

Independent Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



Service for the Lord's Day

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

MAY 10, 2026 | 8:45 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to IPC!



FOUNDED IN 1915, Independent Presbyterian Church has long held a commitment to glorifying the triune God through worship, the use of beauty and the arts, and serving our community in Jesus' name. From the beginning, our founders sought to establish a church reflecting God's love for humanity and humanity's love for God.

Today, we continue this legacy by cultivating meaningful worship, nurturing our congregation to grow as disciples of Jesus, and engaging in acts of service that reflect Christ's command to love God and love our neighbors. Whether you are a life-long follower of Jesus, a new believer, or still curious, know that all are welcome here.

If this is your first visit, we look forward to meeting you and sharing more about the life of our church. All are invited to the Welcome Table in the Parlor following the service. To learn more about IPC or membership, please email us at membership@ipc-usa.org or visit the New to IPC page on our website.

Children are always welcome to worship with us in the Sanctuary. Materials to build a Worship Bag are in the Parlor before each service. Please replace the items when the service ends.

We are so grateful that you are here. Please sign the friendship pad located in the pew racks, so we know you are worshiping with us today.

THE COVER features a 2018 acrylic painting of IPC's exterior by McKenzie Kirk Brannon (1960-2025), a beloved friend of IPC whose spirit and art touched the heart of Community Ministries for many years.

The Gathering for Worship

We gather as a Family of Faith and prepare our hearts to worship God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

This thing I call my heart, O God, is not my heart until it be established on Thee and merged in Thee. I am alien and crooked and limited and lamed until I am released from my prison. Help me to look away from myself to Thee and looking unto Thee, grow into Thine image from glory to glory. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE "Introduction" and "Minuet" from *Suite Gothique* Leon Boëllmann

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

INTROIT "This Joyful Eastertide" arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30

Rev. Clayton

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Minister: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: You have turned my mourning into dancing.

Minister: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

People: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

❖ HYMN 299

“You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

HANOVER

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ, You have called us by name and claimed us as your own. You have defeated the powers of sin and death and given us the gift of eternal life. Yet we confess that we have responded to your grace with apathy more than gratitude. Forgive us for living as if Jesus was not risen from the dead. Forgive us for being afraid to share this Good News with others. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit that we might faithfully proclaim and faithfully live the Gospel of Jesus Christ in grateful response to Your love. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

❖ KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

❖ DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

❖ THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Please exchange the peace with the words, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

❖ GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581)

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Long

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(8:45 a.m.) Charles Alan Raburn

Rev. Newton

(11:00 a.m.) Tripp James Phillips

Rev. Seamon

❖ 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 Ghost; 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Word

*We listen for the word of God through confession, passing the peace,
Scripture, and preaching.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mr. Tittle

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 90

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

ANTHEM

“*O Sacrum Convivium*”

Roger Petrich

O Sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur recolitur memoria passionis ejus. Mens impletur gratia et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His passion is renewed in us. Our souls are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.

13th-century prayer, attr. St. Thomas Aquinas

During the singing of this anthem, children may follow the acolyte down the center aisle. Children 1st through 3rd grade are invited to Working on Worship (WOW) in the Chapel in the 11:00 a.m. service, and children kindergarten and younger will go to the Ground Floor for childcare.

SERMON

“*A Man Called Butch*”

Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

We respond to the hearing of God’s word through reflection, prayer, and offering.

❖ HYMN 462

“*I Love to Tell the Story*”

HANKEY

❖ PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

❖ THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

“*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*”

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

❖ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev. Newton

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“How Sweet the Sound”

arr. Samuel Adler

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound That saved a soul like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see. ‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved; How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed. When we’ve been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun, We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise Than when we first begun.

John Newton

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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, for ever. Amen.

The Sending

We are sent out into the world to love God and our neighbors.

❖ HYMN 463

“How Firm a Foundation”

FOUNDATION

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

“Festival Voluntary”

Flor Peeters

Flowers

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of **Veronica and James Cooper Halbleib.**

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The flowers on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and
in honor of **Raymond F. Spigarelli**, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army 1960-1982,
two tours in Vietnam 1966 and 1970, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Joint
Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of
Gallantry; father of Barbara Day and grandfather of Adrienne Day.

Today's Baptisms

Charles Alan Raburn, born December 27, 2025, son of Maggie & Kyle Raburn,
brother of Alice Bentley Raburn.

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Tripp James Phillips, born November 4, 2025, son of Mr. William Andrew Phillips
& Mrs. Rebecca Wiggins Phillips, brother of Delilah Evelyn Phillips, grandson of
Mr. Scott & Mrs. Patti Simpson, Mr. Donny Phillips, and Mrs. Karen Ingle Wiggins &
the late Mr. James Lee Wiggins, Jr.

