

Independent Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



Service for the Lord's Day

The Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 7, 2026 | 10:00 A.M. | COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Gathering for Worship

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Christ, we follow after, if haply we may find Thee, and finding Thee find life. Thou hast a strange way with us, for when we lose ourselves, we have ourselves. In Thee we choose a cross and wear a crown, we die in order to live, we serve to reign. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE "Prelude in C Minor" from *Sept Pièces pour Orgue* Théodore Dubois

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 "O praise God in his holiness" George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 130

Mr. Tittle

Minister: Wait for the Lord, like those who hope in God's mercy.

People: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Minister: Watch for God, like those who eagerly await the morning.

People: **We watch for God, whose power redeems us.**

Minister: Hear God's hopeful word, like those who long for pardon.

People: **Sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

❖ **HYMN 687**

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

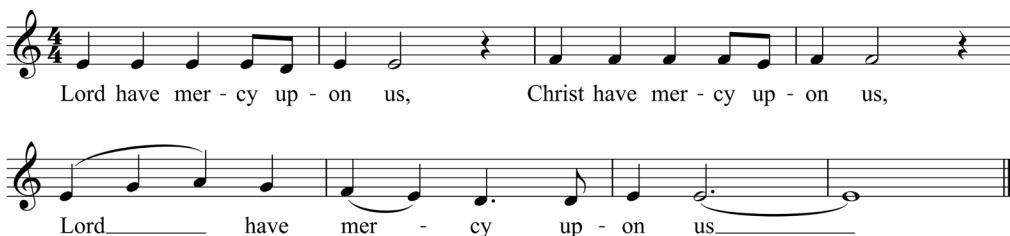
❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy One, You call us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with you; yet too often we choose comfort over compassion, silence over courage, and indifference over love. When injustice wounds our neighbors, we remain quiet. When poverty and pain stand before us, we turn away. Forgive the ways we resist your Spirit and cling to what is familiar and safe. Disturb what has grown comfortable within us. Give us courage to follow Jesus not only with our words, but with our lives. By your grace, make us a people who love boldly, welcome freely, seek justice faithfully, and labor for the healing of your world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

❖ KYRIE ELEISON

from The Independent Service by Dr. Jeff McLelland



Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,
Lord _____ have mer - cy up - on 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

from The Independent Service

Musical score for Gloria Patri, consisting of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. The lyrics are: "Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit. As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er, world with - out end. A - men." The score includes a triplet of eighth notes on the first staff and another triplet on the second staff.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Newton

The Word

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 5:21-43

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 31

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

❖ HYMN 792

“There Is a Balm in Gilead”

BALM IN GILEAD

During the singing of this hymn, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for childcare.

SERMON

“Holy Interruptions”

Rev. Newton

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

The Response to the Word

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

❖ NICENE CREED

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Nunc Dimittis in A”

Herbert Sumsion

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word. For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation; Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. 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.

Luke 2:29-32

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

Rev. Clayton

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

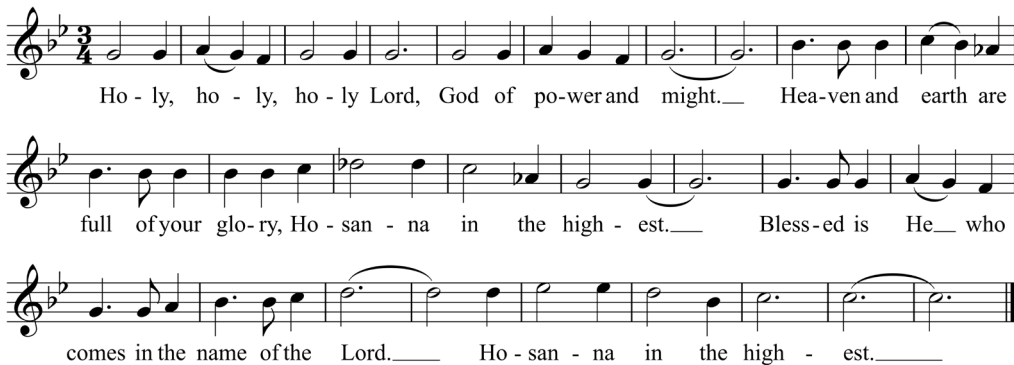
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

from The Independent Service

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

from The Independent Service

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:




Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain!

