

## 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.

**YOUR OFFERING IS APPRECIATED.** Offerings may be submitted online, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts!

**THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES** continues with the following 4:00 recitals: November 8, Stefan Engels, Dallas, Texas; November 15, Isabelle Demers, Waco, Texas; November 22, David Enlow, New York, New York. All of the recitals are free. Reservations are required and available at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). Masks and social distancing are required.

**WEDNESDAY PERSONAL PRAYERS:** The Sanctuary is open for a "come and go" personal prayer time on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00. Please enter through the front doors of the Sanctuary, sign the register, wear a mask, and sit in the designated seating areas.

**HARVEST FOR HUNGER:** Please help us serve those who are food insecure. Our food drive continues until November 22 (Dedication Day). We need food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers (\$45 each). Bags are available in the Parlor. To arrange drop-off, call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (memo: Harvest for Hunger). Please check our website at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect) for a list of suggested food items. Monetary donations can be made by clicking on "Give Online" (top right corner) and selecting "Food Pantry" in the dropdown menu. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!

**ADVENT FLOWERS:** Honor loved ones with an Advent flower donation. Look for envelopes in The Window (Oct). An online donation form is now available at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13.

**PW HOLIDAY FLORAL ARRANGING:** Sybil Sylvester will offer a virtual floral demonstration available by email on November 18. You can buy a flower kit with all the supplies or purchase the video link only. Find out more at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect) or by contacting Lea Anne Hardy at [lhady@ipc-usa.org](mailto:lhady@ipc-usa.org).

**THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE** continues until Monday, November 30. Fruit order forms arrive in mailboxes this week, or place an order online at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). You can also donate fruit to the Food Pantry (delivered automatically). Curbside pick-up is December 19 and 20 at Highland Hall. A choir representative will come to your car and help you with your order. Masks and social distancing are required.

## TALK WITH THE PREACHER

David is available for conversations by appointment. Please email [dseamon@ipc-usa.org](mailto:dseamon@ipc-usa.org) or call 205-933-3730 to arrange an appointment.

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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<b>Rev. Steve Goyer</b>	Pastor
<b>Billy Gant</b>	Guitar/Vocals
<b>Jeanette Hightower</b>	Violin
<b>Sarah Mason</b>	Piano/Vocals
<b>Beth Middleton</b>	Vocals
<b>Fred Rogan</b>	Steel Guitar
<b>Jason Westbrook</b>	Sound

Cover: *Festival of Lights*, a print from 2000 by John August Swanson. He was born in 1938 in Los Angeles, California. He paints in oil, watercolor, acrylic, and mixed media, and he is an independent printmaker of limited edition serigraphs, lithographs, etchings, and other prints.

Since 1969, his art has reflected his strong heritage of storytelling, inherited from his Mexican mother and Swedish father. John Swanson's narratives are direct and easily understood. He addresses himself to human values, cultural roots, and the quest for self-discovery through visual images. These include: Bible stories and social celebrations, such as attending circuses, concerts, and operas. His parables optimistically embrace life and one's spiritual transformation. Text from [www.johnaugustswanson.com](http://www.johnaugustswanson.com). Image courtesy of the Vanderbilt Jean and Alexander Heard Divinity Library.



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# THE TABLE

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NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
ALL SAINTS DAY



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:

*“The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that body which is my head too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member. And when [the church] buries a person, that action concerns me. All [of humanity] is of one author, and is one volume; when one [person] dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but [the Lord’s] hand is in every translation, and [God’s] hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another. As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all. . . .*

*No [one] is an island entire of itself; every[one] is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend’s or of thine own were. Any[one’s] death diminishes me, because I am involved in [hu]mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”*

~ John Donne  
Meditation XVII of Devotions upon Emergent Occasions

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:

**Check-in at the Kiosk in the foyer.** One of our deacons would be happy to assist you..

**Join us outside directly after Worship.** Greeters are available who would love to welcome you and answer any questions you might have.

**Visit our website:** [ipc-usa.org/welcome](http://ipc-usa.org/welcome).

GATHERING

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

+**Gathering Hymn #375** “*Shall We Gather at the River*”

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**All: Who made heaven and earth.**  
One: In life and in death  
**All: We belong to God.**  
One: Baptized into Christ’s death  
**All: We live unto Him.**  
One: Come, let us Worship God!

**Anthem:** “*Blessed are the Merciful*”

LISTENING

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

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**O gracious God, whose mercy is higher than the heavens and wider than our wanderings, we long to live and to love more fully. And yet, we have not received others simply as they are, nor met them as ourselves. Forgive us and heal us. Alone we cannot be healed, so lead us to the discovery of others, cleanse our hearts with honesty, give us courage to accompany our fears, and bring us even to faith, and hope, and love. Amen. .**

*Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.*

**Assurance of Grace:**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of the Lord Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.**  
One: I invite you to pass the peace by standing by your seat and facing another person. Put both hands together on your heart then extend your open hands to them. You may want to say words like “Peace be with you” or you may just want to do it silently. As the person echoes that gesture back to you, you then bring your hands back to your heart again and sightly bow your head, essentially receiving the gift with gratitude.

+**Gloria Patri**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson:** Matthew 5:1-12

**Sermon:** *Things We Can’t Get Back*

RESPONDING

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

**Prayer for the Communion of Saints**

God of all ages, creator of the heaven and the earth, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who laid aside every weight and sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race that was set before them.

**Naming of the Saints**

Alice McSpadden Williams	Felix Calvin Yarboro
Marvin List Underwood, Jr.	William Randolph Ruff
Judith Kay Webb Savage	Hilary Howard Lanier
William Moore Reeves	Lawrence Earl Ellis
Lamar Aldridge Newton	James Orr Walker, Sr.
Ashby Nickell Boulware	Vaughn Books DeVos
Jean Sellers Stammer	Merrill Eugene Compton Jr.
Frances Chenoweth Fraser	Barbara Joyce Jenkins Steward
Samuel Nissly Stayer	Nancy Straub Bean
Linn Harvey Carter	Carolyn Quinn Britton
James Samuel Henderson, Jr.	Terry Vantuyl Chase
Michael Thomas Murphy	Fred K. Medley
Edith Tynes Quarles	Thomas Chambers Joyce, Sr.

Help us inherit their faith and their endurance, their love and their spirit, knowing we do not run alone, nor in vain, remembering that apart from us they would not be made perfect. In Christ’s name. Amen

**Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper**

- Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People (*by Intinction*)
- **Anthem: “For All The Saints”**
- *Prayer after Communion*

SENDING

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

+**Hymn #542:** “*God Be With You Till We Meet Again*”

+**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.*

+*Rise in Body or Spirit*