

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.
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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:** Please reach out by contacting Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@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.

FOCUS ON FAITH SUNDAY: We welcome Dr. Mark Labberton, former President and Professor of Preaching at Fuller Theological Seminary and author of several books. This evening's service features a video replay of his morning sermon. You can also watch the replay of his Sunday School class on IPC's YouTube channel by searching @PCBirmingham.

FALL GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: A new session of Living After Loss, a support group for those navigating the emotional and spiritual journey of grief following any kind of loss, begins Wednesday, Nov. 5, at 3:00 p.m. in Room 304. The group meets each Wednesday and will be facilitated by Dr. Stewart Jackson, licensed counselor, with participation from Rev. Susan Clayton.

IPC CONNECT FALL COCKTAIL SOCIAL: Join us for a fall evening with IPC Connect friends on Thursday, Nov. 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the home of Merrill Stewart. Enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and good company as we gather in fellowship and friendship. Please register by Monday, Nov. 3 at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

ELEMENTARY FALL RETREAT: All elementary-age children are invited to the Fall Retreat at Living River, Nov. 7-9. This weekend getaway offers a chance to unplug, explore nature, and grow in faith and friendship. Please register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

ANNUAL PLEDGE: Join us in joyful generosity as we share our gifts to bless others. Your annual pledge provides the foundation for ministry, mission, and growth. Find 2026 pledge cards at IPC, or make your pledge online by texting PLEDGE to (205) 927-3100.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER CAMPAIGN: Help fill every available shelf in our Blessing Boxes and Weekend Buddy Bags room with food and hygiene items. Pick up a Harvest for Hunger grocery bag at IPC. The list of needed items will be printed on the bag and available at ipc-usa.org. Please return filled bags by Sunday, Nov. 23, which is Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day.

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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Jeff Lopez, Horns
Fred Rogan, Steel Guitar
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THE TABLE

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NOVEMBER 2, 2025

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Gathering Song *“Come And Listen”*

Welcome

Opening Hymn *“How Great Thou Art”*

Verse 1: O Lord my God
When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works
Thy hands have made
I see the stars
I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow’r thru’out
The universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul
My Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art
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Verse 2: And when I think
That God His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die
I scarce can take it in
That on the cross
My burden gladly bearing
He bled and died
To take away my sin

(Repeat Chorus)

Verse 3: When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home
What joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow
In humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God how
Great Thou Art

(Repeat Chorus)

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, by your mercy strengthen those who are exposed to the rough storms of trouble and temptation. Help us stand against our own negligence and cowardice. Defend us against the treachery of our unfaithful hearts, and forgive us our sins. Help us, we implore you. Bring us safe to your haven of peace. In Jesus’ name we pray.
Amen.

St. Augustine

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.”*

Holy Interruption

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 *Daniel 3:1-18*

Sermon: “Discerning the Dangers”

*As part of Focus on Faith Sunday, the sermon in this evening’s service is a video replay of this morning’s preacher,
Dr. Mark Labberton.*

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: *“O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*
- 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: *“New Wine”*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn *“In Christ Alone”*

Verse 1: In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2: In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3: There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4: No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life’s first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I’ll stand