

Independent Presbyterian Church
Birmingham, Alabama



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, hold before my eyes the picture of Him whose life and words were one. Even when I think rightly I cannot tell it, and even when I tell it I cannot live it. Go before me, O Master of the heart, reproaching and inspiring by the far music of Thy perfect behavior. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDEPaul Hindemith

“Quietly moving” from *Sonata II*

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.

INTROITGeorge Thalben-Ball

“Blessed be his glorious name for ever”

Blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIPKathy Leaver

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
People: O my God, in you I trust.
Leader: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.
People: Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long.
Leader: Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
People: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his decrees.
All: Let us praise the Lord!

* HYMN 620 LAUDA ANIMA

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Almighty and merciful God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Help us to love you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, 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. Clayton

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Seamon

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 10:25-37 (Pew Bible, p. NT54)

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.

ANTHEMAdrian Batten, arr. Crawford R. Thoburn

"O Praise the Lord"

O praise the Lord, all ye people. Praise him all ye nations. For his merciful kindness is ever more and more towards us, and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 117, Book of Common Prayer

SERMONRev. Clayton

"Won't You Please Be My Neighbor?"

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 183 AUSTIN

"Come to Me, O Weary Traveler"

*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.**

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.....Robert J. Powell
“Come, Let Us With Our Lord Arise”

Come, let us with our Lord arise, our Lord, who made the earth and skies; who died to save the world he made, and rose triumphant from the dead; he rose, the Prince of life and peace, and claimed the day forever his. This is the day the Lord has made, that all may see his love displayed, may know his resurrection’s pow’r, and rise again to die no more! Then let us bring to him his own, with solemn prayer approach his throne, with meekness hear the gospel word, with thanks his dying love record, our joyful hearts and voices raise, and fill his courts with songs of praise.
Charles Wesley

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 366 HYFRYDOL
“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

- * BENEDICTION..... Rev. Clayton

- * POSTLUDEJ. S. Bach
“Vater unser im Himmelreich”

- * *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 Barbara Noojin Walthall. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Arnold Petri Christenson, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Air Force, WWII; husband of Alice Christenson.

THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM is winding down, but there's still time 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 time and gifts can make a meaningful impact for our students this summer. Mark your calendar for SLP Graduation on Thursday, July 24. Questions: Please contact Catherine Sager at (205) 933-3725 or csager@ipc-usa.org.

BEER AND HYMNS: Join us on Monday, July 21, at The Grocery (2823 Central Ave., in Homewood). The Beer & Hymns music starts at 7:00 p.m. and is exactly what it sounds like. We sing old-timey hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages.

FAMILY CATECHESIS CAMP: Join us July 29–31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a three-night series exploring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd as a family. We'll enjoy a light supper, time in the Atria, and end the evening with fellowship on the playground. This camp is designed for families with elementary-aged children, and nursery care is available upon request for children in preschool and younger. Sign up at ipc-usa.org; click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

PROVIDE AND SERVE DINNER AT FIRST LIGHT: Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light. IPC will be providing evening meals each night for the week of July 27 - August 2. Sign up at ipc-usa.org; click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION: Each summer, 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!

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD: In honor of Amanda Davis.

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Dick Roberts.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: In honor of Amanda Davis and the Children's Ministry Staff.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Bob Schleusner and Claude Baniakas.

GLOBAL MISSIONS: In memory of Greg Jeane.

Participants in Today's Services

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

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach

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

Mrs. Kathy Leaver, Elder

Acolyte: Andrew Grover

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