Independent Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



Service for the Lord's Day

The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

NOV. 1, 2026 | 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. | COMMUNION SUNDAY | ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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

My Father, this is a wondrous world, in which Thou hast set me. I ask and receive; I hunger and thirst and am filled. Thy banqueting table is spread for me. Thou preparest a feast for my soul. More than my lips can speak or my heart desire Thou offerest every day. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE "Variations on *Sine Nomine*" Richard Proulx

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 *"The Spirit of the Lord Filleth the World"* George Thalben-Ball

The Spirit of the Lord filleth the world. O come, O come let us adore him. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 23 **Rev. Clayton**

Minister: The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
People: He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.
Minister: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
People: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me. Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
Minister: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
People: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

❖ **HYMN 509** *"All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"* HOLY MANNA

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

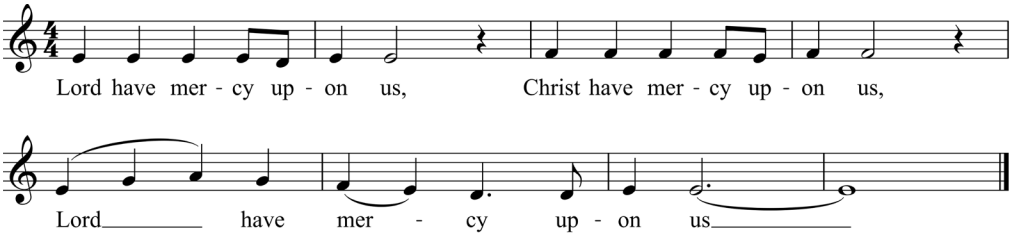
❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Holy God, we know that our hearts will remain restless until they find their rest in you. Yet we confess that we have sought after so many other things to satisfy the longing which you alone can fill. Forgive us for turning your gifts into idols. Free us to see this world as the blessing you intended it to be, and turn our hearts back in gratitude to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

❖ KYRIE ELEISON

from The Independent Service by Dr. Jeff McLelland



❖ 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*



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Rev. Long**

The Word

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 Pew Bible, O.T. pg. 1

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

❖ **HYMN 504** *"We Come as Guests Invited"* WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

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 "Seven Deadly Sins: Gluttony" **Rev. Long**

❖ *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 LITANY OF SAINTS

A period of silence.

The Eucharist

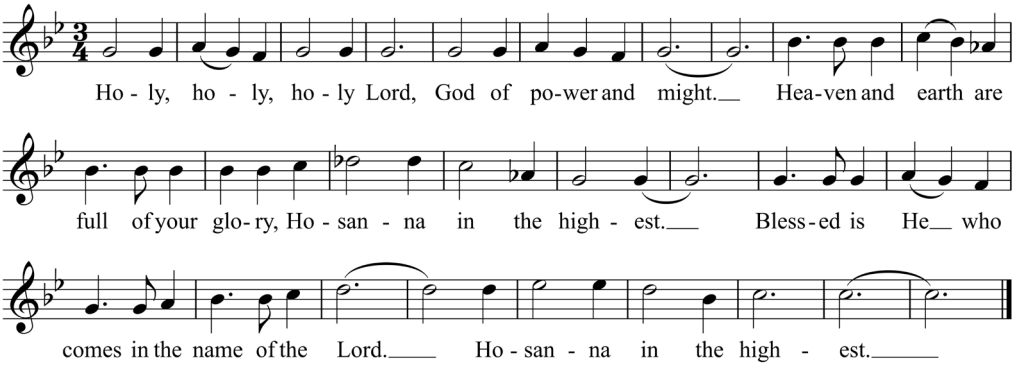
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE **Rev. Seamon**

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:



❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

from The Independent Service

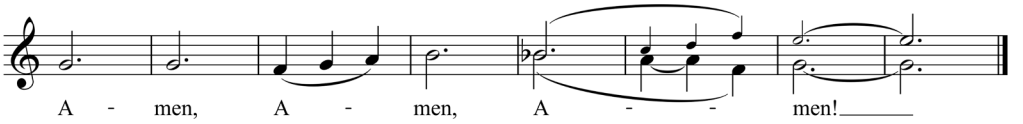
The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:



AMEN

from The Independent Service

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:



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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"*Ave Verum Corpus*" Wolfgang Amadeus 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

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

"*Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness*" SCHMÜCKE DICH by Johann Cruger

Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, Leave behind all gloom and sadness; Come into the daylight's splendor, There with joy your praises render Unto God, whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous banquet founded; Come, for now the Lord most holy Stoops to you in likeness lowly. Sun, who all my life does brighten; Light, who does my soul enlighten; Joy, Your wondrous gift bestowing; Fount, from which all good is flowing: At Your feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Your glory given. Jesus, source of life and pleasure, Truest friend and dearest treasure, By Your love I am invited, Be Your love with love requited. From this banquet let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep its treasure; Through the gifts that here You give me, As Your guest in heaven receive me.

