

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

As we come to God's Word today in Revelation 10-11, we encounter another interlude similar to what we had in Revelation 7. Remember that between the sixth and seventh seals, there was a two-sided image of the Lamb with his fair army; in Revelation 10-11, we have a similar two-sided image. These two images work together—Revelation 7 pictures the church from heaven's perspective; Revelation 10-11 shows us from earth's perspective. Revelation 7 shows us as a worshipping people; Revelation 10-11 as a witnessing people. That's what Jesus's church does—we live between heaven and earth, worshipping and witnessing, even in the face of difficulty, opposition, persecution, and death itself.

As a result, our worship service focuses on the proclamation of God's Word, which is sweet to us, but bitter for those who reject the Gospel. As those who proclaim the Gospel, we are his people who have come to know his steadfast love and who boldly lift high the cross before a dying world. Indeed, this Gospel reveals the wonder of his grace, lavished upon us in Jesus Christ. But as the Larger Catechism teaches us, it is only as the Spirit uses the preached Word that our hearts are established in faith and our witness empowered. May God use us as we witness to God's Word faithfully and fearlessly all of our days!

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 *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Maureen Odiam, modiam@ipcmemphis.org, or (901) 685-8206.

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 SEVENTEENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness. — *Psalm 96:6-9*

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” arr. Page
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

The Minister: “Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

The Congregation: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we
are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

The Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks
to him; bless his name!

*The Minister and
Congregation:* For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his
faithfulness to all generations.” Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Lift High the Cross”

No. 263

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Elizabeth Clementine Neubert (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins that I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We confess our sins to God in the sure confidence that Jesus has secured a full redemption and offers salvation to those who trust in him. God’s Word says, “In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.” Thanks be to God for his gracious gifts of forgiveness and faith! — *Ephesians 1:7-8; 2:8-9*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“The Power of the Cross”

Words and music by

Getty/Townend

1. Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day:
2. Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face,
3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath
4. Oh, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry.
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin.
quakes as its Ma - ker bows his head.
for through your suff - 'ring I am free.

Tried by sin - ful men, torn and beat - en, then
Ev' - ry bit - ter thought, ev' - ry e - vil deed
Cur - tain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,

nailed to a cross of wood. This, the
crown - ing your blood - stained brow. This, the
"Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry. This, the
won through your self - less love! This, the

pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
pow'r of the cross: Christ be - came
pow'r of the cross: Son of God,

sin for us; took the blame, bore the
sin for us; took the blame, bore the
sin for us; took the blame, bore the
slain for us; what a love! What a

wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
wrath - we stand for - giv - en at the cross.
cost! We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

Children (5-6 years old) may be dismissed to their worship leader on the last verse.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism Q and A 155

The Minister: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

The Congregation: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the Word, an effectual means of enlightening, convincing, and humbling sinners; of driving them out of themselves, and drawing them unto Christ; of conforming them to his image, and subduing them to his will; of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions; of building them up in grace, and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

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

"A Jubilant Song"

arr. Pote

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Sing to the Lord a jubilant song.
Rejoice and sing and let earth be glad,
Let the heavens be filled with joy.

Sing alleluia to the Lord, alleluia.
Tell of his salvation from day to day.
Shout his marv'lous works among the people.
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were made, or the land and the sea were born,
From age to age you are God,
And we pray for the coming of your kingdom.
We shall rejoice, we shall be glad all the days of our lives.

THE SERMON

Revelation 10:1-11:19 (*pew Bible pages 1033-1034*)

“What Jesus’s Church Does”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Commissioned (10:1-11)
2. Empowered (11:1-6)
3. Persecuted (11:7-10)
4. Vindicated (11:11-19)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

No. 441

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

“Threefold Amen”

Choir and Congregation

Danish

A - men, a - men, a - - - - men.

THE POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

arr. Willan

EVENING PRAISE

*The Seventeenth Day of September, Two Thousand and Seventeen
Six O' clock*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1-3

The Minister: “ But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel; ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

The Congregation: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers they shall not overwhelm you;

The Minister: When you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

The Congregation: For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior!”

The Minister: Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“And Can It Be”

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Scott Roley



1. And can it be that I should gain an in - terest in the Sav-
 2. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove so free, so in - fin - ite
 3. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay, fast bound in sin and na -
 4. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and all in him



- ior's blood! Died he for me, who caused his pain! For me,
 his grace! Emp - tied him - self of all but love, and bled
 - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ening ray; I woke,
 is mine; a - live in him, my liv - ing Head, and clothed



who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love! How can
 for A - dam's help - less race: 'tis mer - cy all, im - mense
 the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off, my heart
 in right - eous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach the eter -



it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die for me? A - maz
 and free, for O my God, it found out me!
 was free, I rose, went forth, and fol - lowed thee.
 nal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own.



- ing love! How can it be, that thou, my God, shouldst die



for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it be, that thou,



my God, shouldst die for me?

