



In Sean's series on the Book of Revelation, we've learned that God triumphs over all that threatens his people through his risen and returning Son. Both now and in the future, Revelation teaches us that "Jesus wins." In our text today from 2 Corinthians 5, Paul gives us specific instruction about how the promise of future glory transforms our present experience of struggle in the Christian life.

#### 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, <a href="mailto:modiam@ipcmemphis.org">modiam@ipcmemphis.org</a>, 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 <u>ipcmemphis.org</u>. 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 Fifteenth Day of October, Two Thousand and Seventeen Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. — Psalm 118:24

## THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION "Adagio" from Sonata I Mendelssohn

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

#### THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100

*The Minister:* "Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

*The Congregation:* Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

The Minister: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his;

*The Congregation:* We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

The Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to

him and praise his name.

The Minister and

Congregation: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues

through all generations."

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

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" No. 184

(Tune: St. Columba)

#### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Old Hundredth

All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell, come ye before him and rejoice.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

#### THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Caroline Suzanne Garrett (8:30 a.m.)

#### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John David Blanton (11:00 a.m.)

#### THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. *Amen.* 

## THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ we have the forgiveness of sins and the riches of God's grace. For "He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed." Thanks be to God! — 1 Peter 2:24

#### THE HYMN OF PRAISE

#### "What Wondrous Love Is This"



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

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 37-38

Question and Answer 37

*The Minister:* What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

The Congregation: The souls of the believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do

immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united in Christ, do

rest in their graves, till the resurrection.

Question and Answer 38

The Minister: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

*The Congregation:* At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly

acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly

blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

## 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

"Praise We Sing To Thee" *James A. Brown, Jr., Director* 

Haydn/Luvaash

Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty Ruler King forever,
Praise we sing to thee dear Father, we would fail thee never.
All the joys of nature tell us ever of thy wond'rous pow'r.
Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us ev'ry hour,
Praise we sing to thee most Holy, Praise forever more!
Grateful hymns of thanks we raise for all the gifts thou dost ordain.
Lord of Hosts who o'er the wond'rous realm of heav'n doth reign.

## THE SERMON

2 Corinthians 5:1-10 (pew Bible page 966)

"The End of the Struggle"

The Reverend Jeremy Jones

Assistant Pastor

# SERMON NOTES

How do we deal with the tension and struggles of the Christian life?

1. Accept the reality of the struggle (2 Cor. 5:2, 4, 6, 8; 1:8-9)

"Whatever men expect, they soon come to think they have a right to; the sense of disappointment can, with very little skill on our part, be turned to a sense of injury."

— C. S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*, No. 30

- 2. Have hope in the struggle (2 Cor. 5:1, 4-5, 8, 10; 1:9-10)
- 3. Persevere through the struggle (2 Cor. 5:7-9; 12:7-10)

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

No. 648

## THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Wondrous Love

Choir and Congregation

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

And through eternity, I'll sing on.

# THE POSTLUDE

"Land of Rest"

arr. Held

# **EVENING PRAISE**

The Fifteenth Day of October, Two Thousand and Seventeen  $Six\ O' clock$ 

CALL TO WORSHIP 1 Peter 1:3-4, 20-21

The Minister: Come, let us praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

The Congregation: "In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through

the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance

that can never perish, spoil or fade.

The Minister: Christ was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in

these last times for our sake.

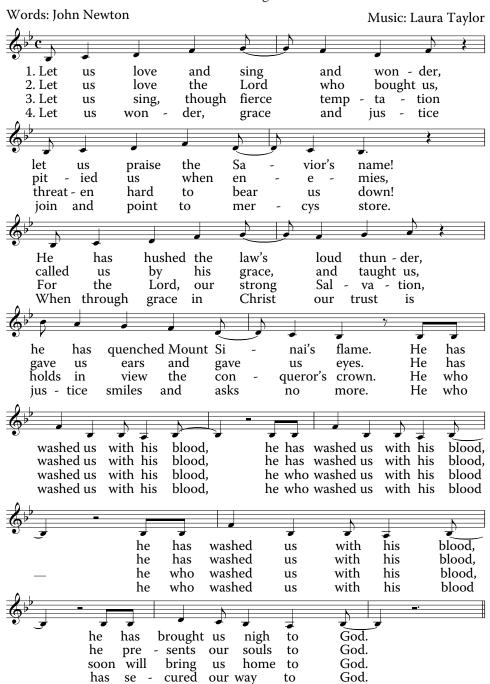
The Congregation: Through Christ we believe in God, who raised Jesus from the dead and

glorified him."

The Minister and

Congregation: And so our faith and hope are in God! Let us worship him!

