



THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This morning we come to the end of this first letter that John wrote to his churches in Asia Minor; in November, we will look at 2 and 3 John and hear the questions that they too ask us. But this final text, 1 John 5:13-21, emphasizes the word "know" throughout its verses: seven times, the ESV has that word (5:13, 15 [2x], 18, 19, 20 [2x]). As he summarizes the themes from this letter, John wants to ask us, "What do you know?" If Christian assurance is about belief, it is not a faith apart from knowledge; rather, it is a certainty that what we know and believe is true — we've trusted "the true God and eternal life" (1 John 5:20).

Those who have trusted in this God are those who meditate on his Word, who are planted by rivers of water, and who bear fruit that lasts. That's what our call to worship tells us from Psalm 1 — such grace comes to us in and through Jesus Christ. And the grace that calls us to worship is the grace that brings us to confess our sins. Yet our confession of sin is not fearful — rather, we hear God's assurance of pardon: Jesus has died once for all for our sins to rescue us and sanctify us. As we put our trust in him, as we rest upon him and receive him, we find that Jesus is more than enough for all that we face in this life and the life to come. Praise the Lord!

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 Weekend for Prospective Members*, February 7-8, 2020. 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.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

The Twentieth Day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

"Psalm XIX"

Marcello

Ric Browning, Trumpet Abby Powell and Brandon Rushing, Horns Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 1

The Minister: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands

in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the

law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

The Congregation: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season,

and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

The Minister: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Therefore, the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the

congregation of the righteous;

All: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will

perish. Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)
The Reverend Robert O. Browning, Associate Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

No. 369

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 CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious heavenly Father, you have shown us the way of life through your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess with grieving hearts our slowness to learn of him, our reluctance to take up the cross, and our failure to follow him. Pardon us for the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of your great call to sacrificially serve others, and our imperfect stewardship of your gifts. Have mercy upon us and forgive us for Jesus' sake. *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

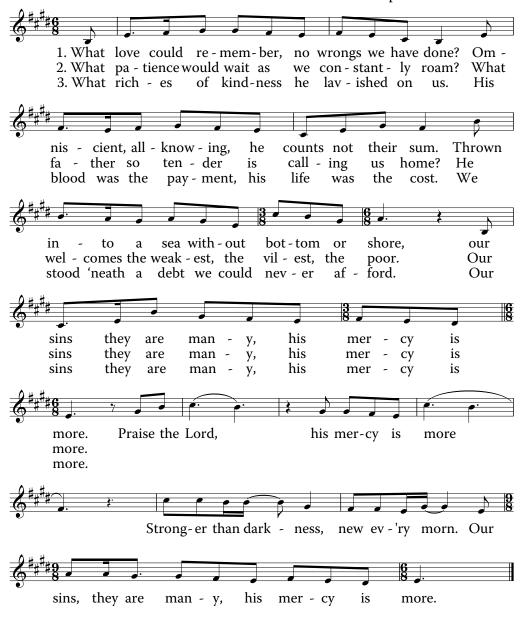
We will have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of $\mathsf{God} \ldots$ for by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

—Hebrews 10:10, 12, 14

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

"His Mercy Is More" Drew Lucas, Guitar James Brown, Bass

Words and Music: Matt Papa and Matt Boswell



THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Westminster Shorter Catechism Q and A 83-86

Question and Answer 83

The Minister: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

The Congregation: Some sins in themselves, and by reason of many aggravations, are more

heinous in the sight of God than others.

Question and Answer 84

The Minister: What does every sin deserve?

The Congregation: Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which

is to come.

Question and Answer 85

The Minister: What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due

to us for sin?

The Congregation: To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us

faith in Jesus Christ, repentance unto life, with the diligent use of all the outward means whereby Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Question and Answer 86

The Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

The Congregation: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon

him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

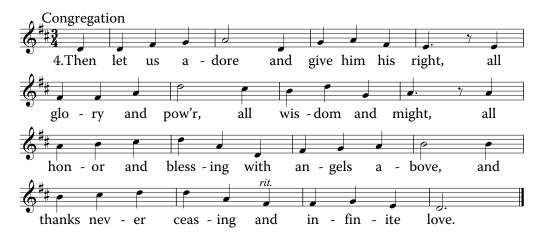
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen*.

