
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.

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. You can also visit ipc-usa.org to learn more or see our flyers in the foyer. We hope you will find ways to connect with your IPC family and deepen your faith this season.

PROVIDE & SERVE DINNER AT FIRST LIGHT: Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals Sept. 22 – 30 for the women and children staying at First Light. Sign up at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

STAIR 3.0 TUTORS NEEDED: Volunteers are needed Sept. 23 - Dec. 17 to work one-on-one with 3rd graders at Hayes K-8 to strengthen reading skills through IPC's STAIR 3.0 program. Questions? Contact Marion Dukes at mdukes@ipc-usa.org.

GRACE GROUPS: Grow in faith and fellowship this fall by joining a Grace Group at IPC. These groups will meet from Oct. 12 to 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 on the Sign Up Links page.

456 BIBLE RETREAT: All 4th, 5th, and 6th graders are invited to join us for our annual Bible Retreat, a day of learning, fellowship, and fun at Children's Fresh Air Farm on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page. *Note: 4th graders will also receive their Bibles during the 11 a.m. worship service on Sunday, Sept. 28.*

SEPTEMBER LUNCH BUNCH: Join the Lunch Bunch crew for a meal and fellowship at Porch in Crestline on Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 11:30 a.m. located at 2 Dexter Avenue, Mountain Brook. This is a self-pay event, but please register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page so we can have an accurate head count.

THE IPC CROP DROP is scheduled for 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 neighbors experiencing food insecurity. This is a family-friendly event! Childcare will be available for children up to age 4 with prior registration. Register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

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

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Brett Burcham, Acoustic Guitar
Eric Onimus, Bass Guitar

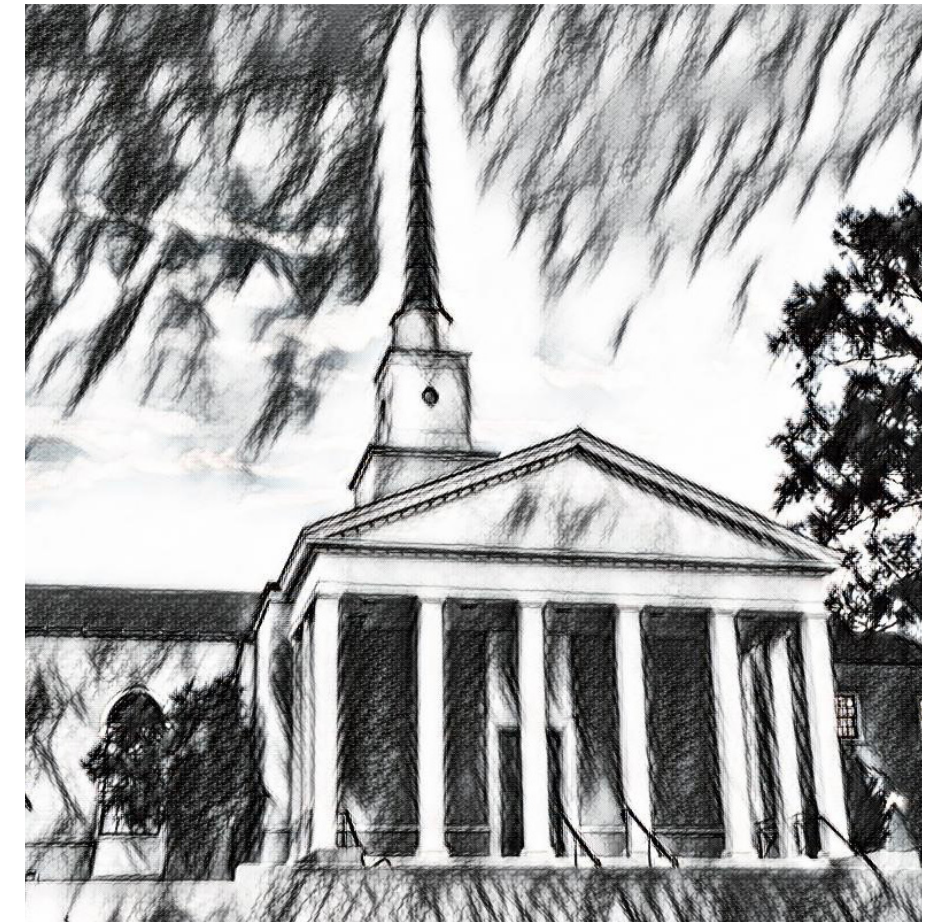
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THE TABLE

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Gathering Songs *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

Welcome

Opening Hymn *"King of Kings"*

Verse 1: In the darkness we were waiting
 Without hope without light
 Till from Heaven You came running
 There was mercy in Your eyes
 To fulfil the law and prophets
 To a virgin came the Word
 From a throne of endless glory
 To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus: Praise the Father
 Praise the Son
 Praise the Spirit three in one
 God of Glory
 Majesty
 Praise forever to the King of kings

Verse 2: To reveal the kingdom coming
 And to reconcile the lost
 To redeem the whole creation
 You did not despise the cross
 For even in Your suffering
 You saw to the other side
 Knowing this was our salvation
 Jesus for our sake You died

Repeat Chorus

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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."*

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.

Scripture Lesson *John 12:22-30*

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

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:** *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*
- To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

- 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: *"Oh How I Love Jesus"*
- Prayer after Communion

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

Closing Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Verse 2:

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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.*