

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!** We would love to welcome you as a new member of our family of faith at IPC. Please indicate your interest by contacting Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). "Like" us on Facebook at @IPC Birmingham.

**FOCUS ON FAITH SUNDAY:** Today, we welcome Guest Speaker Brad H. Young, Ph.D., Founder and President of the Gospel Research Foundation and an internationally recognized authority on the comparative study of the Gospel and Rabbinic Parables. The schedule includes morning worship services with Dr. Young as our Guest Preacher, and he will lead a Sunday School class at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Following the 11 am worship services, join us for a reception in the Parlor.

**HARVEST FOR HUNGER:** Today begins IPC's annual campaign to fill every available shelf in our Blessing Boxes and Weekend Buddy Bags room with food and hygiene items. Please pick up a Harvest for Hunger grocery bag this morning in the Parlor. The list of food and hygiene items is printed on the bag and on our website. Make plans to return your filled bags by Sunday, November 24, which is Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day.

**SEED PACKING PARTY:** Join us at IPC's newest intergenerational event today from 2 to 4 pm in the Great Hall and help pack 3,000 cucumber and cabbage seed packets to be distributed to community gardens across Alabama and the US. This event kicks off our annual Harvest for Hunger campaign.

**BEER & HYMNS:** Join us on Monday, October 21, at 7 pm (doors open at 6 pm) at Iron City Grill for Beer & Hymns! Beer & Hymns is exactly what it sounds like. We sing old-timey hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages.

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION:** A meeting of the Independent Presbyterian Church is called for Sunday, October 27, to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11 am worship service in the Sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to recommend a candidate for the position of Associate Pastor of Discipleship. No other business may be transacted at this meeting.

**IPC KIDS ARE INVITED** to attend our Fall Retreat to Living River Retreat in Montevallo, Alabama, November 9-11. Learn more and register at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) on the Sign Up Links page by October 25.

**ACOLYTE INSTALLATION** will take place on Sunday, October 27, during the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. All acolytes, along with our Acolyte Captains, will be recognized.

**IPC KIDS:** Join us for a special fall-fun night on Wednesday, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm as part of Kid's ROCK-TOBER! Pre-Schoolers through 6th Graders are invited to bring along the whole family for a pizza dinner, pumpkins, a prize wheel and a fun inflatable. Come in costume and enjoy the festivities! Please register in advance.

## CONNECT WITH IPC'S PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF

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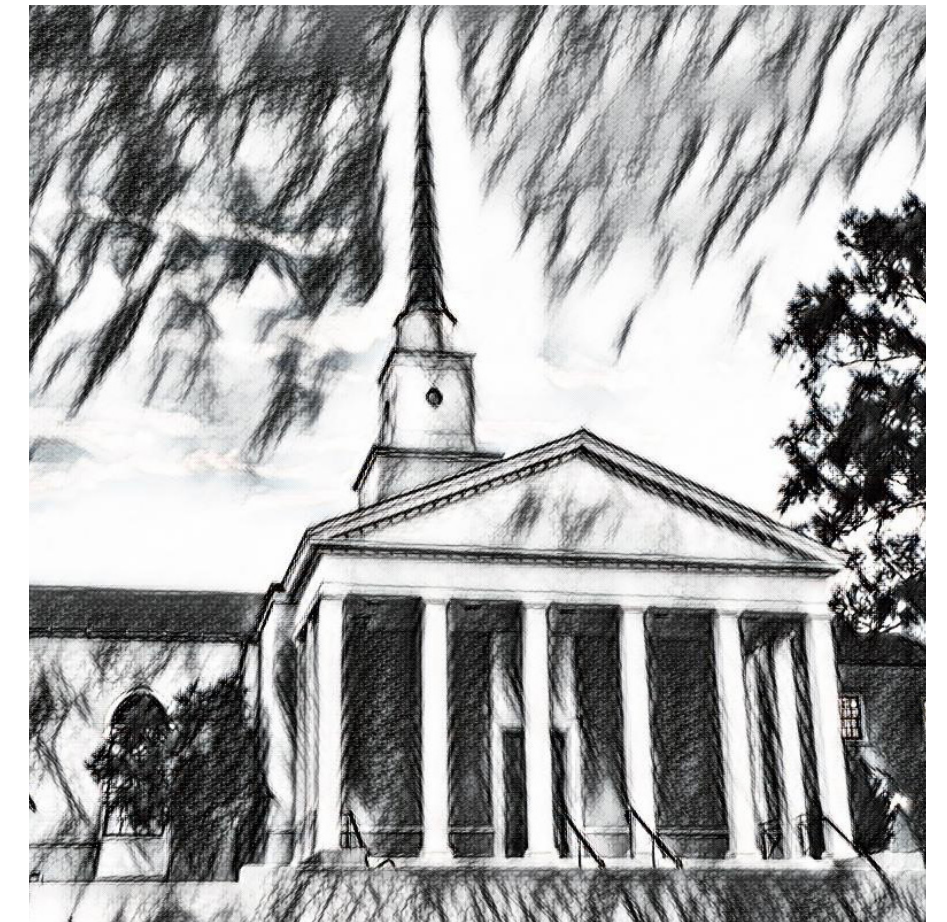
## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Rev. David J. Seamon**  
**Brad H. Young, Ph.D.**  
**Sarah Mason**  
**Brett Burcham**  
**Eric Onimus**  
**Leif Bondarenko**  
**Carlos Pino**  
**Tommy Bowen**  
**Oliver Middleton**  
**Jason Westbrook**

Associate Pastor  
Guest Preacher  
Worship Leader  
Acoustic Guitar  
Bass Guitar  
Drums  
Electric Guitar  
Horns  
Video & Lights  
Sound

# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



OCTOBER 20, 2024

FOCUS ON FAITH SUNDAY

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME



### Independent Presbyterian Church

Church office: 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205

Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 | Phone: 205.933.1830

[www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org) | [www.facebook.com/ipcbirmingham](https://www.facebook.com/ipcbirmingham)

This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Open · Affirming · Welcoming  
WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Table.  
As you prepare yourself for worship,  
we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

*Who stronger, O God, than he who rejoices in a risen Lord? Who mightier than he who through weakness has discovered strength in Christ? Who readier to stoop and help than he who has been bought with a price? Amen.*

*from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds*

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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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## IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

**E-mail or call us:** We would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. Please reach out to us by contacting Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

**Visit our website:** [ipc-usa.org/welcome](http://ipc-usa.org/welcome)

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## FLOWER DEDICATION

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

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## GATHERING

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

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

### *Call to Worship*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!  
People: **Worship the LORD with gladness, come into his presence with singing.**  
Leader: Know that the LORD is God, it is he that made us and we are his. We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
People: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**  
All: **For the Lord is good. His steadfast love endures forever, his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Psalms 100*

### *Gathering Songs*

*"Blessed Be Your Name"*  
*"Holy Is The Lord"*

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## LISTENING

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 soul 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. 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*

*"Gloria Patri"*

## *A Moment with the Children*

### *Prayer for Illumination*

### *Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:9-15*

**Sermon:** "The Faith of Jesus or the Faith in Jesus? The Lord's Prayer within its Jewish Context"

### *Moment for Mission: Harvest for Hunger*

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## RESPONDING

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

### *Hymn*

*"Blessed Assurance"*

### *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. 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: *"Come to the Table"*
- Prayer after Communion

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## SENDING

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

### *Closing Hymn*

*"What A Friend We Have In Jesus"*

### *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.*