Worthy the Lamb. Worthy the Lamb.

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; his kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!" let all cry aloud, and honor the Son; the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, his presence we have, The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.



THE SERMON

1 John 5:13-21 (pew Bible pages 1023-1024) *The Minister:* This is the Word of the Lord. *The Congregation:* Thanks be to God!

Questions for Assurance: Studies in John's Letters "What Do You Know?" Dr. Sean Michael Lucas Senior Pastor

Sermon Notes

1.	We know that God answers prayer (13-17)
2.	We know that we should not continue in sin (18)
3.	We know that we are different from the world (19)
4.	We know that we belong to the true God (20-21)

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Blessed Assurance"

No. 693

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Assurance

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long: this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

THE POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Assurance'"

arr. Watanabe



EVENING PRAISE

The Twentieth Day of October, Two Thousand and Nineteen Six O'clock

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 48

Minister: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God! His holy

mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the

far north, the city of the great King!

Congregation: We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

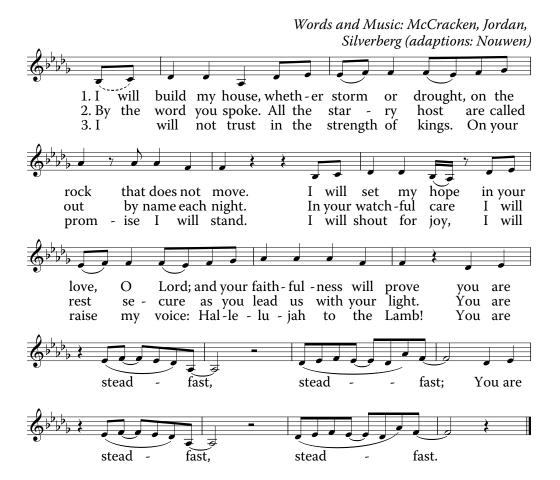
As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the end of the earth.

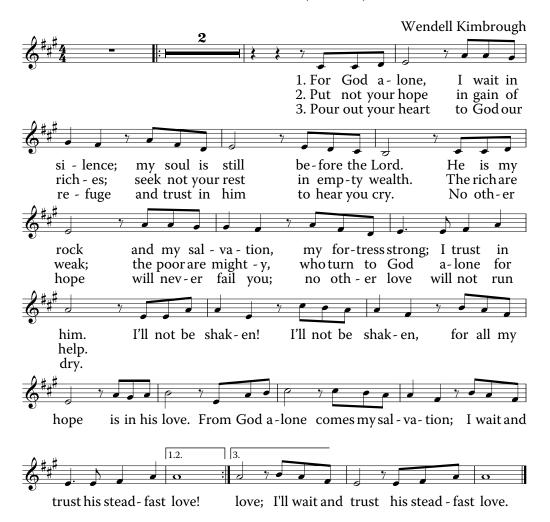
Minister: Let Mount Zion be glad! Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your

judgments!

Congregation: This is our God, our God forever and ever! He will guide us forever!

INVOCATION





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."





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

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20:14 (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 Seventh Commandment" Dr. Sean Michael Lucas Senior Pastor

