

**INDEPENDENT**  
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

It may seem as though judgment dominates the book of Revelation, with its three-fold repetition of seals, trumpets, and bowls. As we consider Revelation 15-16 today, we will be mindful of the parallels between these judgments and the Old Testament Exodus of God's people. John repeatedly draws the parallels: the Song of Moses (15:3); the plagues (15:8); the repeated refusal to repent (16:9, 11).

But we have to remember that while judgment is bad news for the unrepentant, for those who have experienced injustice, oppression, and martyrdom for the Gospel, judgment is actually good news (16:5-7). It shows that God through Jesus is ruling his world; he will hold this world to account; justice will roll down like the rivers. And it is all for God's praise: "Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name?" (15:4).

As we worship God today, let us remember that God is our refuge and our strength. As Psalm 16 calls us to worship, we confess that we have no good in this world apart from God. And we long to be in his presence forever, enjoying his pleasures at his right hand, knowing him as our sun and our shield and our great reward. May God draw you into his presence to show you how good he is and how sweet his grace is for those who believe in Jesus!

## 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](mailto: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](http://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 Minister and*

*Congregation:* You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” Amen! Let us worship God!

*The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)*

*The Reverend Samuel Husband, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)*

## THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

No. 715

## THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

## THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Lobe Den Herren

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore’er we adore him.

*Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Julie Meals Abrahams, K.K. Anna-Lise Halford, and Elizabeth Coombs Gamble (8:30 a.m.)*

## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Grace Web Johnston (11:00 a.m.)*

## 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 confess our sins because we know the character of our God — that he is gracious and compassionate to us. God’s Word says, “The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his

works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.” Thanks be to God that he relieves us of sin’s burden and raises us up in Jesus Christ! — *Psalms 145:13-14*

## THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“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.

## THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

John 5:22-29

- The Minister:* “The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him.
- The Congregation:* Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes in him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.
- The Minister:* Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself.
- The Congregation:* And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.
- The Minister:* Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in tombs will hear his voice and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment.” This is the Word of the Lord!

## 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

“The Secret Place”

Lippencott

*James A. Brown, Jr., Director*

Who dwells within his most secret place Is never far from his blessed grace.  
‘Neath his great shadow all will be well; No better place now for us to dwell.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;  
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

Fear not the terror that comes at night Nor flaming arrows by morning light.  
His truth is always our sword and shield; Against his power all foes must yield.

The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;  
The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

A thousand fall now at ev'ry side; Ten thousand more may have yet to die.  
 Yet plague and sword can ne'er kill the soul; His angels guard us now safe and whole.  
 The secret place of God most high; The shadow of our mighty King;  
 The dwelling place where angels cry Is where our praise will forever ring.

*Choir and Congregation*

4. Ref - uge and for - tress for all who trust. No saf - er  
 pas - ture for men of dust. 'Neath wings and feath - ers of Ho - ly  
 Lord; no great - er com - fort can he af - ford. The se - cret  
 place of God most high; The shad - ow of our might - y King; the dwell - ing  
 place where an - gels cry is where our praise will for - ev - er ring.

## THE SERMON

Revelation 15:1-16:21 (*pew Bible pages 1036-1037*)

“Judgment’s Certain”

*Dr. Sean Michael Lucas*

*Senior Pastor*

## SERMON NOTES

1. Praise
  
2. Plagues
  - A. Complete
  
  - B. Cursing
  
3. Purpose
  - A. Warning
  
  - B. Watching

## THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You”

No. 156

## THE BENEDICTION

## THE RESPONSE

St. Columba

*Choir and Congregation*

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

## THE POSTLUDE

“Built on the Rock”

*Jennifer Velázquez, Organist*

arr. Hobby

# EVENING PRAISE

THE TWENTY-SECOND DAY OF OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN

*Six O' clock*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 48

*The 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!

*The 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.

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

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

## 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-ter-est 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

## “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

Words: Elizabeth Prentiss

Music: Kevin Twit



1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
2. Once earth-ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
3. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend-  
now thee a - lone I seek, give what  
this be the part - ing cry my heart



- ed knee. This is my ear - nest plea,  
is best. This all my prayer shall be  
shall raise; this still its prayer shall be



more love, O Christ, to thee; more love



more love more love to thee, more love



More love, more love, more love to thee,



more love to thee! More love,



more love, more love to thee!



more love, more love to thee,



More love, more love, more love to thee,

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more love, more love, to thee!

more love, more love to thee!

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## 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

“Jesus, Cast a Look on Me”

Words: John Berridge

Music: Matthew Perryman Jones



1. Je - sus, cast a look on me,  
 2. All that feeds my bu - sy pride,  
 3. Make me like a lit - tle child,  
 4. Lean - ing on thy lov - ing breast,  
 5. In this pos - ture let me live,



give me sweet sim - pli - ci - ty,  
 cast it ev - er - more a - side,  
 of my strength and wis - dom spoiled,  
 where a wea - ry soul can rest  
 and ho - san - nas dai - ly give.



make me poor and keep me low,  
 bid my will to thine sub - mit,  
 see - ing on - ly in thy sight,  
 feel - ing well the peace of God,  
 in this tem - per let me die,



seek - ing on - ly thee to know.  
 lay me hum - bly at thy feet.  
 walk - ing on - ly in thy light.  
 flow - ing from his pre - cious blood.  
 and ho - san - nas ev - er cry!

