



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

As we continue to consider the questions that John raises for us in this letter, we come to 1 John 4:1-6. This was a text to which Edwards appealed during the Great Awakening to help people discern whether they were truly converted or not and whether the Awakening was a true revival or not — because it asks the penetrating question, “Do you test the spirits?” Not every pastor, not every movement, not every spiritual experience is legitimate — we must bring all to the standard of God’s Word and judge them there.

But once we hear God’s Word, we are to submit to it and obey it. Surely, when God’s Word calls us to worship this morning, we should fall down on our faces like the twenty-four elders in Revelation and adore our God! For he is worthy of honor and praise, he is the great God and King, our Savior and Lord. As we hear those in our midst profess him as Lord over our families and our hearts, may God grant us grace to trust in our Lord Jesus Christ who has overcome the world!

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

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*, October 6, 13, 20, and 27, 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.

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.

As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR COFFEE OUTSIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN
Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Great God, Our Creator"
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

arr. Burkhardt

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Revelation 5:13-14

The Minister: And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped. Let us too worship God!

The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power"

No. 300

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Thine the Glory

We praise thee, O God! for the Son of thy love,
for Jesus who died and is now gone above.
Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah! we sing;
hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.

All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
who has borne all our sins and has cleansed ev'ry stain!
Hallelujah! thine the glory, hallelujah! we sing;
hallelujah! thine the glory, our praise now we bring.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lucy Taylor Willoughby (8:30 a.m.)

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Haven Sophia Ivers (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O gracious and loving Father, your majesty is beyond full description, your glory more than our sinful eyes could withstand to see, and your holiness fills the heavens. Yet your mercy pursues us in dark and guilty places, your grace unveils our faces, and your holiness reaches down to where we are, transforming us into instruments of your redeeming love. Forgive us, Lord, our sins, which are many. Purge the love of our favorite sins and grant us strength to stand when we ought and run when we ought. Enflame a single passion for your glory in our lives, through Jesus Christ, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

— *Lamentations 3:22-25*

THE HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

“Holy Spirit”

Lauren Griffin, Violin James Brown, Guitar Tim Keith, Bass

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

1. Ho - ly Spir - it, liv - ing Breath of God, breathe new
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, come a - bide with - in; may your
3. 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.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 73-75

Question and Answer 73

The Minister: What is the eighth commandment?

The Congregation: The eighth commandment is, “You shall not steal.”

Question and Answer 74

The Minister: What is required in the eighth commandment?

The Congregation: The eighth commandment requires the lawful procuring and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Question and Answer 75

The Minister: What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?

The Congregation: The eighth commandment forbids whatever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor’s wealth or outward estate.

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

“Death Shall Not Destroy”
Harrison Howle, Director

arr. Parker-Shaw

Death shall not destroy my comfort, Christ shall lead me through the gloom,
Down he’ll send some heav’nly convoy To escort my spirit home.

O Hallelujah, How I love my Saviour, O Hallelujah, Yes I do;
O Hallelujah, How I love my Saviour, Mourners, you can love him too.

Jordan’s stream shall not o’erflow me, While my Saviour’s by my side,
Canaan, Canaan lies before me, Soon I’ll cross the swelling tide.

See the happy spirits waiting, On the banks beyond the stream,
Sweet responses still repeating, Jesus, Jesus is their theme.

THE SERMON

1 John 4:1-6 (*pew Bible page 1023*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Questions for Assurance: Studies in John's Letters

"Do You Test the Spirits?"

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Command
 - A. Responsibility

 - B. Reason

2. Criteria
 - A. Christ

 - B. Popularity

 - C. Apostolicity

3. Confidence

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness”

Townend/Getty

1. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to
2. My heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to

him who bore my pain; who
him who walks be - side; who

plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
floods my weak - ness - es with strength and

gave me life a - gain; who
caus - es fears to fly; whose

crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and
ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for

clothed me in his light and
ev - 'ry step I take, sus -

wrote his law of right - eous - ness with
tain - ing me with arms of love and

pow'r crown - ing me with heart.
crown - ing me with heart. grace.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Townend/Getty

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

THE POSTLUDE

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

arr. Willan



EVENING PRAISE

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN
Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 11:28-30

Minister: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Congregation: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Minister: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Amen! Let us worship God!

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“A Debtor to Mercy”

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 - rase; 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

“Love Constraining to Obedience”

Words: William Cowper

Music: Kevin Twit

Chorus:

To see the Law by Christ ful-filled, to hear his par-
 d'ning voice, chang-es a slave, in-to a child
 and du-ty in - to choice.