Announcements

Working on Worship (WOW)

TODAY | *Join Us Each Second Sunday*

This morning during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, children in grades 1–3 are invited to participate in Working on Worship (WOW), a program designed to help young worshippers engage more meaningfully in our worship services. On second Sundays through May, children will follow the acolyte out of worship for hands-on learning. Pick-up will be from the Chapel at the end of the service.

VBS Helpers Needed

Volunteer Dates: May 15 & May 16

Please let us know if you are able to lend a hand with decorating for Vacation Bible School (VBS) May 15 and 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Childcare is available on May 15. You can also volunteer to help during VBS week, May 18-21! Ready to join the crew, please send an email to virginiasauer11@gmail.com.

“Bon Voyage” Concert

Sunday, May 17 | 4:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

The IPC Choir will present their Spring “Bon Voyage” Concert with music consisting of well-known anthems to be presented in concert during the 2026 Choir Tour to Switzerland. The choir with

string orchestra will perform the *Solemn Vespers* by W.A. Mozart. Soloists will be soprano Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, alto Lara Wilson, tenor Austin Green, and bass Patrick Evans. Please come to wish the choir *bon voyage!*

Beer & Hymns

Monday, May 18 | 7:00 p.m. | The Grocery, 2823 Central Ave., Homewood

Sing old-timey hymns (and a few new ones) in a relaxed setting with good food and great company. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Summer Schedule at IPC

May 24 to September 6

During the summer months, we move to a combined traditional worship service in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 a.m., and the Table worship service will continue in Highland Hall at 5:00 p.m. Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. with a combined class for adults and youth. Childcare will be available for infants through rising 6th graders on the ground floor. **Please note we observe our Holiday Worship Schedule**, which means there will be no Sunday School or Table Worship, on the following Sundays: May 24, July 5, and September 6.

Prayer List

Copies of IPC's current prayer list are available in the Parlor and Narthex. Our Intercessory Prayer Group meets each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray by name for those on the list. To submit a prayer request for a loved one, yourself, or any prayer need, please contact Connie Logan at clogan@ipc-usa.org.

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convenient format online.



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Thank You for Your Gifts:

Questions on how to give can be directed
to Margaret Lane H. Wolff at
mhollingsworth@ipc-usa.org.

Watch Online

We invite you to worship with us
from wherever you are.
Join the 11:00 a.m. livestream at
[YouTube.com/@IPCBirmingham](https://www.YouTube.com/@IPCBirmingham)

Visiting IPC?

To learn more about joining IPC, email us
at membership@ipc-usa.org or visit the
New to IPC page on our website.

This Week At IPC

SUNDAY, MAY 10

- 8:45 A.M. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
3:45 P.M. Young Adult Bible Study, Highland Hall Garage
5:00 P.M. Table Worship, Highland Hall
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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 A.M.

- Discussing John's Gospel of Faith (Reformed Bible Study Class), RM 309
 - Great Hymns (Combined Classes: Wonder Years, Seekers & Presbyterian Women), RM 305
 - Youth Sunday School (7th-12th Grade), RM 101
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (2K-6th Grade), Ground and 1st Floors
 - Nursery & Childcare (6 weeks-6th grade), Ground Floor
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MONDAY, MAY 11

- 1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308/309
5:30 P.M. Yoga, RM 301
6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut
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TUESDAY, MAY 12

- 9:30 A.M. Bridge, RM 309
11:00 A.M. Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
1:30 P.M. Centering Prayer, RM 304
3:00 P.M. Chair Yoga, RM 304
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WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

- 9:00 A.M. Yoga, RM 301
10:30 A.M. Women at the Well, Garage
10:30 A.M. Caregiver Support Group, RM 304
1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308
3:00 P.M. Living After Loss Support Group, RM 304
5:30 P.M. Lakeview Al-Anon, RM 304
6:30 P.M. IPC Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307
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THURSDAY, MAY 14

- 11:00 A.M. Day School Graduation, Sanctuary
11:00 A.M. Knitting Ministry, RM 105
12:00 P.M. Noon Bible Study, RM 307
2:00 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308
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FRIDAY, MAY 15

- 6:30 A.M. Bill Shanks Bible Study, GH2
12:00 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308
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To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit ipc-usa.org.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, *Pastor*

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care & Adult Ministries*

The Rev. D. Nicole Newton, *Associate Pastor, Discipleship*

The Rev. David J. Seamon, *Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach*

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Mr. Gaige Tittle, *Seminary Intern*

Acolytes:

(8:45 a.m.) Andrew Grover, Molly Wykle

(11:00 a.m.) Anne Pringle, Helen Ray, Shep Ray

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir



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