SONG OF PRAISE

“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

Words: Augustus Toplady

Music: Kevin Twit



1. A deb - tor 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 - raise; 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 have noth - 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 Sa - vior'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 PREPARATION

## "In Christ Alone"

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my  
 2. In Christ a - lone! who took on flesh, full - ness of  
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, Light of the  
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



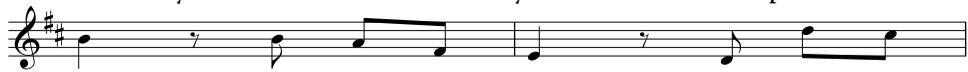
light, my strength, my song; this Cor - ner -  
 God in help - less Babe! This Gift of  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first



stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the  
 love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the  
 forth in glo - rious day, up from the  
 cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of  
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that  
 grave he rose a - gain! And as He  
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of



love, what depths of peace when fears are  
 cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease. My com - fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied. For ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; 'til he re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand!

## SCRIPTURE READING

Song of Songs 3:6-5:1  
(pew Bible pages 561-562)

## HOMILY

“Wedding Day”  
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas  
Senior Pastor

## SONG OF PRAISE

“Jesus, I Love Thee”

Words: William R. Featherstone

Music: Adoniram Gordon



1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine; for  
2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me, and  
3. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light, I'll



thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign. My  
pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree. I  
ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright; I'll



gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou; if  
love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow; if  
sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow; if



ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.  
ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

## THE BENEDICTION

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### THE FLOWERS

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

in loving memory of Ann Irby by her family, Bill Irby, Sr., Debbie and Russell Dafferner,  
Susan McConnell, Connie and Bill Irby, Jr., Deanne and Maury Wade,  
her grandchildren, and her great grandchildren.

## DEATHS

*Our sympathy to*

Beth and Dickey Meena on the death of his father, Dr. Victor H. Meena, on October 14, 2017.

## DEATHS

*Our sympathy to*

Teri Shelley and her family on the death of her husband, Larry Shelley, on October 16, 2017.

## OUR CHURCH TODAY | OCTOBER 22

8:30 a.m.	Worship Service
8:30 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m.	<i>Pathway Class for Prospective Members</i>   Third Floor Conference Room
9:45 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service
11:00 a.m.	Children's Church (Kindergarten)
4:00 p.m.	Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
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



## 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 | OCTOBER 25

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.	..... <i>On Being Presbyterian</i> , 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:

Fried catfish or Baked catfish, Hushpuppies, White beans with onion, Coleslaw,  
Cheese cake with caramel sauce, Lemon poppy seed cake

Kids’ box: Hamburger slider

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### REFORMATION DAY LUNCHEON

*Tuesday, October 31*

Join us for lunch on Tuesday,  
October 31, 11:45 a.m., in the  
Fellowship Hall, as we commemorate  
the actual date on which Martin Luther  
nailed the 95 theses on the Wittenberg  
Church door 500 years ago.

Dr. Sean Lucas will address the theme,  
*Protestant Still: Why the Reformation  
Matters Today*. Cost is \$5/person.

*No nursery provided.*

### DOROTHY COOPER’S 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

*Sunday, October 29*

Beloved by so many families,  
Dorothy Cooper has been caring for  
IPC’s children for 30 years now. Please come  
for a reception in her honor on Sunday  
morning, October 29. You can stop by the  
Rotunda anytime between 9:30 and 11:00 to  
join the celebration and say “thank you”  
for her three decades of service to IPC.

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### SAVE THE DATE! CHURCH-WIDE POTLUCK | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

We will have a church-wide potluck on Sunday, November 12,  
in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following the 11:00 worship service.

Please bring a dish according to the first letter of your last name:

A-G: main dish; H-P: side dish; Q-Z: dessert.

## BUSINESS AS MISSION LUNCHEON

*Monday, October 23 | 11:30 a.m.*

IPC Fellowship Hall

Business As Mission (BAM) exists to champion the role of business in God's plan for the world. Their goal is to help business men and women understand God's redemptive work through business, and their desire is to help change the message that Christian business people are hearing and to mobilize them for action. Join us on Monday, October 23, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., for lunch with Mats Tunehag, Co-Chair of BAM Global and Lausanne Senior Associate for BAM.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH BRUNCH

*Tuesday, October 24 | 10:00 a.m.*

IPC Fellowship Hall

Dr. Sean Lucas will teach on

*Promise and Patriarchs:*

*The Gospel According to Genesis.*

Cost is \$5/person.

Please contact Sandy Martin,

[smartin@ipcmemphis](mailto:smartin@ipcmemphis),

if you need nursery.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**60s+ Community Chicken & Fish Fry** | Friday, October 27 | 6:00 p.m. | IPC

**Reformation Service @ Second Presbyterian Church** | Sunday, October 29 | 6:00 p.m.

**Jr. High Buffalo Retreat** | November 17-19 | Victory Ranch

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

**Preschool and Kindergarten Choirs Christmas Program**

Wednesday, November 29 | 6:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

**Christmas Bingo** | Wednesday, November 29 | 6:40 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

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

**WOC Christmas Brunch** | Tuesday, December 5 | 10:00 a.m. | Fellowship Hall

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

**Messiah Sing-Along** | Sunday, December 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

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

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



## OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

### 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.*

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Women's Prayer Time | Room 237 | Tuesdays | 9:00 a.m.

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### 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

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### 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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### 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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