

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOCUS ON FAITH SUNDAY

October 20, 2024

8:45 am

11:00 am

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father, it is Thy will we seek. For Thy will is larger and better and richer than ours. We would not draw Thee down to us but lift ourselves up to Thee. We would not convert Thee to our wills but convert ourselves to Thine. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE Louis Vierne
"Adagio"

The service of worship begins with the music of the organ. Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, His peace.

INTROIT George Thalben-ball
"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace"

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP (8:45 am) Kathy Leaver
(11:00 am) Jessica Grover

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. *Psalm 100*

*HYMN 49 LEONI
"The God of Abraham Praise"

*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.

A period of silence for personal confession.

*KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **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."

*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581) GREATOR EX

“Glory Be to the Father”

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Long

MOMENT FOR MISSION: HARVEST FOR HUNGER.....

(8:45 am) Laura James

(11:00 am) Sissy Austin

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION..... (8:45 am) Kathy Leaver

(11:00 am) Jessica Grover

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Matthew 6:9-15 (Pew Bible, p. NT6)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

During the singing of this ANTHEM, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

ANTHEM..... Richard DeLong

“Just As I Am”

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down, now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Just as I am, of Thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. *Charlotte Elliot*

SERMON Dr. Brad H. Young

“The Faith of Jesus or the Faith in Jesus?”

The Lord’s Prayer within its Jewish Context”

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 475 NETTLETON

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*APOSTLES' CREED..... Rev. Clayton
I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*HYMN 606*)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- * The Prayer of Dedication
 The Offertory Anthem..... Roland Martin
 “Nunc Dimittis”

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou hast prepared before the face of all people. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Canticle of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

The Sending

- *HYMN 321 AURELIA
 “*The Church’s One Foundation*”

*BENEDICTION

- *POSTLUDE Jean Langlais
 “*Te Deum*”

*CONGREGATION STANDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! Please join us at the Welcome Table in the Parlor immediately following the service where we can tell you more about our church. We look forward to meeting you! For more information, please contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Warren, Jr. and Charles Katholi. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Edward Salter, Master Sergeant, who served 24 years beginning with the Korean Conflict and then Vietnam; father of Laural Myers.

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 Speaker, 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. *See our insert for additional information.*

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 hereby called for Sunday, October 27, 2024, to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11 a.m. 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. Whether a first-time or experienced camper, our elementary children (kindergarten to sixth grade) will have a blast with activities like archery, gaga ball, bracelet making, fishing, and bonfires. Chaperones are needed. Please register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page by October 25.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

ACOLYTE INSTALLATION will take place on Sunday, October 27, during the 11 am Sanctuary worship service. We will be celebrating our acolytes for their service in leadership and worship. All acolytes, along with our Acolyte Captains, will be recognized.

FALL FUN FOR IPC KIDS: As part of Kid's ROCK-TOBER, join us for a special, Halloween-fun filled Wednesday night, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. 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.

CELEBRATE GLOBAL MISSIONS with lunch in the Great Hall following the 11 am worship services on Sunday, November 3. IPC Global Missions Teams will share about this year's journeys to Malawi, Chiapas, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, and Mwandia Mission Zambia. Mission travel plans for 2025 will be announced. If you would like lunch, please register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

IPC CONNECT FALL COCKTAIL SOCIAL: Join us for a lovely, fall evening on Thursday, November 7 from 6 to 8 pm at the home of Merrill Stewart. There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres provided by Kim's Kitchen along with cocktails as we enjoy the season in fellowship with our IPC Connect friends. Please register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF: You can help those impacted by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) online or write a check to IPC with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate. Learn more about how to support those in need from recent hurricanes at ipc-usa.org.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor

Guest Preacher: Brad H. Young, Ph.D.

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Elders: (8:45 am) Kathy Leaver (11:00 am) Jessica Grover

Acolytes: (8:45 am) Nathaniel Siegel, Caleb Siegel, and Heidi Hollingsworth

(11:00 am) Stephen Tribble, Andrew Murphree, and Sutton Gregg

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HARVEST FOR HUNGER

OCTOBER 20 - NOVEMBER 24

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Harvest for Hunger is IPC's annual effort to fill every shelf in our food pantry with food and hygiene products to support our community members in need! Our food pantry is stocked completely through donations, and we depend on the generosity and kindness of our church members and friends to keep our shelves filled. Through your financial gifts, donations of supplies, and God's grace, our food ministry has been able to grow to support more individuals in need each year. Let's join hearts and hands this holiday season to help provide for the more than 100,000 children and families who struggle with food insecurity in our area.

Bags can be found in the Parlor, Highland Hall, or the Community Ministries office (ground floor off of 31st Street South). Please return your filled bags to the Parlor or Community Ministries office by November 24th, Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day.

IPC FOOD MINISTRY NEEDS

All nonperishable food items are accepted, but our most needed items are below:

Food Items

- Microwaveable Chef Boyardee Cups
- Hearty Soup with pop-top
- Tuna, Vienna Sausages, Spam, Chicken
- Easy Mac cups
- Canned Vegetables
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Cereal
- Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Canned fruit and Fruit cups
- Packets of grits
- Breakfast and protein bars
- Snack crackers

Hygiene Items

- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo
- Laundry Detergent
- Dish Soap
- Diapers
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Baby Wipes

Please return filled bags to the Parlor or Community Ministries on the ground floor by November 24th.



Find IPC's Food Ministry Wish List by scanning the QR code above or typing this link into your web browser:

<https://qrco.de/FoodNeeds>