



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

FIRST WORD FOR WORSHIP

For many of us, our morning text is extremely painful. None of us expect to divorce when we first get married; and every divorce has a painful story connected to it. Our temptation is to avoid texts like these simply to avoid the pain, guilt, and shame that comes from Jesus' words. But that would be a mistake — first, because God's design for marriage from the Garden of Eden on still stands. Second, it would be a mistake to avoid this text because it is within our marriages where we learn to deny ourselves, take our cross, and follow Jesus, where we learn the requisite humility to self-sacrificially serve another without expectation of reciprocity, without the other person deserving our service.

That's why Psalm 124 is so powerful for us: if the Lord had not been on our side, our fears, dangers, sin, guilt, shame would surely have swallowed us up alive! God's Word comes again and again to stir us, comfort us, shape us, and mold us. As we confess our sins, we discover that God himself promises to be our spouse in faithfulness, even when we have proven to be unfaithful time and again. And he points us forward to lives of chastity, but also to service to one who loved us to the cross and back. 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 NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Trumpet Voluntary"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 124

The Minister: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side — let Israel now say —

The Congregation: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side when people rose up against us, then they would have swallowed us up alive.

The Minister: Then the flood would have swept us away, the torrent would have gone over us; then over us would have gone the raging waters.

The Congregation: Blessed be the Lord, who has not given us as prey to their teeth! We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowlers; the snare is broken and we have escaped!

The Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth! Amen!
Let us worship God!

The Reverend Mike Malone, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

No. 97

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
By whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
In you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.

You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
The Source of every skill, the one eternal TRUE!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.

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, and 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. Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. In his name we pray, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Though we sin against our God, he does not cast us off. Rather, he promises to be a faithful husband to us. God's Word declares, "And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord." Thanks be to God for his continuing love and forgiveness to us through Jesus Christ! — *Hosea 2:19-20*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Isaiah 43”

Virginia Folse, Clarinet Daniel Strawser, Cello Jurey Howard, Guitar

Words: Isaiah 43:1-3

Music: Anonymous



1. When you pass through the wa - ters I will be with you,
walk through the fire you'll not be burned,



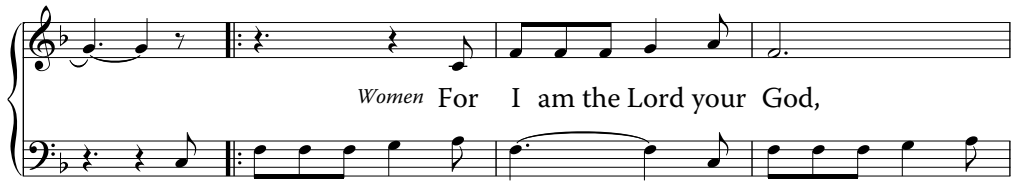
and the waves will not o - ver - come you.
and the flames will not con - sume you.



Do not fear, for I have re - deemed you.
Do not fear, for I have re - deemed you.

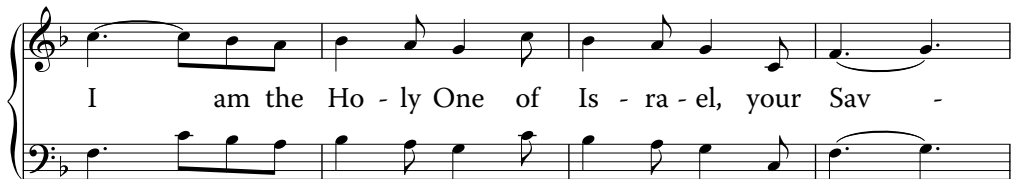


I have called you by name, you are mine.
I have called you by name, you are mine.



Women For I am the Lord your God,

Men For I am the Lord your God, for I am the Lord your



God. I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav -



-ior. -ior. Do not fear.

-ior. For -ior. I am the Lord. I am the

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Do not fear. Do not fear.

Lord. I am the Lord. I am the

1. Do not fear. I am the Lord.

2. When you fear. I am the Lord.

Lord. 2. When you I am the Lord.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q and A 108-109

Question and Answer 108

The Minister: What does the seventh commandment teach us?

The Congregation: That God condemns all unchastity, and that therefore we should thoroughly detest it and live decent and chaste lives, within or outside of the holy state of marriage.

Question and Answer 109

The Minister: Does God, in this commandment, forbid only such scandalous sins as adultery?