SONG OF PRAISE

“Isaiah 43”

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,



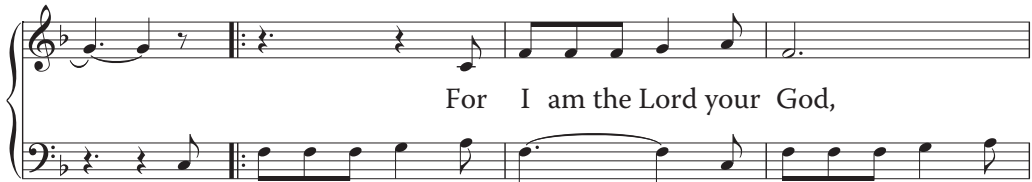
And the waves will not o - ver - come you.
And the flames will not con - sume you.



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

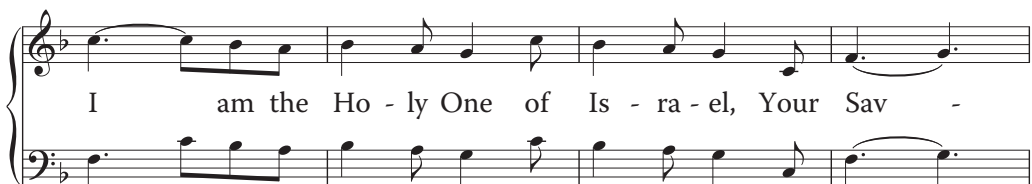


I have called you by name, you are mine.
I have called you by name, you are mine.



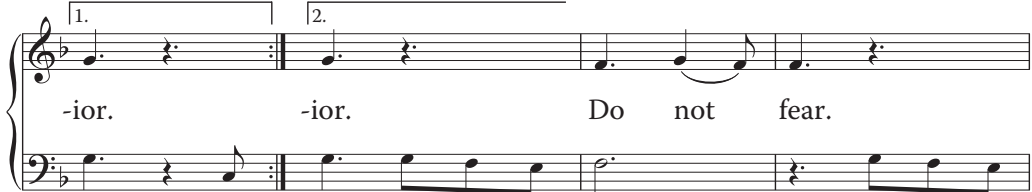
For I am the Lord your God,

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



I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, Your Sav -

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

Do not fear. Do not fear.

Lord I am the Lord. I am the

Do not fear. 1. [musical notation] 2. When you fear. I am the Lord.

Lord. I am the Lord.

PASSING THE PEACE

The Minister: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

The Congregation: And also with you.

The Minister: Let us offer one another a word of peace.

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

SONG OF PRAISE

“From Depths of Woe”

Words: Martin Luther, 1523

Music: Christopher Miner



1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice
 2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, grace, grace
 3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and not
 4. What though I wait the live - long night, and 'til
 5. Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace



of la - men - ta - ion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear
 a - lone a - vail - eth; our works, a - las! are all
 in mine own mer - it; on him my soul shall rest
 the dawn ap - pear - eth; my heart still trust - eth in
 much more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim -



to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; if
 in vain; in much the best life fail - eth; no
 his word up - holds my faint - ing spir - it; his
 his might; it doubt - eth not nor fear - eth; do
 - it knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth. Our



thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our sec - ret sins and mis -
 man can glo - ry in thy sight, all must a - like confess
 prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, my com - fort and my sweet
 thus, O ye of Is - rael's seed, ye of the Spir - it born
 shep - herd, good and true is he, who will at last his Is -

- deeds dark,
 thy might,
 sup - port:
 in - deed;
 - rael free

O who shall stand be - fore
 And live a - lone by mer -
 I wait for it with pa -
 And wait till God ap - pear -
 From all their sin and sor -

Who shall stand be - fore thee?
 Live a - lone by mer - cy.
 Wait for it with pa - tience.
 Wait till God ap - pear - eth,
 All their sin and sor - row,

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SONG OF PRAISE

“Nothing but the Blood”

Words and Music by Robert Lowry

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of seven staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1. What can wash a way my sin? 2. For my cleans - ing this I see, 3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone, 4. This is all my hope and peace, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus; What can make me whole a - gain? For my par - don this my plea, Naught of good that I have done, This is all my righ - teous - ness, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus. Oh! Pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow; No oth - er fount I know, Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

5. Glory, glory thus I sing Nothing but the blood of Jesus
All my praise for this I bring Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Oh, precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know Nothing but the blood of Jesus

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

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.

HOMILY

Song of Songs 1:1-14 (*pew Bible page 560*)

“Desire”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas, Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“Jesus, I Come”

Words: William T. Sleeper, 1887

Music: Greg Thompson



1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row and night, Je - sus, I
2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I
3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I
4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I



come; Je - sus, I come. In - to thy free - dom,
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the glor - ious
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to thy bless - ed
come; Je - sus, I come. In - to the joy and



glad - ness, and light Je - sus, I come to thee,
gain of thy cross, Je - sus, I come to thee.
will to a - bide, Je - sus, I come to thee.
light of thy home, Je - sus, I come to thee.