#### INVOCATION



5. Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high.
Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky.Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou are worthy Lamb of God







# Passing the Peace

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

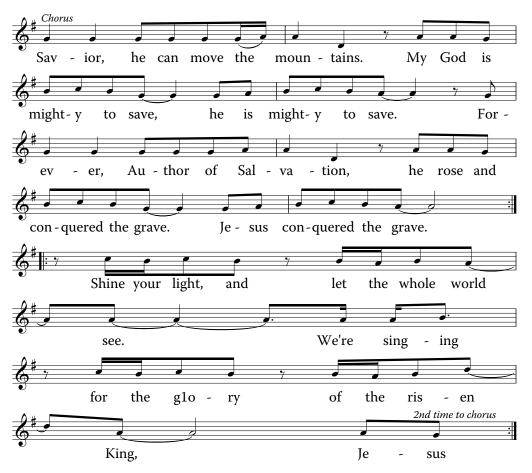
peace of Christ always be with you.

*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."





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

GRACE MOMENT

Mr. Rob Mitchum

# SONG OF PREPARATION "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"



SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 5:1-11 (pew Bible page 942)

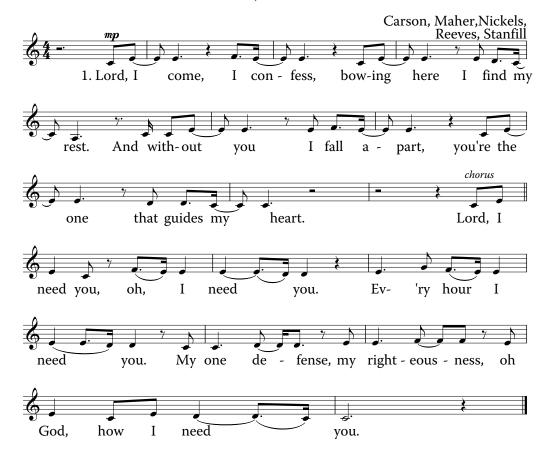
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"Eternal Hope in a Hopeless World"

The Reverend Brad Robson

Assistant Pastor





- 2. Where sin runs deep your grace is more.
- Where grace is found is where you are and where you are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me. Chorus
- 3. So teach my song to rise to you when temptation comes my way, when I cannot stand I'll fall on you.

  Jesus, you're my hope and stay. Chorus

#### THE BENEDICTION

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." — *Romans 15:13* 

#### THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Todd Ferguson Blanton in honor of the baptism of their son, John David Blanton, and in loving memory of his grandfather, David Ishmael Blanton.

#### **DEATHS**

Our sympathy to
Sally and Bobby Alston on the death of his
father, Robert L. Alston,
on October 9, 2017.

# Our Church Today | October 15

8:30 a.m	
8:30 a.m	
9:45 a.m	Sunday School
11:00 a.m	
11:00 a.m	
4:00 p.m	
4:00 p.m	Jr. High Small Groups
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

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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 | OCTOBER 18

5:30 p.m	Dinner, Fellowship Hall
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	
6:30 p.m	
6:30 p.m	Jr. High Youth Group
	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: BBQ pork plate with baked beans, Potato salad, Cole slaw, Bun, Banana pudding, Cookies

Kids' box: Pizza



Jr. High Corn Maze Night | Saturday, October 21 | 5:30-8:00 p.m. | Agricenter
Women of the Church Brunch | Tuesday, October 24 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall
60s+ Community Chicken & Fish Fry | Friday, October 27 | 6:00 p.m. | IPC

Dorothy Cooper's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception | Sunday, October 29 | 9:30-11:00 a.m. | Coffee bar
Reformation Service @ Second Presbyterian Church | Sunday, October 29 | 6:00 p.m.
Reformation Day Luncheon | Tuesday, October 31 | 11:45 a.m. | IPC Fellowship Hall
Jr. High Buffalo Retreat | November 17-19 | Victory Ranch

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service | Thursday, November 23 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

Pre-school and Kindergarten Choirs Christmas Program |
Wednesday, November 29 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

"Lessons and Carols" | Sunday, December 3 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Graded Choirs Christmas Program | Wednesday, December 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Messiah Sing-Along | Sunday, December 17 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Christmas Eve Worship Service | Sunday, December 24 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Sr. High Ski Trip | December 27-31 | Winter Park, CO



## PATHWAY CLASS FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

If you are interested in becoming a member of IPC and want to know more about what we believe, join us this fall for our next Pathway Class. Dr. Sean Lucas will teach the class during Sunday school, October 22 and 29, and November 5, 12 and 19.

Call or email Maureen Odiam to register: (901) 685-8206 or <a href="modiam@ipcmemphis.org">modiam@ipcmemphis.org</a>. You may want to purchase the book *On Being Presbyterian* by Dr. Sean Lucas, available at our bookstore, but the book is not mandatory for the class.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

#### 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 | 9:00 a.m.

#### TEACHING ELDERS

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#### IPC OFFICE HOURS

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 901-685-8206

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 901-685-9707

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 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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