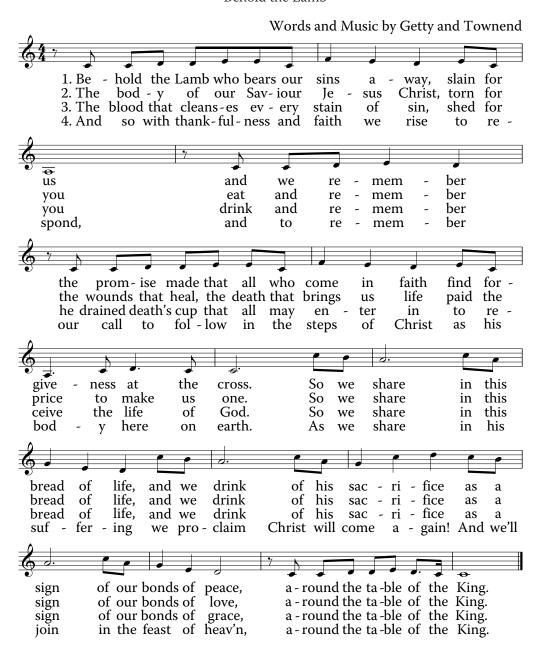
Preparation for Communion

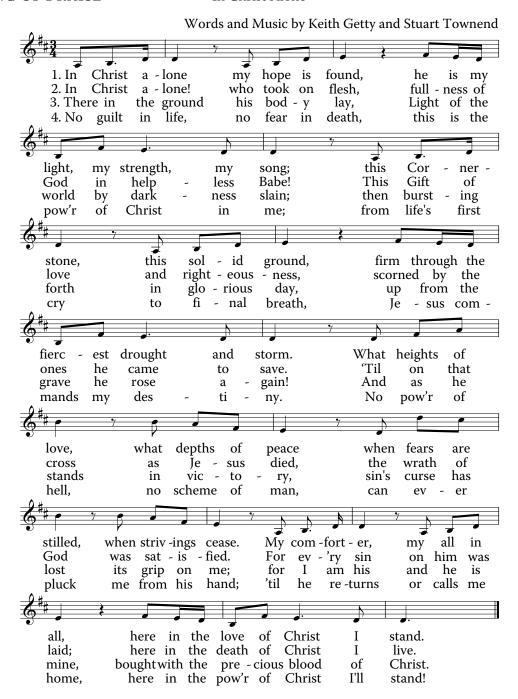
"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"



During the Distribution of the Cup

"Behold the Lamb"





THE FLOWERS

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

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to
Mary Louise Pritchard on the death of her daughter,
Mary Louise Pritchard Crawford, on October 7.

We extend our sympathy to
Terri and Mikell Hazlehurst on the death of her father,
Charles Edward Phillips, on October 10.

Our Church Today | October 20

	ı
8:30 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	
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
-	Cross-Cultural Book Club Room 124
5:00 p.m	Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m	.Sunday Evening Praise and Communion Sanctuary
6:30 p.mChildren	migrate to Four Corners from Sunday Evening Praise
7:00 p.m	Food Trucks
-	Seniorhigh Small Groups

TONIGHT | SUNDAY EVENING PRAISE, FOLLOWED BY FOOD TRUCKS

Plan to stay after Sunday Evening Praise tonight for food trucks and fellowship. The worship service will be held in the sanctuary at 6:00; and children will migrate mid-service as usual to Four Corners. Immediately following the service, we'll head outside to enjoy delicious, "ready to go" offerings from Yippie Trippie and the Pork Stars, Fiesta Wagon, and Mempops. Costs range from \$5.00–\$7.00.

19 CCLI #683309

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 23

1
Dinner Fellowship Hall
Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
DivorceCare Room 233
Early Childhood Music
BLAST! Romper Room (K - 5 th grade)
ool) Youth Group Middle School Room
Grace Groups: Reframe
Cross-Cultural Book Club Room 124
Pre-Elementary Choir
A Survey of the New Testament Chapel
iorhigh Youth Group Seniorhigh Room
Adult Choir Rehearsal

MENU FOR THIS WEDNESDAY EVENING

Chicken Marsala with Mushrooms, Brown Rice, Steamed Green Beans, Rolls, Peach Cobbler with Ice Cream, Apple Crisp with Ice Cream, Cookies Kid's Box: Chicken Leg and Tater Tots, Celery and Carrots, Fresh Fruit Cup



COMMUNITY REFORMATION SERVICE

Sunday, October 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Second Presbyterian Church
Each year in October, Second hosts a Community Reformation Service with several
sister churches from all over the greater Memphis area. This year on October 27,
choirs from these churches will join in the choir loft with a brass orchestra to commemorate
this significant day in the Church's reformation, and Jason Cook, Teaching Pastor at Fellowship
Memphis, will preach. Please note: There will be no Sunday Evening Praise at IPC that night.

WEEKLY PASTOR'S LETTER AND ENEWS

If you are not receiving our weekly Pastor's Letter and Enews, but would like to do so, please contact Jan Conder, jconder@ipcmemphis.org.

