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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:** To learn more about joining IPC, please send an email to [membership@ipc-usa.org](mailto:membership@ipc-usa.org) or visit the *New to IPC* page on our website.

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

**DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS,** we move to a combined traditional worship service in the Sanctuary each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. The Table worship service will continue in Highland Hall at 5:00 p.m. 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:** Adults and youth are invited to a combined Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. through Sunday, August 30. On June 14 and from June 28 through August 30, Dr. Jeff Leonard will lead a series titled "Ten Kings of Israel: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly of Israel's Monarchy" in RM 305/306. We will offer special classes to be held in celebration of our Sanctuary's centennial, and on June 21, learn about IPC's rich musical heritage. Childcare is available on the Ground Floor.

**WOMEN'S MONTREAT CONFERENCE:** Registration is now open for Montreat Women's Conference, August 14-16 in Montreat, North Carolina. The event features keynote speaker Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of the New York Times bestseller *Jesus and John Wayne*. Women from IPC are invited to attend and stay at Georgia Miller's family home. Participants staying at the house should register as commuters. For more information or to let her know you plan to attend, contact Georgia Miller at [georgiamerlyn@gmail.com](mailto:georgiamerlyn@gmail.com) or (205) 903-3668.

**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](http://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](mailto:mdukes@ipc-usa.org).

**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.

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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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**Eric Onimus**, Bass Guitar  
**Carlos Pino**, Electric Guitar

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

# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



JUNE 7, 2026

THE TENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



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### Independent Presbyterian Church

Church office: 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205  
Office Hours: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. | Phone: 205.933.1830  
[ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) | [facebook.com/ipcbirmingham](https://facebook.com/ipcbirmingham)  
This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

# WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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## GATHERING

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

### Prelude

### Gathering Song

### Welcome

### Opening Hymn

*“House of Zion”*

*Chorus:* We will feast in the House of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things, we will say together  
We will feast, and weep no more

*Verse 1:* We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

*Repeat Chorus*

*Verse 2:* In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

*Repeat Chorus*

*Verse 3:* Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

*Repeat Chorus*

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## LISTENING

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

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy One, You call us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with you; yet too often we choose comfort over compassion, silence over courage, and indifference over love. When injustice wounds our neighbors, we remain quiet. When poverty and pain stand before us, we turn away. Forgive the ways we resist your Spirit and cling to what is familiar and safe. Disturb what has grown comfortable within us. Give us courage to follow Jesus not only with our words, but with our lives. By your grace, make us a people who love boldly, welcome freely, seek justice faithfully, and labor for the healing of your world. In the name of Christ we pray. 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.”*

### 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: Mark 5:21-43

### Sermon: “Holy Interruptions”

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## 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: “Abide with Me”
- 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: “Fresh Wind”
- Prayer after Communion

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## 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.*