

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 28, 2024

10:00 am

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, free me from the dangers of trying to make myself what I ought to be. Deliver me from the artificiality and the anxiety of imitating Thee or following Thy instruction. Do Thou grow up in me, and may my words and acts and attitudes flow naturally from a life which is hid with Christ in God. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Adagio" Roger Nyquist
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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Jay Turner

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;
People: Tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.
All: Come! Let us worship the Lord with heart and voice!

*HYMN 620 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: 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."

*GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Clayton

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Matthew 11:28-30 (Pew Bible, p. NT12)

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 worship care.

ANTHEM - "Your Hands, O Lord, in Days of Old" Carson P. Cooman

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save; they triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave. To you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame, the leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame. And then your touch brought life and health, gave speech and strength and sight; and youth renewed, with health restored, claimed you, the Lord of light. And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then, in every street, in every home, in every troubled friend. O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death; restore and strenghten, soothe and bless with your almighty breath. On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour, that whole and sick and weak and strong may praise you evermore. *Edward H. Plumptre*

SECOND LESSON - I Peter 1:1-9 (Pew Bible, p. NT232)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - I HAVE A QUESTION: CAN I TRULY FORGIVE SOME-ONE?..... Rev. Turner

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 450 - "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

*APOSTLES' CREEDRev. Clayton

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 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Prayer" Mark Schweizer
King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing thee, and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee. Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll thee: e'en eternity's too short, to extol thee.

George Herbert

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 39 - "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Trumpet Tune in C Major" Michael McCabe

**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 church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Johnston Bowie; Mrs. Elizabeth Bowie Crawford; Mr. Edward Burwell Crawford; Miss Betty Crawford; Alice and Don Maring, Sr.; Charlotte and Don Maring, Jr.; Anne and Clarence Wiley; and Alan T. Drennen, Jr. **THE ROSE** in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth on April 26, 2024, of Alice Elwood Deer, daughter of Dani and Will Deer, granddaughter of Jill and Alan Deer. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Albert Durant Smith II, Major, U.S. Air Force Pilot; WWII and the Korean Conflict; flew B17 and B24 bombers; father-in-law of Lochrane Coleman Smith, grandfather of Lochrane Smith Chase.

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.

RISING 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.

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.

UKRAINIAN FREEDOM FESTIVAL: Volunteers are needed Thursday (August 22) at 3 pm - 6 pm to set up the room, Friday (August 23) at 3 pm - 6 pm to decorate and bring in supplies, and Saturday (August 24) at 11 am - 2 pm to finish preparations. The festival is on Saturday at 2 pm - 4 pm. Clean-up is 4 pm - 5:30 pm. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

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.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Dr. Bayard S. Tynes, Sr.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Lucy E. Turner, Retired Associate Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed
Jay Turner, Elder
Mr. Gregory Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir
Members of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolyte: Macey McMillan Robinson

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