CROSS-CULTURAL BOOK CLUB

Wednesdays, through November 20 | 6:30 p.m. | Room 124 Sundays, Today-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 Covenanter's Corner. Child care is available for both meeting times. Please contact Tameria Rackley, trackley@ipcmemphis.org, to register your child. For more information about the book club, please contact Mel Payne, mel_payne@yahoo.com.

SIGN UP NOW FOR AN IPC "JESUS LOVES MEMPHIS" PROJECT!

Independent Presbyterian Church will be one of several churches and organizations serving our city during upcoming "Jesus Loves Memphis" days. Specifically, we have been asked to provide volunteers who can lend a helping hand with one of these projects:

White Station Elementary School Landscaping | October 26 Lemoyne-Owen College Beautification Day | October 26

For project details and volunteer registration, please go to jesuslovesmemphis.org.

IPC'S 99 BALLOONS RECESS IS GROWING AND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Special Training Night | Friday, November 1 | 6:45-8:00 p.m. | Room 204

Our RECESS program has a great need for new volunteers so we can accommodate additional families requesting the service. RECESS gives parents with children who have special needs a monthly respite, while their children enjoy a safe evening of fun activities.

Come see this extraordinary ministry in action, and learn how you can be part of it.

For more information contact Carol Stokes at carolstokes61@gmail.com.

TRUNK OR TREAT CANDY DRIVE forWhite Station elementary school

IPC's Student Ministry is collecting candy for a "Trunk or Treat" event on October 27 at our church's adopted school, White Station Elementary. Half of the children who attend WSES live in poverty, and the event will give them a chance to enjoy a safe night of fun. Please leave your donations of individually wrapped candy in the WSES "Trunk or Treat" collection boxes located in the IPC rotunda and the Avon entrance foyer.

IPC IDK (MIDDLE SCHOOL) BUFFALO RETREAT | NOVEMBER 22-24

Registration is now open for the IPC IDK (middle school) Buffalo Retreat at Victory Ranch, November 22-24. We'd love for your student to join us, and friends are welcome, too! The weekend will be filled with fun activities, including a Jersey Jam Dance Party (wear any kind of sports/athletic attire). Cost of \$135 covers all activities, transportation, t-shirt, meals, and lodging. Register online at ipcmemphis.org.

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.

This seminar is for those who are aging, as well as their family members and caretakers. Continental breakfast will be served. Seminar admission is FREE, but attendees are asked to sign up in advance. Please register at ipcmemphis.org.



IDK Guys Paintball Event | October 26 | 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Battlefront (Shelby Farms)

IDK Girls Brunch and Craft | October 26 | 10:00 a.m.-noon

Community Reformation Service | October 27 | 6:00 p.m. | Second Presbyterian

Foundations Class Fish Fry | November 1 | Mallard's Croft

99 Balloons rEcess | November 1 | 6:30-10:00 p.m.

99 Balloons rEcess Special Training Night | November 1 | 6:45-8:00 p.m. | Room 204 50s Community "Pot Sovereign" | November 2 | 12:30 p.m. | Home of Lisa and Bo Mitchum Aging Successfully Right to the End: Dr. John Dunlop | November 9 | 8:30 a.m.-noon

Covenanters' Corner Holiday Open House | November 12-14 Church-Wide Potluck | November 17 | Fellowship Hall

IDK Buffalo Retreat | November 22-24

No Wednesday Night Activities | November 27

Thanksgiving Day Service | November 28 | 10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

IDK and Seniorhigh Turkey Bowl | December 1 | 2:00-4:00 p.m. | MUS

He Is Born Christmas Program | December 4 | 6:15 p.m.

99 Balloons rEcess | December 6 | 6:30-10:00 p.m.

50s Community Christmas Party | December 6 | 6:30 p.m. | Home of Jan and Greg Boucek Annual Service of Lessons and Carols | December 8 | 6:00 p.m.

Food Basket Setup and Assembly | December 13-14

Messiah Sing-Along | December 15 | 6:00 p.m.

Family Christmas Carol Sing | December 22 | 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Family Service | December 24 | 4:00 p.m. | Fellowship Hall Christmas Eve Communion Service | December 24 | 5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary

Joint Sunday Worship Service | December 29 | 10:00 a.m. (no Sunday School)

