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## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!** If this is your first visit, we would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. **Contact us:** Please reach out by contacting Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). **Visit our website:** [ipc-usa.org/welcome](http://ipc-usa.org/welcome)

**FLOWER DEDICATION:** The flowers on the foyer table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark L. Miller.

**FALL AT IPC:** Sunday school and weekday programming are back. Find a Wednesday night class and join us for dinner prepared by Kim Martin. Class details and dinner reservations can be found at [ipc-usa.org/worship/wednesday-nights](http://ipc-usa.org/worship/wednesday-nights). You can also visit [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) to learn more or see our flyers in the foyer.

**GRACE GROUPS:** Grow in faith and fellowship this fall by joining a Grace Group at IPC. These groups will meet this week through Nov. 16 to study *Matthew: The Gospel of Promised Blessings* by Matthew L. Skinner. Each small group is led by IPC members and meets at different times and locations, making it easy to find a group that fits your schedule. Registration is open at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org).

**RWANDA MISSION TRIP:** We invite you to join us for a life-changing journey to Rwanda, **July 16–26, 2026**, where we'll stay and visit with Archbishop Mbanda, explore the inspiring work being done at East African Christian College, and witness firsthand how God is reviving and restoring a country after genocide. We hope you'll consider being part of this journey of faith. For more information, please contact Betsy Holloway or David Seamon at [dseamon@ipc-usa.org](mailto:dseamon@ipc-usa.org).

**JOIN THE IPC FOUNDATION FOR A LUNCH & LEARN** on Oct. 15, at 11:30 a.m. in the Great Hall Dining Room 1. Rev. Dr. Roger Dermody, Executive Director of Friends of Forman Christian College, will be our guest speaker. Lunch will be served for \$10. Please register by Oct. 13 at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) under the Sign Up Links page.

**IPC CROP DROP:** Kick off our annual Harvest for Hunger campaign with a family-friendly Crop Drop on Sunday, Oct. 19, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the large IPC parking lot. All ages 5 and up are invited to help sack sweet potatoes for our neighbors experiencing food insecurity. We need 100 volunteers along with 15 team leaders to make this event a success. Childcare is available for children up to age 4 with registration. Please register at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) on the Sign Up Links page.

**HARVEST FOR HUNGER:** From Sunday, Oct. 19, through Sunday, Nov. 23, IPC's annual Harvest for Hunger campaign invites members to help fill every available shelf in our Blessing Boxes and Weekend Buddy Bags room with food and hygiene items. Pick up a Harvest for Hunger grocery bag at IPC beginning Oct. 19. The list of needed items will be printed on the bag and available at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org). Please return filled bags by Sunday, Nov. 26, which is Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day.

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## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the color green which represents new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Rev. Nicole Newton**, Associate  
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**Sarah Mason**, Worship Leader  
**Brett Burcham**, Acoustic Guitar  
**Eric Onimus**, Bass Guitar  
**Carlos Pino**, Electric Guitar

**Jeff Lopez**, Horns  
**Fred Rogan**, Steel Guitar  
**Tommy Bowen**, Horns  
**Hayden Thomas**, Sound



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### Independent Presbyterian Church

Church office: 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205  
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# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



OCTOBER 12, 2025  
THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# WELCOME TO THE TABLE

## GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

### Prelude

### Gathering Songs

*"Honey In The Rock"*

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

*"His Mercy Is More"*

Verse 1: What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more!

Verse 2: What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus: Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Verse 3: What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

*(Repeat Chorus)*

## LISTENING

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

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy One, we confess that too often we try to face our battles on our own. We grow weary and lose heart, forgetting to lift one another up. We leave our neighbors to carry heavy burdens instead of standing beside them in love. We neglect to raise our hands in prayer and to trust that you are our banner and our strength. Forgive us, Lord, and renew us with your grace. Strengthen us when we are tired, teach us to lean on one another in faith, and help us to share the load with humility and compassion. Remind us always that you are with us, guiding us toward life, hope, and peace through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.*

### Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.  
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

### Peace

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
All: And also with you.  
Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Please exchange the peace with the words,  
"The peace of Christ be with you."*

### Holy Interruption

**Confessional Response:** *"Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me"*  
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Lesson

*Exodus 17:8-15*

**Sermon:** *"Not Alone on the Mountain"*

## RESPONDING

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

### Invitation to Discipleship

### Sharing of Gifts

*In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty.*

- Offering Song: *"Come and Fill Our Hearts"*
- To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

### Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

- Prayers of the People 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, for ever. Amen.

- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Communion Song: *"Goodness Of God"*
- Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

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

### Closing Hymn

*"I'll Fly Away"*

Verse 1: Some glad morning when this life is o'er  
I'll fly away  
To a home on God's celestial shore  
I'll fly away

Chorus: I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away  
When I die, hallelujah by and by  
I'll fly away

Verse 2: When the shadows of this life have grown  
I'll fly away  
Like a bird from prison bars has flown  
I'll fly away

*(Repeat Chorus)*

Verse 3: Just a few more weary days and then  
I'll fly away  
To a land where joys shall never end  
I'll fly away

*(Repeat Chorus)*

### Benediction

### Postlude

*Our service is over, let our service begin.  
fed by mystery, forgiven of sin.  
Now our faith made real, when brokenness we heal.  
our service is over, let our service begin.*