Out of my sick - ness, in - to thy health,
Out of earth's sor - rows, in - to thy balm,
Out of my - self to dwell in thy love,
Out of the depths of ru - in un - told,



out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth,
out of life's storms and in - to thy calm,
out of des - pair in - to rap - tures a - bove,
in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold,



out of my sin and in - to thy - self,
out of dis - tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm,
up - ward for - ev - er on wings like a dove,
ev - er thy glo - rious face to be - hold,



Je - sus, I come to thee.
Je - sus, I come to thee.
Je - sus, I come to thee.
Je - sus, I come to thee.

THE BENEDICTION

THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of their mothers and grandmothers,
Sara Jane Scott Greenlee and Arie Cooper,
by Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Scott, and Will, Charlie, and Daniel Scott.*

BIRTHS

We welcome our newest covenant children:

Nancy Elizabeth Kennedy
Corinne Elizabeth Thompson

DEATHS

Our sympathy to

Fay Ham and her family on the death
of her husband, Bill, on September 10.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 17

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)
4:00 p.m. Adult Choir Ligonier Concert Rehearsal
4:45 p.m. SEP Music 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 | SEPTEMBER 20

5:30 p.m. Dinner, Fellowship Hall
 5:30 p.m. Jr. High Choir Rehearsal (Grades 6-8)
 6:00 p.m. Divorce Care (Room 233)
 6:30 p.m. *On Being Presbyterian*, Fellowship Hall — Dr. Sean Lucas
 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 (C.I.A.) — Romper Room
 6:30 p.m. Jr. High Youth Group
 7:15 p.m. Sr. High Youth Group
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN THE FALL

Dr. Sean Lucas is teaching from his widely-used book,
On Being Presbyterian: Our Beliefs, Practices, and Stories.

You can join the larger group at 6:30 p.m.,
 in the Fellowship Hall where Sean is speaking,
 or follow the study with a small group.

Come at 5:30 for dinner. This Wednesday’s menu: Roasted lemon chicken,
 Grilled vegetable medley, Fingerling potatoes, Yeast rolls, Key lime pie, Chocolate mousse.
 Kid’s Box: Chicken tenders



UPCOMING EVENTS

Songs of Reformation Ligonier Concert | Next Sunday, September 24 | 6:00 p.m.
 Fall Fest | Sunday, October 1 | After 11:00 a.m. Service
 Reformation Service @ Second Presbyterian Church | Sunday, October 29 | 6:00 p.m.
 Reformation Day Luncheon | Tuesday, October 31 | 11:45 a.m.

SONGS OF REFORMATION

A Concert of Sacred Music

Next Sunday, September 24, we will have the privilege of hosting

Ligonier Ministries and Dr. R.C. Sproul for a concert

debuting new hymns written by Dr. Sproul and Emmy-nominated composer Mr. Jeff Lippencott, celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Dr. Sproul will provide narration during the concert, and Mr. Lippencott will direct the orchestra. More than 300 people have already registered from all over the country to attend with Ligonier.

IPC members and friends do not have to register, but should plan to arrive early.

Do not miss this very special event in the life of our Church!



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins Tuesday, September 19

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

RECREATION MINISTRY

Registration deadline for youth basketball (ages 6-17) is October 1.

Sign up at ipcmemphis.org/ministries/recreation-fitness.

COME JOIN

THE KNITTING MINISTRY

Do you knit or want to learn how?

Join the Knitting Ministry, meeting every Thursday morning from 9:30-11:30, in Room 233 of the church. Laughter, fun, and fellowship guaranteed. No experience required. We'll teach you! Can't meet every Thursday? Come or pop in when you can, and knit at home. Want more information?

Call Susan Strong at 901-756-5356, or email her at susansstrong@bellsouth.net.

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

FALL FEST

Mark your calendar for fun!

Join your church family on Sunday, October 1, following the 11:00 service for a picnic and fall festival on our Avon Street lawn. We'll have fun for all ages, including games led by our Senior High students, hayrides, music, a cake walk, and prizes.

\$5 admission fee includes lunch cooked by the famous IPC Grill Team.

There will be special reserved covered seating for our 60s+ Community members.

Others should bring a blanket or chairs.

If it rains, we'll move to the gym.

CANDY AND CAKES NEEDED!

The IPC Fall Fest needs donations of wrapped candy for game prizes PLUS cakes and cupcakes (store-bought or homemade) for the cake walk. Beginning this Sunday, we will have bins in the Rotunda and Avon entrance foyer for collecting candy donations. Cake donations should be brought to church on Friday, September 29, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. or on the morning of the Fall Fest, Sunday, October 1. To help our planning, please email stukenborg@aol.com if you will be donating a cake or cupcakes.

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



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