Johann Franck, trans. Catherine Winkworth & John Casper Mattes

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

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

❖ **HYMN 326** *"For All the Saints"* SINE NOMINE

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **POSTLUDE** *"Sine Nomine"* Richard Proulx

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

In Memoriam

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." *Revelation 14:13*

Firmon E. Hardenbergh	November 2, 2025
Wilson Lloyd Hauck	March 15, 2026
Ernest Hugh Cowart, Jr.	March 22, 2026
Alan Evans Head, Sr.	April 3, 2026
Josephine "Jodie" Keegan Ballenger	May 22, 2026
Cynthia Bryson McCoy "Honey" Jones	May 30, 2026
Adele Hicks Moss	June 19, 2026
Fouad Hilmy Fouad	July 9, 2026
Ann Brock Hillhouse	July 27, 2026
Jimmy Smith Willingham	August 19, 2026
Elizabeth Davidson Compton	September 3, 2026
Stephen Christopher Sutherland	September 12, 2026
John Vernon Patrick, Jr.	October 7, 2026

Flowers

The flowers on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of **Hershel Johnson**, Navy Signalman on the Enterprise
in WWII; father of Phillip A. Johnson, Sr., grandfather of Alicia Johnson Coomes
and Phillip A. Johnson, Jr.

The rose in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God
and in honor of the birth of **James Clinton Winne**, son of Hannah & Matt Winne,
brother of Kate Winne, born on October 14, 2026.

The rose in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God
and in honor of the birth of **Lochrane Bradley Chase,**
daughter of Lochrane & Brad Chase, sister of Connors Chase,
and granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Mell Gage Smith, born on October 20, 2026.

Announcements

November Organ Recital Series

TODAY | *4:00 p.m.* | *Sanctuary*

The 62nd Annual November Organ Recital Series begins this afternoon with guest artist Daniel Roth from Paris, France. Distinguished as one of the longest-running organ recital series in the country, the recitals are offered as a gift to the community of Birmingham. Learn more at *ipcmusic.org*.

Provide & Serve Dinner at First Light

November 1-7 | *First Light Shelter*

Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light Shelter. Volunteers are urgently needed on Saturday, Nov. 7. Sign up at *ipc-usa.org* on the Sign Up Links page.

Angel Tree

TODAY | *Find Angels in the Parlor*

Help us spread Christmas cheer for the students at the Children's Fresh Air Farm's Summer Learning Program. You can sponsor a student or family by choosing a child or all siblings from the same household. Angels can be picked up in the Parlor today or selected online. All gifts are due by Tuesday, Dec. 8. For questions, contact Marion Dukes at (205) 623-2187 or *mdukes@ipc-usa.org*.

Highland Hall Renovations

Construction Begins Nov. 9

We're excited to begin needed repairs and improvements to Highland Hall on Nov. 9. The building is expected to remain closed through the end of April. Join us for the Table on Sundays at 5:00 p.m. in the Great Hall beginning Nov. 8, and stay after that evening's service for fellowship and a light supper as we settle into our temporary worship space together. Thank you for your patience and flexibility during construction and as our ministries gather in temporary spaces. Find project updates and program locations at *qrco.de/3116updates.* Questions? Contact Lea Anne Hardy at *lhardy@ipc-usa.org*.

Annual Pledge: Together as One

Together as one, we worship, grow in faith, care for one another, and serve our neighbors near and far. Your 2027 pledge helps sustain these ministries and the mission we support. Find pledge cards at the reception desk and in the Parlor, or text PLEDGE to (205) 927-3100 and follow the prompts. Please submit your pledge by Thanksgiving to help IPC plan for the year ahead.

Announcements

Highland Park Native Planting Day

Saturday, Nov. 7 | 8–11 a.m. | Highland Ave.

