
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 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., and Sunday School will be held at 9:00 a.m. through September 6. 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. 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 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 for "Sallie's Ashes:" Join us Monday, June 1 at 6:00 p.m. 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.

THE MAIN, 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.

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.

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.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today is Trinity Sunday—a day that draws together all we have celebrated over the past several months, each centered on God's mighty acts. Christmas through Epiphany, we celebrated God taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ. At Easter, we celebrated Christ's death and resurrection for us. At Pentecost, we celebrated God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher.

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

THE TABLE

Independent Presbyterian Church



MAY 31, 2026

TRINITY SUNDAY



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Church office: 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205
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WELCOME TO THE TABLE

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Gathering Song

Welcome

Opening Hymn

"Living Waters"

Verse 1: Are you thirsty
Are you empty
Come and drink these living waters
Tired and broken
Peace unspoken
Rest beside these living waters

Verse 2: Christ is calling
Find refreshing
At the cross of living waters
Lay your life down
All the old gone
Rise up in these living waters

Chorus: There's a river that flows
With mercy and love
Bringing joy to the city of our God
There our hope is secure
Do not fear anymore
Praise the Lord of living waters

Verse 3: Spirit moving
Mercy washing
Healing in these living waters
Lead your children
To the shoreline
Life is in these living waters

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, you whom we proclaim more than we experience
and request more than we need,
we come asking your forgiveness.
We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.
We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our mistakes.
We experience your grace, and yet act defeated.
We rely on your power, but only in hard times.
We have served our own self-interest
instead of serving only you and your people.
We have not loved our neighbor as you have commanded,
nor have we rightly loved ourselves.
Forgive us and bring us back into the fullness
of our covenant with you and one another.
Through 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."*

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: Genesis 1:1-2:4

Sermon: "God is..."

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: "This is my Father's World"
- 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: "Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me"
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"Because He Lives"

Verse 1: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of God
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story, this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2: Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

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.*