

Independent Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



Service for the Lord's Day

Trinity Sunday

MAY 31, 2026 | 10:00 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

O God, we would bring to Thee all our wealth—wealth of field and hill and sea, wealth of mind and heart. It is all Thine. We do but use it for a season in Thy name. Amen.

from “Beginning the Day” by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE

“The peace may be exchanged”

Dan Locklair

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

Isaiah 12

Mr. Tittle

Minister: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,

People: For the Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;

People: Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.

❖ HYMN 307

“God of Grace and God of Glory”

CWM RHONDDA

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and Holy God, we confess that we are ambivalent in our commitment to your kingdom. We continue to define ourselves by what we have rather than what we give. We long to put our lives in your hands but are afraid to give up the illusion of control. Have mercy on us, O God. Commit us to a joy that comes not from holding life tightly, but from opening our hearts and hands to serve you. Through Jesus Christ 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.**

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

Rev. Clayton

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 19:11-27

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 63

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*, Op. 48

Gabriel Fauré

Rachel Hancock, *Soprano*

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem, sempiternam requiem.

Blessed Jesus, Lord God, I pray in thy mercy grant them rest, everlasting rest.

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

SERMON

“*Risky Business*”

Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

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

❖ **HYMN 697**

“*Take My Life*”

HENDON

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

COMMISSIONING: WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA MISSION TRIP

Mary Beasley	Elsa Holaday	Doug Preston
Mary Stewart Beasley	Wilbur Holaday	David Seamon
Tom Booker	Drew Howell	Margaret Shepherd
Kim Bourn	Lene Howell	Melanie Talbot
Barry Delozier	Tammy Johnson	Kennon Walthall
Cathy Delozier	Kevin Long	Ann Walthall
Susan Dulin	Rebecca Long	
Lea Anne Hardy	Charlotte Preston	

❖ **APOSTLES' CREED**

Rev. Newton

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.

❖ **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

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“May the Angels of God Watch Over You”

William Bradley Roberts

May the Angels of God watch over you; may the love of God enfold you; May all the saints in heaven and on earth pray with you and for you. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Shannon Johnston

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 625

“O Lord, My God”

HOW GREAT THOU ART

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

“Toccata Brevis”

Daniel Gawthrop

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

Flowers

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Anne & Wilson Hauck.

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The flowers on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Whitfield King, Jr.; U.S. Army, Korean Conflict; husband of Carolyn King.

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 Schedule at IPC

TODAY | *Through Sunday, 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 that we observe our Holiday Worship Schedule** on May 24, July 5, and September 6. There will be no Sunday School or Table Worship on those Sundays.

Summer Sunday School

TODAY | *Through Sunday, August 30*

Adults and youth are invited to a combined Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. this summer. On May 31, June 7, and June 21, we will offer three special classes to be held in the Sanctuary celebrating the centennial of our Sanctuary and exploring its history. The May 31 class will focus on the history of the church's stained glass windows. On June 14 and from June 28 through August 30, Dr. Jeff Leonard will

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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.

Documentary Screening: “Sallie’s Ashes”

Monday, June 1 | 6:00 p.m. | Highland Hall

Join us in the Highland Hall Assembly Room for a free community screening and discussion of “Sallie’s Ashes,” an award-winning Alabama documentary about coal ash and the fight for Mobile Bay.

Main Church Parking Lot Closed

Tuesday, June 2–Friday, June 5

The front church parking lot will be closed Tuesday, June 2, through Friday, June 5, for resealing and restriping. Thank you for your patience as we complete this maintenance project.

Montreat Youth Summer Conferences

Registration is open for Montreat summer conference opportunities for IPC Youth. Youth who have completed 8th grade through graduated seniors are invited to attend the Montreat Youth Conference, Wonder & Wander, July 12–18 in

Montreat, North Carolina. Youth who have completed 6th and 7th grade are invited to attend the IPC Middle School Summer Retreat, July 23–26 at Paradise Pointe in Bryant, Alabama. We hope you will join us. Sign up today at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

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. Consider volunteering, donating snacks, or making a financial contribution. 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.

Front Desk Hours on Summer Fridays

The front desk will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Fridays. Hours will continue Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and church offices remain open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each weekday, except on holidays. If you need to leave a message outside of front desk hours, please call (205) 933-1830.

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

Kirkwood Funds: (*Chapel Fund*)

In memory of Mr. Benito "Ben" Arellano and Mr. Alan Head. (*Horizon Fund*)

In memory of Mr. John M. Alexander, Mr. Eric P. Barkemeyer, and Mr. William F. Edmonds.

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 10:00 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 31

- 9:00 A.M. Adult & Youth Sunday School, Sanctuary
 - 9:00 A.M. Childcare, Ground Floor
 - 10:00 A.M. Combined Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
 - 12:30 P.M. Tribal Assistant Day, Children's Fresh Air Farm
 - 5:00 P.M. Table Worship, Highland Hall
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MONDAY, JUNE 1

- BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE (BTMP)
Children's Fresh Air Farm
(Monday, June 1 through Friday, June 5)
 - 1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308/309
 - 5:30 P.M. Yoga, RM 301
 - 6:00 P.M. "Sallie's Ashes" Documentary
Screening, Highland Hall
 - 6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut
 - 7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307
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TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- 9:30 A.M. Bridge, RM 309
 - 11:00 A.M. Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
 - 1:30 P.M. Centering Prayer, RM 304
 - 2:00 P.M. Youth Patio Day (following BTMP),
Children's Fresh Air Farm
 - 3:00 P.M. Chair Yoga, RM 304
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

- 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
 - 7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307
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THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- 11:00 A.M. Knitting Ministry, RM 105
 - 2:00 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308
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FRIDAY, JUNE 5

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

Mr. Gaige Tittle, *Seminary Intern*

Cathy Shelton, *Guest Organist*

Rachel Hancock, *Soprano*

Acolytes:

Layton Meriwether & Sam Meriwether

Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir



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