1. No strength of na - ture can suf - fice,
2. How long be - neath the Law I lay,
3. Then to ab - stain from out - ward sin,
4. Then all my ser - vile works were done,

to serve the Lord a - right and what she has
 in bond-age and dis - tress I toiled the pre-
 was more than I could do now if I feel
 a right-eous - ness to raise now free - ly cho-

she mis - ap - plies, for want of clear-er light.
 cept to o - bey, but toiled with-out suc - cess.
 its power with - in, I feel I hate it too.
 sen in the Son, I free - ly choose his ways.

2
 But to see the Law

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 Father”

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



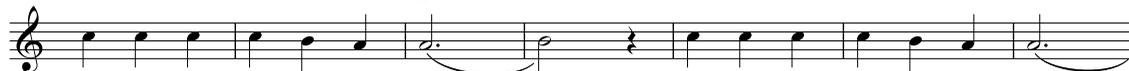
deem - er and Friend; who would have thought that a
 long to em - brace; you of - fer hope when our
 lov - ing your own; here in our weak - ness you



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.

SONG OF PRAISE

“His Mercy Is More”

Words and Music:
Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



1. What love could re - mem - ber, no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us. His



nis - cient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum. Thrown
fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He
blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore, our
wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor. Our
stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford. Our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is



more. Praise the Lord, his mer - cy is more
more.
more.



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our



sins, they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

GRACE MOMENT

*Mr. Dan Jordan, President and CEO
Pastor Dan Henley, Director of Faith Formation and Engagement
Agape Child and Family Services, Inc.*

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

Words: Anne Steele, 1716-1778

Music: Kevin Twit



1. Dear ref - uge of my wea - ry soul, on
2. But oh! when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I
3. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still, here



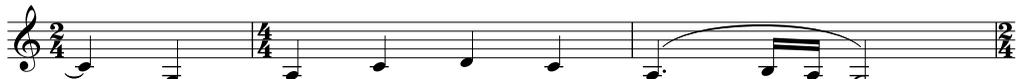
thee, when sor - rows rise; on thee, when waves of
fear to call thee mine; the springs of com - fort
let my soul re - treat, with hum - ble hope at -



trou - ble roll, my faint - ing hope re -
seem to fail, and all my hopes de -
tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy



lies. To thee I tell each ris - ing grief,
cline. Yet gra - cious God, where shall I flee?
feet. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still,



for thou a - lone canst heal;
Thou art my on - ly trust;
here let my soul re - treat;



thy word can bring a sweet re - lief,
and still my soul would cleave to thee,
with hum - ble hope at - tend thy will,



for eve - ry pain I feel.
though pros - trate in the dust.
and wait be - neath thy feet.

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:8-11 (*pew Bible page 61*)

Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

The Way of Life: The 10 Commandments for Today

“Love, Grace, and the Fourth Commandment”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“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.

BENEDICTION



THE FLOWERS

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

BIRTH

Congratulations to

Liza and Louis Gamble on the birth
of their daughter, Mary Harvey Gamble,
on September 9.

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 22

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.	IDK (Middle School) Small Groups
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.	Seniorhigh Small Groups



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –
First floor, rooms divided by age
Kindergarten — Room 209

1st grade — Room 216
2nd grade — Room 215
3rd grade — Room 217

4th/5th grade — Room 201
IDK (Middle School) — Room 155
Seniorhigh — Room 254

YOUNG ADULTS

College (Zach Hood) | Room 131
Browning Community (20s-30s) | Room 220-222

MIDDLE ADULTS

Tenent Community (30s-40s) | Fellowship Hall South
Jones Community (40s-50s) | Fellowship Hall North

MATURE ADULTS

Norton Community (50s-60s) | Chapel
Malone Community (60s+) | Room 237
The Westminster Class (Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson) | Room 233
Line by Line Class (Rankin Fowlkes) | Room 132

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | SEPTEMBER 25

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.	Early Childhood Music
6:15 p.m.	BLAST! Romper Room (K - 5 th grade)
6:15 p.m.	IPC IDK (Middle School) Youth Group Middle School Room
6:15 p.m.	Grace Groups: <i>Reframe</i>
6:30 p.m.	Pre-Elementary Choir
6:30 p.m.	Large Group Study: <i>A Survey of the New Testament</i> Chapel
7:10 p.m.	Seniorhigh Youth Group Seniorhigh Room
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Roasted Pork Tenderloin on Wild Rice with Cranberries, Rosemary Sweet Potatoes,
Steamed Broccoli Spears, Yeast Roll, Toasted Caramel Pie, Fruit Cup
Kid's Box: Grilled Chicken Tenders and Chips, Broccoli Florets with Ranch Dressing



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

NORTON COMMUNITY (50s-60s)

Transforming Your Grief | Fall-Mini Series

10:00 a.m. | Chapel

Today — How the Gospel Transforms Our Grief

Thursday, October 3 — Community Dinner

Ciao Bella Italian Restaurant | 5:30 p.m.