The Congregation: We are temples of the Holy Spirit, body and soul, and God wants both to be kept clean and holy. That is why God forbids all unchaste actions, looks, talk, thoughts, or desires, and whatever may incite someone to them.

THE TESTIMONY OF GRACE

Mr. Steve Nash, Advance Memphis

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

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

arr. Ellingboe

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.

I hear the real, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

*No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?*

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing.

It sounds and echoes in my soul. How can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest 'round me roar. I hear the truth. It liveth.

What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.

THE SERMON

Mark 10:1-12 (*pew Bible pages 845-846*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Marriage: The Venue for Discipleship”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?
 - A. God’s creation purpose

 - B. God’s intentional union

2. What about Moses and the OT law?
 - A. Sinful hearts, not divine purpose

 - B. Sin added to sin, not deliverance

3. What is the way forward for my marriage?

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

No. 610

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Foundation

Choir and Congregation

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed; for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand, upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

THE POSTLUDE

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Cherwien



EVENING PRAISE

THE NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND EIGHTEEN

Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Congregation: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Minister: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Congregation: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Minister: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker:

All: For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care! Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

Words: Augustus Toplady

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of
 2. The work which his good-ness be - gan the
 3. My name from the palms of his hands e -



cove - nant mer - cy I sing; nor fear, with thy
 arm of his strength will com - plete; his prom - ise is
 ter - ni - ty will not e - raise; im - pressed on his



right-eous-ness on, my per-son and of - fring to bring. The
 yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet. Things
 heart it re - mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace. Yes



ter - rors of law and of God with me can havenoth - ing to do
 fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low nor a - bove,
 I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is given;



my Sav - ior's o - bed - ience and blood hide
 can make him his pur - pose fore - go, or
 more hap - py but not more se - cure, the



all my trans - gres - sions from view.
 sev - er my soul from his love.
 glor - i - fied spir - its in heaven.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Thy Mercy, My God"

Words: John Stoker

Music: Sandra McCracken



1. Thy mer - cy, my God, is the theme of my song, the
 2. With - out thy sweet mer - cy I could not live here;
 3. Thy mer - cy is more than a match for my heart, which
 4. Great Fa - ther of mer - cies thy good - ness I own and the



joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue. Thy
 Sin would re - duce me to ut - ter des - pair; but
 won - ders to feel its own hard - ness de - part; dis -
 cov - e - nant love of thy cru - ci - fied Son; all



free grace a - lone from the first to the last hath
 through thy free good - ness my spir - its re - vive and
 solved by thy good - ness, I fall to the ground, and
 praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



won my af - fec - tions and bound my soul fast.
 he that first made me still keeps me a - live.
 weep to the praise of the mer - cy I've found.
 mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine.



All praise to the Spir - it whose whis - per di - vine seals



mer - cy and par - don and right - eous - ness mine!

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

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior"

Rodgers and Wyse



1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, Pre - cious Re -
2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er Spir - it we
3. Al - might - y, in - fin - ite Fa - ther faith - ful - ly



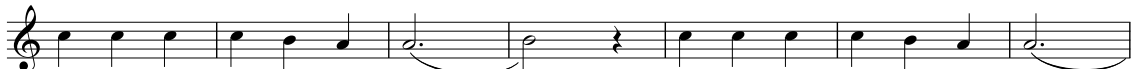
dee - mer and Friend; who would have thought that a
long to em - brace; you of - fer hope when our
lov - ing your own; here in our weak - ness you



Lamb could res - cue the souls of men.
hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way.
find us fall - ing be - fore your throne.



Oh, you res - cue the souls of men.
Oh, we hope - less - ly lost the way.
Oh, we're fall - ing be - fore your throne.



You are the one that we praise, you are the one we a - dore.



You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways hun ger



for, Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

"By Thy Mercy"

Words: Cummins

Music: Thompson



1. Je - sus, Lord of life and glo - ry,
 3. When temp - ta - tion sore - ly press - es,
 5. In the wear - y hours of sick - ness,



bend from heav'n thy gra - cious ear; while our wait - ing
 in the day of Sa - tan's pow'r, in our times of
 in the times of grief and pain, when we feel our



souls a - dore thee, friend of help - less sin - ners, hear.
 deep dis - tress - es, in each dark and try - ing hour.
 mor - tal weak - ness, when all hu - man help is vain.



