

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS! We would love to welcome you as a new member of our family of faith at IPC. Please indicate your interest by contacting Stacy Pulliam at the church office, 933-3731. "Like" us on Facebook at IPCBirmingham.

SUMMER SCHEDULE AT IPC: Worship with us each Sunday, June 2 – August 25:

- 9 am: Adult and Youth Sunday School, Children's Childcare
Adult and Youth Sunday School will combine in the Great Hall to learn about "Crimes and Misdemeanors: Revisiting Some of Scripture's Heroes and Villains" with Dr. Jeff Leonard. Childcare is available for children age 5- rising 6th grade in Room G20 on the Ground Floor.
- 10 am: Traditional Service (Sanctuary) & Table Service (Highland Hall)
Please note that there will be no Sunday School or Table Worship on holiday weekends: September 1.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: The Alabama Prison Arts + Education Project at Auburn University APAEP offers access to educational opportunities to people currently and formerly incarcerated across the state. The APAEP community cultivates inclusive, student-centered spaces for creativity, exploration, and lifelong relationships with learning. We value respect, dignity, equity, compassion, and innovation. Learn more at apaep.auburn.edu.

DONATE crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, stickers, and Band-Aids for our IPC global mission journeys. Please bring items to Community Ministries. The next deadline is Monday, August 12, for the Mwandu trip. For questions, contact Nick Mathes at nmathes@ipc-usa.org.

RIISING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS can apply today for the Youth Grant Team (YGT). During the 12-week course (Wednesday, September 4th - Sunday, November 17), the YGT will research grant applications from non-profit organizations and decide how to distribute the funds. More detailed information is available at ipc-usa.org/connect. Apply by Thursday, August 1.

HEAT WAVE DONATIONS: During the hot weather, help our neighbors by donating water or Gatorade directly to local shelters such as Jimmie Hale Mission (3420 2nd Ave N), One Roof (1515 6th Ave S), or Firehouse (6262nd Ave N). For questions, contact Nick Mathes at nmathes@ipc-usa.org.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL: Students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, day school totes, and briefcases to either worship service on Sunday, August 18, for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Youth will have their kick-off at Blackjack Farms. Parents can join us for dinner at Clubhouse on Highland on Wednesday, August 21, for a Summer Supper Soirée. Find out more about all of these events and sign up for dinner at ipc-usa.org/connect.

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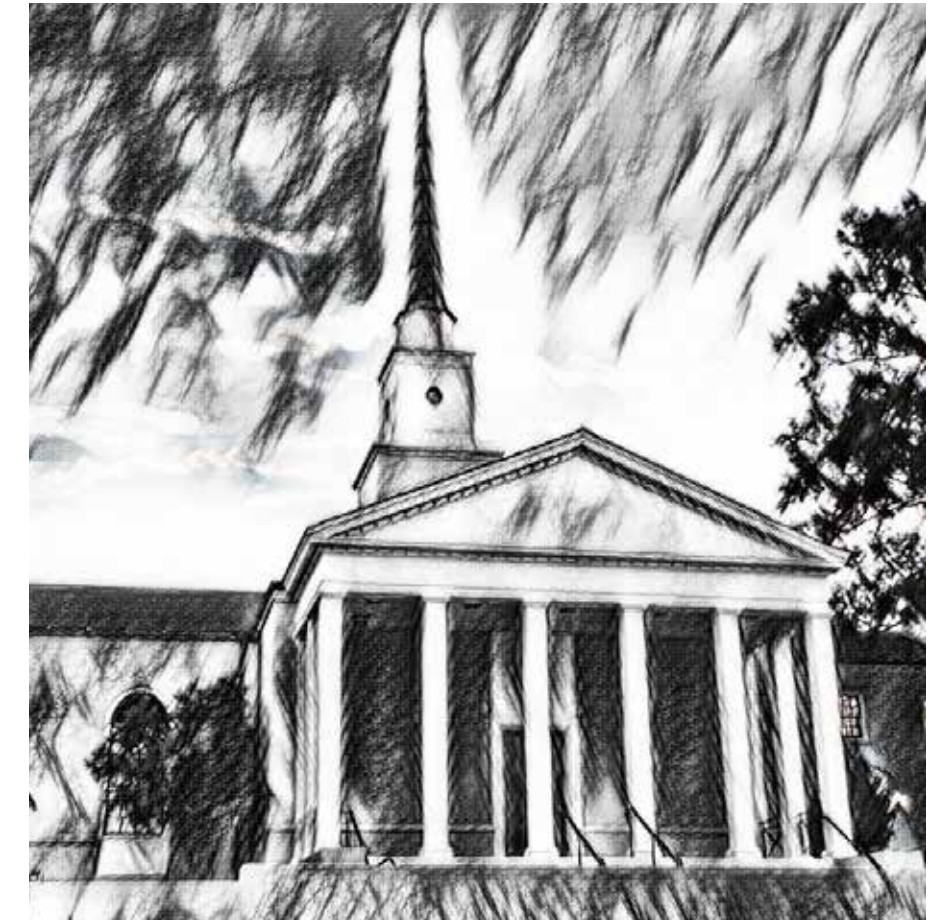
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Associate Pastor, Families & Outreach
Worship Leader
Acoustic Guitar
Bass Guitar
Drums
Horns
Lights
Sound

THE TABLE

Independent Presbyterian Church



JULY 21, 2024

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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Church office: 3100 Highland Avenue, Birmingham, AL 35205
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This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Open · Affirming · Welcoming
WORSHIP is at the center of the life of The Table.
As you prepare yourself for worship,
we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

*Within me, O God, is Thyself asking. It is deep calling unto deep.
Grant me surrender, grant me easement in Thine arms, that life
and prayer may be one, that life may lift a richer prayer and that
prayer may ask a richer life. In Christ's name. Amen.*

from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds

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.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

E-mail or call us: We would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. Please reach out to us by contacting Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

Visit our website: ipc-usa.org/welcome

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the foyer table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark L. Miller.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: O God, you are my God, I seek you, my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.**

Leader: So I will bless you as long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

People: **My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed, and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

Leader: For you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

All: **My soul clings to you, your right hand upholds me. You are greatly to be praised! Let us praise the Lord!**
from Psalm 63

Gathering Songs

*"10,000 Reasons"
"A Mighty Fortress"*

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, Lord when we are struggling with life, searching for answers in vain, relying on our own strength and failing again. Remind us, Lord that you are the strength upon whom we can call, the power to endure, the answer that we seek, the one in whose arms we can safely fall. Forgive us, Lord when we forget. Draw us back into your presence, and help us in all things to trust in your love, grace and mercy, which never fail. In the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ we pray. 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

"Gloria Patri"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: *I Have a Question: What is the Purpose of Prayer? Does Prayer Change God's Mind? How Should We Pray?*

Moment for Mission: *Alabama Prisons Arts + Education Project
Kyes Stevens, Founder and Director*

RESPONDING

We *respond* to the hearing of God's word through reflection, prayer, offering and communion

Hymn

"Abide With Me"

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. 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
- Song: *"Fresh Wind"*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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.*