AMEN

from The Independent Service

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:



A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

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.

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“*Ave Verum Corpus*”

W. A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum de Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death!

14th-century chant attr. Pope Innocent VI

“*Eternal Light*”

Jane A. Marshall

Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me, until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal.

Alcuin of York

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

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

❖ HYMN 543

“*God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me*”

GREEN TYLER

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

“*Cantique*”

Théodore Dubois

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

Flowers

The flowers on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in honor of **Colonel Robert M. Howard, Jr.**, retired Air Force test pilot, Vietnam veteran; husband of Katie Harrison Howard.

Announcements

Fill a Backpack

TODAY | *Through Tuesday, July 7*

Pick up a backpack in the Parlor after worship starting today to fill and return by July 7. A supply list is included. This youth-led project supports IPC Youth's partnership with Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Group in Camden, AL.

Summer Sunday School

TODAY | *Through Sunday, August 30*

Adults and youth are invited to a combined Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. We will offer special classes to be held in celebration of our Sanctuary's centennial. On June 7, explore how worship at IPC has evolved over the past 100 years, and on June 21, learn about IPC's rich musical heritage. On June 14 and from June 28 through August 30, Dr. Jeff Leonard will lead a series titled "Ten Kings of Israel: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Israel's Monarchy" in RM 305/306. Childcare is available on the Ground Floor.

Women's Montreat Conference

August 14-16 | Montreat, North Carolina

Registration is now open for Montreat Women's Conference, featuring keynote speaker Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of the New York Times bestseller *Jesus and John Wayne*. Women from IPC are invited to attend and stay at Georgia Miller's family home. Participants staying at the house should register as commuters. For more information or to let her know you plan to attend, contact Georgia Miller at georgiamerlyn@gmail.com or (205) 903-3668.

Support the Farm this Summer

As the Summer Learning Program approaches, we invite you to support IPC's mission at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Visit ipc-usa.org to learn how your gifts and time can make a meaningful impact for our students this summer! Questions: Please contact Marion Dukes at (205) 623-2187 or mdukes@ipc-usa.org.

Welcome to IPC

Thank you for joining us today. Please sign our friendship pad located in the pew racks so we know who is worshipping with us today. If this is your first visit, you are invited to join us at the Welcome Table in the Parlor following the service. We look forward to meeting you and telling you more about our church.

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.

Special Gifts Received

Kirkwood Funds: (*Horizon Fund*)
In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds.
In honor of Patsy & Joe Arnold.

Prayer List

Copies of IPC's current prayer list are available in the Parlor and Narthex. 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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Watch Online

We invite you to worship with us from wherever you are. Join the 10:00 a.m. livestream at [YouTube.com @IPCBirmingham](https://www.youtube.com/@IPCBirmingham).

This Week at IPC

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

9:00 A.M. Adult & Youth Sunday School, Sanctuary

9:00 A.M. Childcare, Ground Floor

10:00 A.M. Combined Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

5:00 P.M. Table Worship, Highland Hall

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP Sunday, June 7-Saturday, June 13

MONDAY, JUNE 8

1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308/309

5:30 P.M. Yoga, RM 301

6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

9:00 A.M. Yoga, RM 301

10:30 A.M. Caregiver Support Group, RM 304

1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308

5:30 P.M. Lakeview Al-Anon, RM 304

6:00 P.M. IPC Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

11:00 A.M. Knitting Ministry, RM 105

2:00 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

6:30 A.M. Bill Shanks Bible Study, GH2

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

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

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

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

Mr. Gaige Tittle, *Seminary Intern*

Acolyte: Heidi Hollingsworth

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