2. From the depth of na - ture's blind - ness, from the hard -'ning
 4. When the world a - round is smil - ing, in the time of
 6. In the sol - emn hour of dy - ing, in the aw - ful



pow'r of sin, from all mal - ice and un - kind - ness
 wealth and ease, earth - ly joys our hearts be - guil - ing,
 judg - ment day, may our souls, on thee re - ly - ing,



from the pride that lurks with - in.
 in the day of health and peace.
 find thee still our Rock and Stay.



By thy mer - cy, O de - liv - er us, good Lord;

by thy mer-cy, O de-liv-er us, good
 Lord, good Lord. Lord. By thy
 mer-cy, O de-liv-er us, good
 Lord; by thy mer-cy, O de-
 liv-er us, good Lord, good Lord.

GRACE MOMENT

*The Reverend Bradford Green
 RUF Campus Minister, Hendrix College, Conway, AR*

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Tender Mercy”

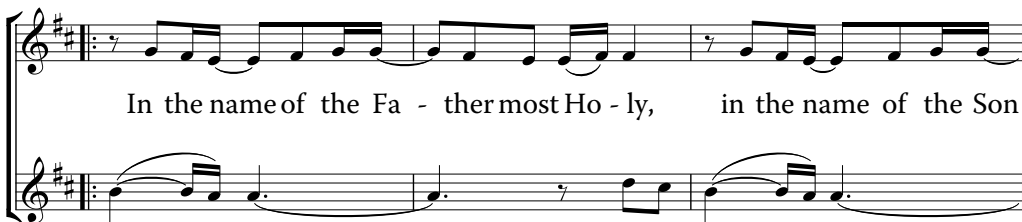
Words and Music: Roley and Pitts



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



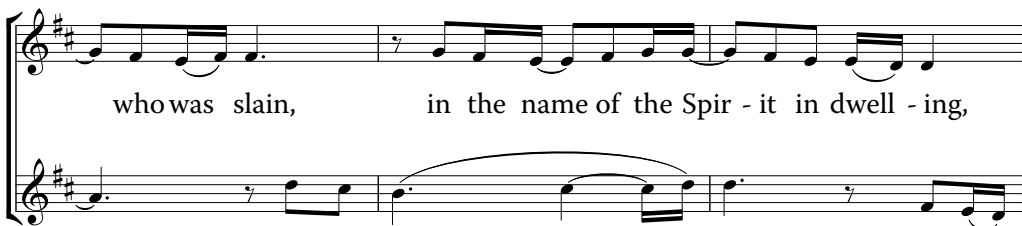
as I lift my hands in Spir - it and in Truth, we cry
I will lift my heart toward your most ho - ly place,



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.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 18:9-14 (*pew Bible page 877*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“The Prayer God Answers”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

"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.

BENEDICTION



ICE CREAM SOCIAL TONIGHT

Following our Sunday Evening Praise service, we will gather
in the Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social.

THE FLOWERS

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

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:

Peggy and Dana Jeanes
Maribeth and Adam Jeffreys
Sara Smith

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Kristen and Matthew Miller on the birth
of their daughter, Emma Grace Miller,
on August 29.

DEATH

We extend our sympathy to

Darlene and Tom Eubanks on the death
of her father, Vinton Durene Ferguson,
on September 2.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 9

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)
4:30 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.	Ice Cream Social
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*

ADULT COMBINED SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TODAY

Dr. Donald Guthrie will teach a congregation-wide Sunday school class this morning at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall on *Abundant Generosity*.

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 12

5:30 p.m.	Dinner Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	DivorceCare Room 233
6:00 p.m.	Jr. High Youth Group
6:15 p.m.	BLAST! (K - 5 th grade)
6:30 p.m.	Wednesday Night Large Study Group Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Grace Groups
7:10 p.m.	Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

slow cooked pot roast, oven roasted potatoes and carrots, steamed green beans,
dinner roll, apple pie with ice cream, cookies

Kid's menu: grilled cheese sandwich, carrot sticks with Ranch dressing

INSTALLATION SERVICE AND RECEPTION FOR THE REVEREND ROBERT O. BROWNING

Sunday, September 16

The Reverend Robert O. Browning will be installed as associate pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church next Sunday, September 16, at the 11:00 worship service.

A reception will immediately follow.