Join our Highland Park neighbors to plant native flowers in the medians from Rojo to IPC. Meet at Snable Law Firm, 2737 Highland Avenue, to receive your planting assignment, and enjoy free chips and dips at Rojo afterward. Sign up at *ipc-usa.org* on the Sign Up Links page.

Elementary Fall Retreat

Nov. 13-15 | Living River | K–6th Grade

All elementary-age children are invited to our Fall Retreat at Living River, a weekend to unplug, explore nature, and grow in faith and friendship. Whether it's your child's first retreat or they're a seasoned camper, they'll enjoy classic camp fun like bracelet-making, gaga ball, fishing, and more. NEW for 2026! All kindergarteners attending must have a parent attend with them as a chaperone. Please register at *ipc-usa.org* on the Sign Up Links page.

Harvest for Hunger Campaign

Through Sunday, November 22

Harvest for Hunger is IPC's annual campaign to fill every available shelf in our Blessing Boxes and Weekend Buddy Bags room with food and hygiene items. Now through November 22, you can pick up a Harvest for Hunger grocery bag at IPC. The list of needed items is printed on the bag and available at *ipc-usa.org*. Please return filled bags by Sunday, November 22, which is Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day.

Christmas Citrus Fruit Orders

Now through Nov. 22

Support the IPC Choir by purchasing fresh Christmas citrus fruit. Order forms are available around the church and from any choir member. You may also order online at *ipc-usa.org* on the Sign Up Links page.

This Week at IPC

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8:45 A.M. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 A.M. Sunday School Classes
10:50 A.M. Extended Atrium, Levels II & III
11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
3:45 P.M. Young Adult Bible Study, GH2
4:00 P.M. November Organ Recital, Sanctuary
5:00 P.M. Table Worship, Highland Hall
6:00 P.M. Youth Group, Highland Hall Garage

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 A.M.

- United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other, *Presbyterian Women*, RM 304
- The Gospel at Risk? Confessing the Faith Today, *Adult Combined Classes,* RM 305
- Epistle to the Hebrews: Its Social and Cultural World, *Wonder Years*, RM 306
- The Book of Romans, *Reformed*, RM 309
- The Prayers of Henry Edmonds, *Bridges*, GH1
- Youth Sunday School (7th-12th Grade), RM 101
- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (2K-6th Grade), Ground and 1st Floors
- Nursery (6 weeks–18 months), RM G05

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

9:00 A.M. Home for Faith, RM 305
10:00 A.M. Book Review Group, RM 307
NOON Bible Study with Lucy Turner, RM 304
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, NOVEMBER 3

9:30 A.M. Bridge, RM 309
11:00 A.M. Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
12:00 P.M. Tapestries, RM 217
1:30 P.M. Centering Prayer, RM 303
3:00 P.M. Chair Yoga, RM 301

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

9:00 A.M. Yoga, RM 301
10:30 A.M. Women at the Well, RM 101
10:30 A.M. Caregiver Support Group, RM 304
10:30 A.M. Zoom Bible Study
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
7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

5:00 P.M. The Upward Way, RM 305
5:00 P.M. Youth Grant Team, RM 101
5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Dinner, Great Hall
5:30 P.M. Home for Faith, RM 105
5:30 P.M. KidsROCK, Ground & 1st Floors
6:00 P.M. Bible Study with the Pastor, RM 218
6:30 P.M. IPC Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11:00 A.M. Knitting Ministry, RM 105
12:00 P.M. Bible Study with Rev. Clayton, RM 307
1:30 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

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

To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit *ipc-usa.org*.

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*.

Special Gifts Received

Children's Fresh Air Farm: In memory of Ann Hillhouse.

Food Pantry: In memory of Eliza McKewen.

Kirkwood Funds: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Betty C. Bacskay, Mr. William F. Edmonds, and Mrs. Lillian J. Sharp.

Give to IPC

Mail a Check:
Independent Presbyterian Church
3100 Highland Avenue S.,
Birmingham, Alabama 35205

Give Online:
Scan to give in a secure, convenient format online.

Text to Give:
To give online, text GIVE to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

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*

Visiting IPC?

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, *Pastor*
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care & Adult Ministries*
The Rev. David J. Seamon, *Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach*
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, *Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Acolytes:

(*8:45 a.m.*) CJ Long, Millie Seamon, Caleb Siegel
(11:00 a.m.) Bronson Cooley, Alexander Pledger, Molly Wykle

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

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