THE WESTMINSTER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A Study on Paul's Letter to the Philippians | Room 233

Pilgrims of all ages — couples and singles — are welcome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

GRACE GROUPS

Questions? Contact Parker Tenent,
ptenent@ipcmemphis.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD MUSIC

September 18 | 6:00-6:25 p.m.

Register online at ipcmemphis.org.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

Details at ipcmemphis.org

BLAST!

Building Lives Around Sound Truth

Wednesdays | 6:15 | Grades K-5

Register at ipcmemphis.org.

PRE-ELEMENTARY CHOIR

Wednesdays | 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Register online at ipcmemphis.org.

IN THE WORD:

BIBLE STUDY FOR MEN OF ALL AGES

led by Dr. Sean Lucas

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

LARGE GROUP STUDY: A SURVEY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Chapel

led by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas and IPC Pastors

This Wednesday: Luke, led by Sean Lucas

NEW FITNESS CLASSES | LED BY KRISTY BELL, OT
*for Mature Adults and anyone else who wants
to improve their overall physical wellness and stability*

Beginning September 23 | Mondays and Thursdays | Fellowship Hall
Group A | 9:00-9:45 | For more active
Group B | 10:00-10:45 | For less active

Wear comfortable shoes and attire. Friends welcome.

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HAVE YOU CONSIDERED JOINING THE CHOIR?

Now is the perfect time!

Independent Presbyterian Church's Adult Choir welcomes new members at any time, but with fall rehearsals starting, this is the perfect time to join. Weekly rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Nursery is available upon request. Two upcoming highlights of the fall season are the *Community Reformation Service at Second Presbyterian Church* on October 27 at 6:00 p.m. and the *IPC Service of Lessons and Carols* on December 8, also at 6:00 p.m.

Join the Choir and enjoy using your gifts to lead in worship this year!

For more information, please call (901) 685-9707 or email musicoffice@ipcmemphis.org.

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PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS | OCTOBER 6, 13, 20, 27

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 during the 9:45 Sunday School hour in the third floor conference room on October 6, 13, 20 and 27. To register, or for more information, contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, or 901-685-8206.

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SIGN UP FOR YOUTH BASKETBALL

IPC Youth Basketball registration is now open through October 1.

There are boys teams and girls teams for ages 6-17; playing divisions are determined by age.

IPC teams play through the East Shelby Church Recreation Association (ESCRA).

Practices can start the week of November 4, and games for all age groups begin December 7.

Registration and additional information are available online at ipcmemphis.org.

 TRY TO REMEMBER THIS DAY IN SEPTEMBER!

— *Sunday, September 29* —

FALL FESTIVAL and CHURCH PICNIC

immediately after the 11:00 worship service

Join your church family for a church picnic and fall festival on IPC's Avon Street lawn.

Enjoy games led by our Seniorhigh students, music, and fellowship. Cost is \$5.00 per person (children ages 2 and under free; \$25 maximum amount per family), which includes hamburgers and hot dogs cooked by the famous IPC Grill Team. Mature adults will have special reserved covered seating. Others should bring a blanket or chairs.

In case of rain, we'll move to the gym.

To purchase tickets or sign up to volunteer, visit ipcmemphis.org.

Please help! Bags of wrapped candy are needed for game prizes. There are bins in the Rotunda and Avon entrance foyer for collecting candy donations. We also need cakes and cupcakes (store-bought or homemade) for the cake walk. Donations should be brought to church on Friday, September 27, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or on the morning of the Fall Fest.

WENDELL KIMBROUGH PSALMS CONCERT 

6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

IPC is thrilled to be hosting Wendell Kimbrough for an evening of worship through Psalms. An award-winning hymn writer and the Worship Arts Director at Church of the Apostles in Fairhope, Alabama, Wendell is known for melodic arrangements that make Psalms singable and memorable and help congregations feel the power of their texts.

Wendell's work, which is rooted in the sounds of American folk and gospel, has been featured in World Magazine. For more information about Wendell, or to hear samples of his music, visit wendellk.com.



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