Service of Worship

Preparing for worship—*For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.*

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP — John 4:23-24

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ***Amen!***

† INTROIT — # 12 – *Exalt the Lord, His Praise Proclaim*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM — Psalm 119:73-80

Your hands have made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
Those who fear You will be glad when they see me,
Because I have hoped in Your word.
I know, O Lord, that Your judgments are right,
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
Let, I pray, Your merciful kindness be for my comfort,
According to Your word to Your servant.
Let Your tender mercies come to me, that I may live;
For Your law is my delight.
Let the proud be ashamed,
For they treated me wrongfully with falsehood;
But I will meditate on Your precepts.
Let those who fear You turn to me,
Those who know Your testimonies.
Let my heart be blameless regarding Your statutes,
that I may not be ashamed.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth
People: He will hear their cry and save them!

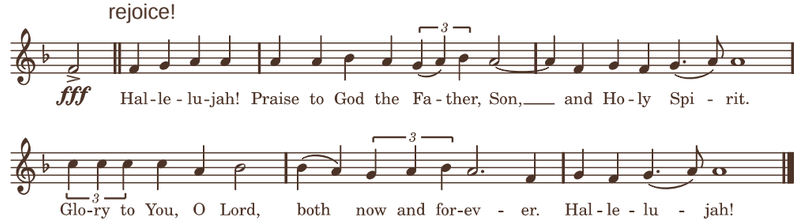
† PSALM OF APPROACH — Psalm 8b

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (*Let those who are able kneel*)
Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
People: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen!***
Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON — 1 John 4:7-10

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!



Leader: Lift up your hearts!
People: We lift them up to the Lord!
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!
People: It is proper and right to do so.

God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING — Daniel 4:19-37

† SECOND READING — John 17:1-5

Leader: The Word of the Lord—
People: Thanks be to God!

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT — Romans 11:33-36

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON — *Soli Deo Gloria Still*
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE — # 38 – *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
People: And His mercy endures forever!

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE
Passing of the Bread — Psalm 23b
Passing of the Wine — # 679 – *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: ***Amen!***

† GLORIA PATRI — # 735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH — *Heidelberg Catechism* (Q. 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?
People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand
‡ With hands uplifted

Notes

Announcements

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

- Wednesday Night activities (with supper) start at 5:45 p.m.
- Second Sunday lunch: On hiatus until January

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
  - Samsels (Sunday School)
  - Beth & Wright Whitney (Worship)

- Next Week
  - Weises (Sunday School)
  - Strouds (Worship)

GENERAL

- 2017 Family Advance Conference at Sandestin, November 16-19 - “Missions and Family” - Speakers: Randy Booth, Jack Phelps, Olga Volkov (Russia), Attila Hajdu (Hungary), Bogumil Jarmulak (Poland) - Registration for Family is until October 17 - Ask about our scholarship for families and individuals - Find another IPC family to share a house with - Brochures on back table.
- The annual IPC Reformation Celebration will be held on on October 28.

Recordings of this morning's service may be downloaded from the church's website located at ipcclinton.org. Previous services and events are also available.

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OCTOBER 22, 2017

9:00 AM Sunday School and **10:30 AM** Worship