

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

eight forty-five o'clock  
eleven o'clock



**Service for the Lord's Day**

**Holy Communion**

**The Gathering for Worship**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your all-embracing love and mercy. Give us a hunger for your Word, and in that food satisfy our every need, through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. Amen.

PRELUDE - "Prelude in E-flat Major" (BWV 552) ..... Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

*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.*

\* HYMN 473 - "For the Beauty of the Earth" ..... DIX

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Dr. Sharps

Minister: Let us proclaim liberty from the mountain top.  
People: Let us announce freedom throughout the land.  
Minister: Let us seek justice for all people;  
People: And deliverance for the oppressed.  
Minister: Let us worship God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... Ms. Clayton

Unison: Holy God, we know what is right: to love God and love neighbor, but we do not do it. We know what is wrong: injustice, oppression, self-centeredness, and greed, but we persist in doing it. We have become ensnared by our own petty desires; and when we try to free ourselves, we become tangled in our own good intentions. You alone can break the bonds of our sin, O God. You alone have the grace to free us from these knots that hold us captive. Free us, loving God. Liberate us for authentic living and obedient service in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*A period of silence for personal confession.*

KYRIE ELEISON (*All Singing*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 579*)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Romans 7:12-25a (Pew Bible, p. NT157)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: Thanks be to God.

\* HYMN 515- "Now to Your Table Spread" ..... LOVE UNKNOWN  
(*During the singing of this hymn, children preschool and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the ground floor for worship care. No children's chapel this Sunday.*)

SERMON - SOUVENIR RUBBLE ..... Dr. Sharps

\* NICENE CREED (*In unison*)

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Statement

\* The Doxology ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Duet - "Heavenly Love" ..... Charles Gounod  
(1818-1893)

Janet Ort, *Soprano*; Gloria Parvin, *Alto*

Whate'er can trouble the peace, Lord, of a heart that's thine? In all it seeks Thy sovereign  
will eternal and to Thy law doth incline. On the earth, in the skies above me can greater  
joy be known, than peace, which hearts alone do feel who love Thee? My Lord!

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Unison: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are  
full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*The minister continues in prayer:*

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

*The minister continues in prayer, and then all pray together:*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"Agnus Dei" ..... Jean Langlais

Gloria Parvin, *Alto*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Grant us thy peace.*

SHARING OF THE CUP

"Open Now, My Heart" ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

Janet Ort, *Soprano*

Open now, my heart in welcome, Jesus comes to dwell in thee. Though I am mere dust and ashes, yet he will not bear disdain nor despise his will to reign with my heart his earthly mansion. O how blessed will I be!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

\* HYMN 564 - "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" ..... MATERNA

\* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "Fugue in E-flat Major" (BWV 552) ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

\**Congregation standing*

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THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Donald W. McCormick, Sr., United States Army; and in honor of Donald W. McCormick, Jr., United States Air Force.

**Participants in Today's Service**

The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps, Pastor  
The Rev. Ms. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Community Ministries  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director, Music and Fine Arts  
Janet Ort and Gloria Parvin, Soloists

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all who worship with us today as visitors. We hope you will consider becoming part of our church family. Please indicate your interest by checking the appropriate column on the Friendship pad or call Nancy Skinner at the church office, 933-1830.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no Children's Chapel for worship services until August 30. During the singing of the second hymn children preschool and younger only may follow the acolyte out of the sanctuary.

THE IPC CHOIR is taking a much deserved vacation and will return to the services of the church August 23. Rehearsals for the fall will resume August 12.

THE NEW ROOF IS COMING! The crane, to be placed on the corner of Highland Avenue and 31<sup>st</sup> Street, should be in place early during the week of July 6, and the construction fencing will go up on the construction site. The new roof, strategic stone work re-pointing, and exterior lighting should be finished by late November. Please note that during the five months of construction: For safety reasons, during the week, the sanctuary, sacristy, and narthex will be closed during construction hours. On Sundays, the construction fencing will be moved to allow entrance to the sanctuary through both the front and the Howze door (wooden door by parlor). Weekday visitors to the church will continue to enter through the Highland Avenue Parlor Door. The courtyard will be temporarily fenced off, so please use the ramped walkway in front of the Edmonds Chapel to access the Parlor entrance. The drop off area in front of the main entrance to the church will be fenced off. However, the handicapped parking spaces will remain open and available for use during the week as well as on Sundays. There will be no parking on the church side of 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The regular entrance on 31<sup>st</sup> Street to Community Ministries/Congregational Care & Counseling will be closed, and visitors will be redirected to enter through the covered walkway on 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The Day School entrance will be re-oriented to Lakeview Crescent. Thanks so much for your cooperation.

SUGGESTED FOOD PANTRY ITEM: Soups or Soup Mixes.

## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD MEMORIALS: (*Horizon Fund*) Ms. Edith Broughton; Mr. William F. Edmonds; Mr. Wallace Horn. (*Life Care Fund*) Mr. Wallace Horn. (*Chapel Fund*) *In honor of* Reverend Richard Hanna; Mr. Samuel "Mac" King; Mrs. Robbie Sevier.

CHILDRENS FRESH AIR FARM CAMPSHIPS: Mr. George B. Elliott; Mrs. Mary Ramsay Fikes; Mrs. S. Perry Given; Mrs. Louise Skelton Lanier. IPC SOCIAL SERVICES MEMORIALS: Mrs. Margaret Thorson Darden; Mrs. Sarah Morgan Eiland; Mr. Kenneth Bryan Horton. COMMUNITY MINISTRIES MEMORIAL: Mr. Windy Todd.