

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. **Visit our website:** 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.

THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM is winding down, but there's still time 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 time and gifts can make a meaningful impact for our students this summer. Mark your calendar for SLP Graduation on Thursday, July 24. Questions: Please contact Catherine Sager at (205) 933-3725 or csager@ipc-usa.org.

BEER AND HYMNS: Join us on Monday, July 21, at The Grocery (2823 Central Ave., in Homewood). The Beer & Hymns music starts at 7:00 p.m. and is exactly what it sounds like. We sing old-timey hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages.

FAMILY CATECHESIS CAMP: Join us July 29–31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a three-night series exploring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as a family. We'll enjoy a light supper, time in the Atria, and end the evening with fellowship on the playground. This camp is designed for families with elementary-aged children, and nursery care is available upon request for children in preschool and younger. Sign up at ipc-usa.org; click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

PROVIDE AND SERVE DINNER AT FIRST LIGHT: Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light. IPC will be providing evening meals each night for the week of July 27 - August 2. Sign up at ipc-usa.org; click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION: Each summer, we are reminded of the great difficulties facing some families that rely on school-provided meals and may now be struggling to meet this additional need. With your help, we can keep the Food Pantry stocked to support our friends and neighbors in need. Please see the pink pew cards in the sanctuary for ideas on what to donate or contact Catherine Sager at csager@ipc-usa.org with any questions!

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our lifetogether. 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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Carlos Pino, Electric Guitar
Jeff Lopez, Horns
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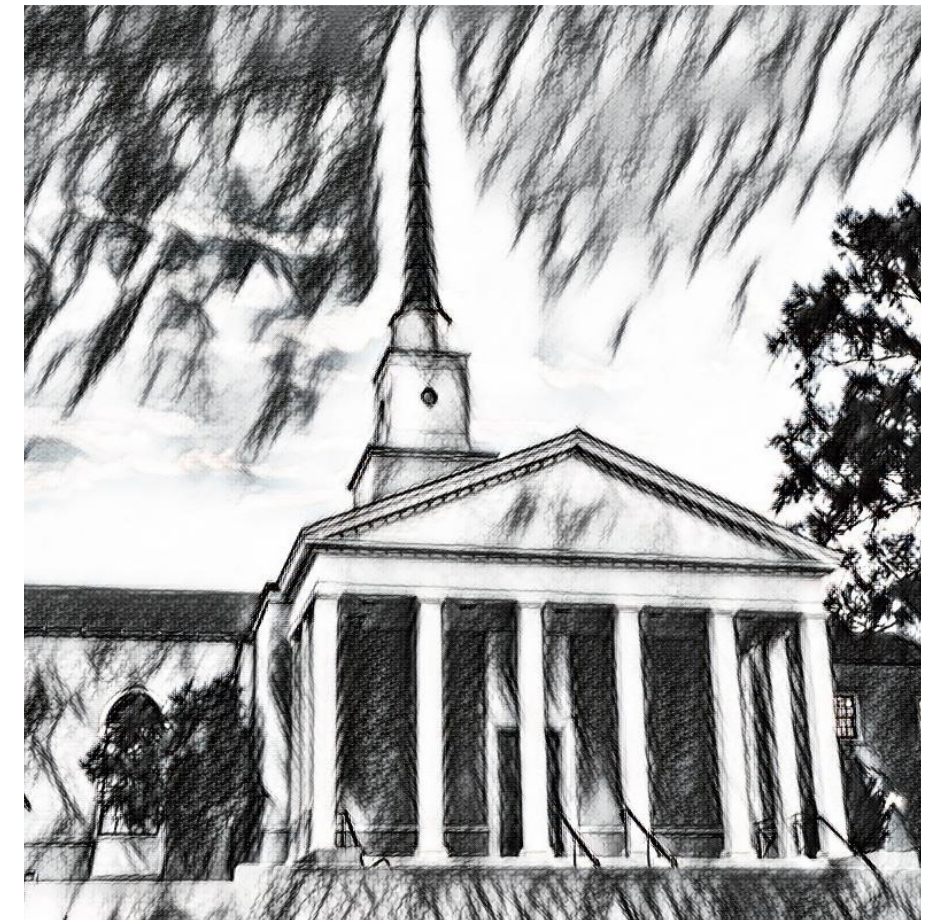


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THE TABLE

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JULY 13, 2025

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Gathering Song

“A Thousand Hallelujahs”

Welcome

Opening Hymn

“God Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Verse 1: God, whose giving knows no ending,
From Your rich and endless store—
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom,
Costly cross, grave’s shattered door—
Gifted by You, we turn to You,
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days.

Verse 2: Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Verse 3: Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ’s ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
Serving You by loving all.

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty and merciful God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Help us to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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

Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: “Won’t You Please Be My Neighbor?”

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 to the Table”*
- 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: *“Resurrender”*
- 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.*