

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

PRELUDE



God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Nehemiah 9:5b-6

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

† INTROIT # 119 – *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s, and all its fullness,
the world and those who dwell therein.

For He has founded it upon the seas,
and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend into the hill of the Lord?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who has not lifted up his soul to an idol, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive blessing from the Lord,
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

This is Jacob, the generation of those who seek Him,
who seek Your face.

Lift up your heads, O you gates! and be lifted up, you everlasting doors!
and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

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

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 181 – *We Come O Christ to You*



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: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which

we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to thy promise declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we, being defended from fear of our enemies, may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen!

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Proverbs 28:13

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 Psalm 130

† SECOND READING Romans 12:9-21

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 6:14-15

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Healing Relationships: Reconciliation, Renewal and Restoration*
Pastor Gregg Strawbridge

† PSALM OF RESPONSE Psalm 133a



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

TAKING OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS *The Hunter Family*

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S TABLE
Passing of the Bread Psalm 145c
Passing of the Wine Psalm 71a
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 *The Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

Amen!



God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand
‡ With hands uplifted

Healing Relationships: The Principles of Reconciliation
Gregg Strawbridge (Pastor of All Saints Church in Lancaster, PA)

Matthew 6:14–15 - “For if you forgive others for their transgressions, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your transgressions.”

Fixing or Healing?

Conflicts in a “Biblical Church”? Roman, Corinthian, Galatia, Ephesus, ...

What is Forgiveness? “Forgiveness is the release, on the part of the creditor or offended party, of any expectation that a debt will be repaid or that an offender will receive punishment for an offense ... Forgiveness can also be expressed by stating that one will not ‘remember’ (*zakar*) the offense or ‘count’ (*ḥāšab*) the offense against someone” (Lexington).

Pursuing Relational Peace is applying the forgiveness you possess in Christ (from your own sins) toward every other person in your life and thus addressing from Gospel-grace all personal conflicts. These are the steps that organize the principles of Healing Relationships:

Six Principles of Reconciliation that Heal Relationships: PEOPLE

1. _____ Peace through Forgiveness (Mt. 6:14-15; Rom. 12:18; Heb. 12:18)
2. _____ Yourself Before Accusing Others (Mt. 7:1-5).
3. _____ Defined with Law and Evidence (Mt. 5:29ff, 16:23, 18:6, 18:16).
4. _____ of Confrontation (or Not) -
 - we may forgive without confrontation (Eph. 5:32; 1 Pet. 4:8).
 - we may forgive through confrontation (Mt. 18:15ff).
5. _____ in Confrontation (James 1:19–20; Prov. 18:13; Mt. 18:15ff).
6. _____ a Renewed Mind (Phil. 4:4-9; Rom. 12:1-2; Psalm 1).

Notes:

Announcements

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

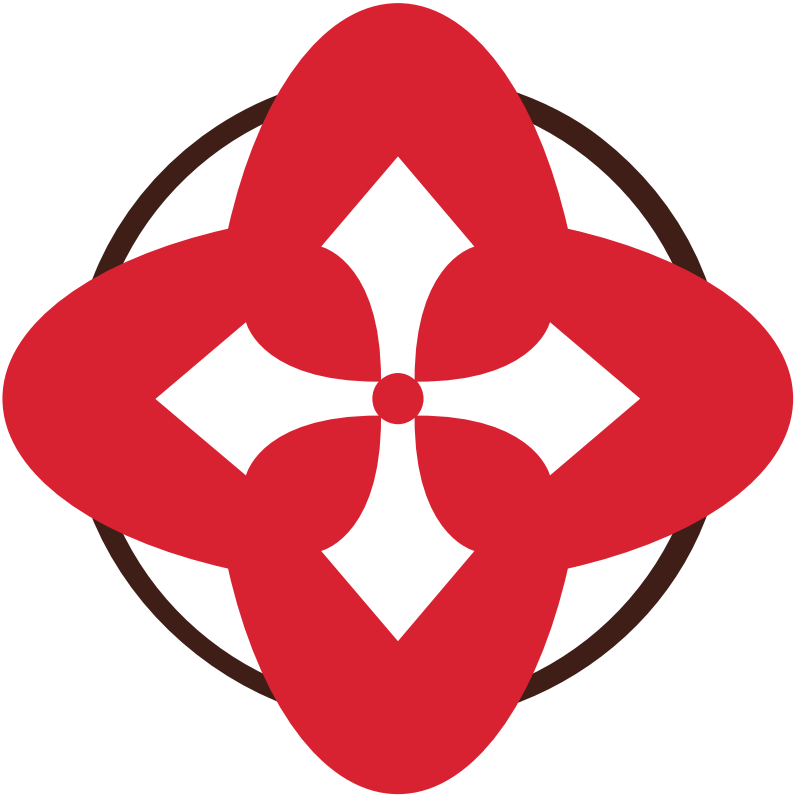
- Wednesday night prayer meeting at 5:45
- Second Sunday Lunch
 - May 17

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
 - B. Willoughbys (Sunday School)
 - Brantleys (Worship)
- Next Week
 - Ethan & Krista (Sunday School)
 - Rose Ann Davis & Libby Grete (Worship)

GENERAL

- The annual crawfish boil is scheduled for May 2.



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 26, 2015

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

*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.*