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## 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](mailto: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.

**BIBLICAL EXPLORATIONS TRIP:** Biblical Explorations, with Rev. Susan Clayton and Dr. Jeff Leonard, invites you to join us for a ten-day journey October 3-13, 2026 through Greece, from Paul to the Parthenon. This itinerary includes a host of sites connected with both the journeys of the Apostle Paul and the foundations of Western civilization. **To learn more, join us for an information meeting on Monday, June 29 at 5:30 p.m. in GH1.**

**HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** IPC will follow its holiday worship schedule on Sunday, July 5, with one worship service at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no Sunday School or Table worship service. In addition, IPC will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE:** Help teachers in Camden, AL stock their classrooms. Find the supply wish list at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) on the Sign Up Links page and make your purchase by July 7. If you picked up a backpack to fill, please also return by July 7. This youth-led project supports our partnership with Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Group in Camden, AL.

**DOMINICAN REPUBLIC GLOBAL MISSION TRIP:** Sign up to join us for a mission journey to the Dominican Republic January 16-23, 2027, at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) on the Sign Up Links page. Interested in learning more? **Join us for an informational meeting on Wednesday, July 8, at 5:00 p.m. in RM 218 or via Zoom, or contact Rev. David Seamon at [dseamon@ipc-usa.org](mailto:dseamon@ipc-usa.org).**

**AS THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM** continues this week, we invite you to support IPC's mission at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Visit [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) to sign up to tutor or donate snacks! Questions: Please contact Marion Dukes at (205) 623-2187 or [mdukes@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mdukes@ipc-usa.org).

**WOMEN'S MONTREAT CONFERENCE:** Register for Montreat Women's Conference (August 14-16), featuring keynote speaker Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of the New York Times bestseller *Jesus and John Wayne*. Women from IPC are invited to attend and stay at Georgia Miller's family home. For more information or to let her know you plan to attend, contact Georgia Miller at (205) 903-3668 or [georgiamerlyn@gmail.com](mailto:georgiamerlyn@gmail.com).

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Adults and youth are invited to a combined Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m. From June 28-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.

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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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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Rev. Kevin Long**, Pastor  
**Sarah Mason**, Worship Leader  
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**Eric Onimus**, Bass Guitar  
**Carlos Pino**, Electric Guitar  
**Fred Rogan**, Steel Guitar

**Leif Bondarenko**, Drums  
**Jeff Lopez**, Horns  
**Tommy Bowen**, Horns  
**Hayden Thomas**, Sound



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### Independent Presbyterian Church

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

## Independent Presbyterian Church



JUNE 28, 2026

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

# WELCOME TO THE TABLE

## GATHERING

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

### Prelude

**Gathering Song**                      *"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"*

### Welcome

**Opening Hymn**                      *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Verse 1:    **Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.**

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the Mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Verse 2:    **Here I raise my Ebenezer;  
Here by Thy great help I've come;  
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,  
Safely to arrive at home.**

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed His Precious Blood.

Verse 3:    **O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.**

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Here's my heart  
Oh take and seal it  
Seal it for Thy courts above

## LISTENING

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

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

I have deceived myself, dear Christ, I confess it; I have fallen from the heights to the depths. O lift me up again, for well I know delusion came because I wanted it. If I presume again, I'll fall again, and fall to my undoing. Forgive my arrogance, and humble me by the grace of your salvation. It cannot be that I alone shall find you hard and unresponsive. Amen.

*Gregory of Nazianzus, d. 389 AD.*

*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:** Acts 20:7-12

**Sermon:** *"The Longest Sermon in History"*

## 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: *"Take My Life And Let It Be"*
- 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: *"O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus"*
- Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

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

### Closing Hymn

*"I Surrender All"*

Verse 1:    **All to Jesus I surrender  
All to Him I freely give  
I will ever love and trust Him  
In His presence daily live**

Chorus:    **I surrender all  
I surrender all  
All to Thee my blessed Savior  
I surrender all**

Verse 2:    **All to Jesus I surrender  
Humbly at His feet I bow  
Worldly pleasures all forsaken  
Take me, Jesus, take me now**

*Repeat Chorus*

Verse 3:    **All to Jesus I surrender  
Make me Savior wholly thine  
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me  
May I know Thy power divine**

*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.*