

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 22, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, our Father, with all the generations of the past and with all the mighty assemblage of posterity, we would take our places before Thy face. Let us unite our voices with the swelling strains of praise. Let us drink of the everlasting foundation. Let us find ourselves in Thee, the Infinite and the Eternal. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE Charles-Marie Widor
"Andante Sostenuto"

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
"Draw nigh to God"
Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Newton
Minister: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts;
People: **So I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**
Minister: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.
People: **O save your people, and bless your heritage; be their shepherd, and carry them forever.** *Psalm 28:7-9*

* HYMN 39 FAITHFULNESS
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Unison: **Gracious Lord God, you have promised to be God for us and for our children, and in Jesus Christ, you have shown us your unconditional love and unwavering faithfulness. Yet we confess that we are not faithful to you. We do not prioritize our relationship with you but devote ourselves to lesser things. We often give you lip service in worship and then live the rest of the week as if we did not know you. Forgive us, O God, for our unfaithfulness. Create in us clean hearts and renew our spirits for the sake of your Son, in whose name we pray. 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

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*THE PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Minister: 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)GREATOREX

"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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Mae Kirkland Thompson

*APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Acts 2:22-24, 37-42 (Pew Bible, p. NT91)

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 childcare.

ANTHEMJester Hairston, arr. Fred Prentice

"It's All Over Me"

Gullory! Now hear the good news 'bout the King Jesus and His everlastin' love!
Glory! His everlastin' love is all over me and it's keepin' me alive. Oh yes, it's kee-
pin' me alive. I say it's all over me an' it's keepin' me alive. King Jesus is keepin'
me alive! Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessin'. Tune my heart to sing His grace.
Streams of mercy, never ceasin', call for songs of a louder praise!

SERMONRev. Long

"Promises, Promises"

The Response to the Word

- * HYMN 838 PROMISES
“Standing on the Promises”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Clayton

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 arr. Shawn Kirchner
“Wana Baraka”

*Wana baraka, wale waombao; Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Allehuya! Wana amani.
Wana furaha. Wana uzima.*

*They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus himself said so. Alleluia! They have
peace. They have joy. They have well-being.*

Trad. Kenyan folk song

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 475 NETTLETON
“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

* BENEDICTION Rev. Long

* POSTLUDE G. F. Handel
“Hornpipe”

* 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 Clifford Lanier Lamar, III, and Mark L. Miller, DVM. **THE FLOWERS** in the Children's Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jayne Walton Ogilvie. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald W. McCormick, Corporal, U.S. Army Air Forces, WWII; father of Gini Williams.

THIS EVENING AT THE TABLE SERVICE: Join us at 5:00 p.m. in Highland Hall for a special Hymn Sing! We'll lift our voices with old-time favorites and a few new selections as we share our gifts and celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper together.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: IPC's Summer Sunday School Class will explore Questions of Faith. Led by our associate pastors, the class is for adults and youth and will be held at 9:00 a.m. in rooms 305/306 on the third floor.

SUPPORT THE FARM THIS SUMMER: The Summer Learning Program is underway, and 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 Catherine Sager at (205) 933-3725 or csager@ipc-usa.org.

SUNDAY, JULY 6: IPC will follow its holiday worship schedule on Sunday, July 6, with one worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School or Table worship service. In addition, IPC will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION: As summer begins, we are reminded of the great difficulties facing some families that rely on school-provided meals and may now be struggling to meet this additional need. With your help, we can keep the Food Pantry stocked to support our friends and neighbors in need. Please see the pink pew cards in the sanctuary for ideas on what to donate or contact Catherine Sager at csager@ipc-usa.org with any questions!

YOUTH GRANT TEAM: Applications are now open for the 2025 Youth Grant Team. Rising 11th and 12th graders can apply, with the deadline set for August 1. Consider this opportunity to engage in meaningful philanthropy and make a difference in our community. Questions: Please contact Cammie Ashworth at cashworth@ipc-usa.org.

BAPTISM TODAY

MAE KIRKLAND THOMPSON, born September 26, 2024, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneth Thompson, Jr., granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Kenneth Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wilkinson Weller.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. D. Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor, Discipleship

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

Acolyte: Spencer Cobbs

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