



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We are so pleased to welcome to our pulpit this morning, Rev. Paul Hahn, coordinator of Mission to North America (MNA). A graduate of Yale University and Reformed Theological Seminary, Paul has planted churches in Austin, Texas, and Knoxville, Tennessee, and was formerly the RUF Campus Minister at Auburn University. He has been married to his wife, Fran, for thirty-three years, and they have four grown children and two grandchildren.

As those whom God calls to worship, we are taught to bless the Lord with our whole souls for all of his marvelous benefits. And chief among those benefits is the forgiveness of sin: as we confess our sins this morning, we are met with amazing grace: he has removed our sins from us as far as the east is from the west! He has compassion on us like a father has compassion on his loved child! Oh how amazing! May God stir your heart this morning as you revel in his steadfast love, his great compassion, and his amazing grace!

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-NINTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND NINETEEN

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Largo" from *Xerxes*
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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-5

The Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

The Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

The Minister: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

The Congregation: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

The Minister: Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: Amen! Let us praise the Lord!

The Reverend Parker Tenent, Assistant Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord"

No. 6

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

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O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!
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Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Elliott Matthew Lear (8:30 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

God of everlasting love, we confess that we have been unfaithful to our covenant with you and with one another. We have worshiped other gods: money, power, greed, and convenience. We have served our own self-interest instead of serving only you and your people. We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded, nor have we rightly loved ourselves. Forgive us, gracious God, and bring us back into the fullness of our covenant with you and one another. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. — *Psalms 103:9-13*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Listen to My Words, O Lord”

James Brown and Jurey Howard, Guitars

Congregation, please join in singing stanzas 2-4.

Psalm 5:1-7

Scarborough Fair



1. Lis - ten to my words, O Lord;
2. Hear me in the morn - ing, Lord,
3. For I know that you, O God,
4. Yet in your a - bound - ing love,



know the whis - pered things I say.
when I lift my voice on high,
find in e - vil no de - light;
to your house will I draw near,



Heed my cry - ing out for help -
set - ting forth my plea to you,
e - vil can - not dwell with you,
bow - ing to your ho - ly place,



God, my King, to you I pray.
look - ing out with watch - ful eye.
nor the proud stand in your sight.
wor - ship - ing in rev' - rent fear.

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

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 76-78

Question and Answer 76

The Minister: Which is the ninth commandment?

The Congregation: The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Question and Answer 77

The Minister: What is required in the ninth commandment?

The Congregation: The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in witness-bearing.

Question and Answer 78

The Minister: What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

The Congregation: The ninth commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own, or our neighbor’s, good name.

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

“Amazing Grace”

arr. Stevenson

James A. Brown, Jr., Director

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;
’Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil; a life of joy and peace.

THE SERMON

Acts 13:1-12 (*pew Bible page 921*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“The Flourishing Church”

The Reverend Paul Hahn

Coordinator, Mission to North America

SERMON NOTES

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Jesus, with Thy Church Abide”

Words: Thomas Pollock, 1871

Music: Christopher Miner



1. Je - sus, with thy church a - bid; be her Sav - ior,
2. Keep her life and doc - trine pure; grant her pa - tience
3. May she one in doc - trine be, one in truth and
4. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un -



Lord, and Guide, while on earth her faith is tried:
to en - dure, trust - ing in thy prom - ise sure:
char - i - ty, win - ning all to faith in thee:
til she find and the bro - ken - heart - ed bind:



We be - seech thee, hear us. We be - seech thee, hear us.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Miner

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,
gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us.

THE POSTLUDE

“Singing Redeeming Grace with One Voice and Heart and Soul” St. Columba
“Allegro Maestoso e Vivace” from *Sonata II* Mendelssohn
Jennifer Velázquez, Organist



THE FLOWERS

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Dawn and Dr. Hugh Scott in loving memory
of her brother, Drew Cooper, and his brother, Roy Scott.*

OUR CHURCH TODAY | SEPTEMBER 29

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| 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) |
| 12:00 p.m. | Fall Festival and Church Picnic |
| 5:00 p.m. | Sr. High Choir Rehearsal |
| 6:00 p.m. | Wendell Kimbrough Psalms Concert Sanctuary |

FALL FESTIVAL and CHURCH PICNIC TODAY

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.

Rooms 125 and 131 will be set up for heat relief for those who would like to eat indoors.

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

WENDELL KIMBROUGH PSALMS CONCERT TONIGHT

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.



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 | OCTOBER 2

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| 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

Baked Ham, Black Eyed Peas, Slow-Cooked Turnip Greens,
Mac and Cheese, Delta Cornbread, Blackberry Cobbler, Chocolate Brownies



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

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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KEVIN KANE LUNCHEON | OCTOBER 10

11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. | FELLOWSHIP HALL

Happenings in Memphis

Join us Thursday, October 10, 11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m., in the IPC Fellowship Hall, as we welcome Kevin Kane, President and CEO of the Memphis Convention and Visitors Bureau. Memphis magazine describes Kevin as “The city’s biggest cheerleader...on a perpetual mission to sell Memphis.” We’ll begin with lunch, then hear Kevin address the subject “Happenings in Memphis.” There will also be time for questions following his talk. Lunch is \$7.00. Please make reservations, which can be done in one of three ways: sign up in the Foundations Sunday School class; call the church office at 901-685-8206; or register on line, ipcmemphis.org.

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CROSS-CULTURAL BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, October 16-November 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 124

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Sundays, October 20-November 24 | 4:30 p.m. | Room 124

Join us as we discuss Bryan Stevenson’s *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*. Copies may be purchased at Covenanters’ Corner. Child care is available for both meeting times. Please contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, to register your child.

AGING SUCCESSFULLY RIGHT TO THE END

Dr. John Dunlop | Saturday, November 9 | 8:30 a.m.-noon

We all want to finish life well. Unfortunately, we do not always understand what that means, and even more, we don't know how to do it. From his years of experience as a geriatrician and student of the Scriptures, Dr. John Dunlop will introduce strategies by which God can be glorified as we age successfully.

Dr. John Dunlop is a Johns Hopkins University trained physician with over 40 years of experience in patient care. He practices geriatrics in New Haven, Connecticut, where he is affiliated with Yale School of Medicine. He also holds a master's degree in bioethics from Trinity International University, where he is an adjunct professor.

NEW FITNESS CLASSES | LED BY KRISTY BELL, OT

for Mature Adults and anyone else who wants to improve their overall physical wellness and stability

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.

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 | Third Floor Conference Room | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.



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