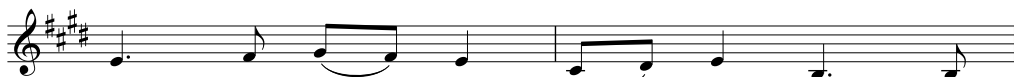
Music: Christopher Miner



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.
 felt and feared no rest.
 in his bos - om



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

by Merri and Stephen Hackett in celebration of their 10-year-old son, Josiah, becoming a 10-year survivor of cancer, and in thankfulness to the countless family, friends, and St. Jude staff who have shown us all that hope and healing can be found in Christ.

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Rebekah and Ryan McGaughey on the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Mae McGaughey, on April 19.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Anne and Johnny Chambers on the death of his father, Jack William Chambers, on April 29.

TONIGHT: SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE AND FISH FRY

Our final Sunday Evening Praise for this spring is tonight at 6:00.

Join us after our worship service in the courtyard by the playground for a buffet dinner, catered by Primetime Catering:

farm raised catfish fillets, fried chicken tenders, french fries, fried dill pickles, hushpuppies, coleslaw, banana pudding, sweet tea and lemonade.

Cost: \$12/adults; \$5/children

In case of rain, we will eat in the Fellowship Hall.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | MAY 5

- 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 | Third Floor Conference Room
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:00 a.m.Children’s Church (Kindergarten)
- 3:30 p.m.Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
- 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
- 7:00 p.m..... Fish Fry | Courtyard



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/5th grade — *Room 201*
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 | MAY 8

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

IPC 2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's Vacation Bible School will be a Jungle Jamboree,
and we'll need many volunteers to join us as we leap into the adventure of following Jesus.
Please go to ipcmemphis.org to sign up as a VBS volunteer.

WOMEN'S SUMMER 2019 BIBLE BIBLE STUDY

It's Not Supposed to Be This Way:

Finding Unexpected Strength When Disappointment Leaves You Shattered

by Lysa Terkeurst

Tuesdays, June 18-July 30 | 10:00 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. | IPC



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