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

IN THE WORD:
BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

with

DR. SEAN LUCAS

Thursdays | 6:30 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

Join any time!

If you've missed one, watch previous lessons at ipcmemphis.org.

DIVORCECARE

Find help. Discover hope. Experience healing.

Wednesdays

6:00-7:30 p.m. | Room 233

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
GRACE GROUPS

Coeds • Couples • Singles

*Contact Parker Tenent,
ptenent@ipcmemphis.org.*

IPC KNITTING MINISTRY RESUMES

Thursdays | 9:30 a.m. | Room 233

All interested knitters or crocheters are encouraged to bring their needles or hooks and come. Anyone wanting to learn how to knit or crochet is also welcome. For further details or questions, contact Susan Strong, (901) 756-5356 or susansstrong@bellsouth.net.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

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

details at ipcmemphis.org

BLAST!

Building Lives Around Sound Truth
Grades K-5 | Wednesday Nights at IPC

Register at ipcmemphis.org.

OPEN GYM TUESDAY

4:00-8:00 p.m.

Open for IPC members and their guests.
Recreation Staff will be on duty to hand out balls, lower goals, or set up Pickleball nets.

IPC IS PARTNERING

with

ARISE2READ!

ARISE2Read is a non-profit organization that focuses on 2nd grade literacy. Volunteers can make a difference by giving one hour a week to coach two students utilizing a simple sight word method. The next training session will be September 13, 6:30 p.m., at Bellevue Baptist Church. Register online at ARISE2Read.org.

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.*

Women's Prayer Time | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 10:00 a.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration for Youth Basketball | open through October 1

Faith and Work Fellowship Gathering | September 20 | 7:00-8:30 p.m. | Chapel

Fall Fest and Church Picnic | September 30, following 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Food Trucks following Sunday Evening Praise | October 14

Jr. High Buffalo Retreat | November 16-18

TEACHING ELDERS

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor
Rev. Robert Browning
Associate Pastor
Rev. Edward Norton
Associate Pastor
Rev. Jeremy Jones
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Mike Malone
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Brad Robson
Pastor of Student Ministries
Rev. Parker Tenent
Assistant Pastor
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.
Pastoral Associate
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.
Senior Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Bill Hogan
Assistant Pastor Emeritus

RULING ELDERS

Mr. Cannon F. Allen
Mr. Matthew G. Buyer
Mr. Richard M. Carter
Mr. William J. Chase Jr.
Mr. Ralph S. DelBove
Dr. Hugh Francis III
Dr. Neumon Taylor Goshorn
Mr. Samuel N. Graham II
Mr. J. Lee Greene Jr.
Mr. Stephen Guenther
Dr. Charles R. Halford
Mr. Bryan A. Hawkins
Mr. John Jurey Howard III
Mr. Nathan W. Kellum
Mr. George G. Leavell
Dr. James R. Mitchum
Mr. William R. Mitchum Jr.
Mr. David R. Neubert
Mr. Matthew J. Olson
Dr. Melvin P. Payne III
Mr. John Philip
Mr. Richard Luther Powell Sr.
Mr. John W. Stokes III
Mr. Terry Michael Washburn
Mr. Adrian Yelverton

DEACONS

Mr. Dan Butler
Mr. David Butler
Mr. John W. Chambers Jr.
Mr. Craig A. Christenbury
Mr. John R. Coates
Dr. Colton Cockrum
Mr. Glenn W. Cofield
Mr. Brantley Davidson
Mr. Josh Davis
Mr. John Dorrill
Mr. John Edwards
Mr. Michael J. Gabrielleschi
Dr. Kevin Garrett
Mr. Robert E. Hicks
Mr. Govan S. Hornor
Mr. Jay Jacks
Dr. John G. Kakales
Mr. William Kay
Mr. James McDonald
Mr. William G. Mueller IV
Mr. Thomas A. Pacello
Mr. Calvin Purcell
Mr. Timothy Rainey
Mr. Alex Ransone
Mr. Chris W. Rogers
Mr. Dudley Schaefer Jr.
Mr. Frederick T. Stukenborg
Mr. Chris Thornton
Mr. Jay Vaughn
Mr. Richard B. Vining
Mr. James Dwight Wilder
Mr. Joseph Womack

IPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Friday

Church's Main Office	901-685-8206
Music Office	901-685-9707
Recreation Office	901-763-3857

COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
901-763-3932

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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