

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Reformation Sunday

October 25, 2020

eleven o'clock

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, there are three that must ultimately know my sin--my neighbor, Thyself and my own soul. May my deep repentance and my faith in Thee cover my scars like a gracious mantle.

*from Beginning the Day by Dr. Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Partita on Ein Feste Burg" ..... Andrew Carter  
*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.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dr. Goyer

INTROIT - "O praise God in his holiness" .....George Thalben-Ball  
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: God is love,

**People: and those who abide in love abide in God and God abides in them.**

Minister: Let us worship the God of love. *1 John 4:16*

\*HYMN 366 - "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" ..... HYFRYDOL

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION .....Rev. Seamon

**Unison: Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, Almighty God, to rule and direct us according to your will, to comfort us in all our temptations and afflictions, to defend us from all error, and lead us into all truth; that we, being steadfast in the faith, may increase in love and in all good works, and in the end obtain everlasting life, and when we fail, O God, forgive us, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Rev. Seamon

ANTHEM - "Cantate Domino" ..... Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni  
*Cantate Domino, canticum novum: laus ejus in Ecclesia Sanctorum. Laetetur Israel in eo, qui fecit eum: et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.*  
Sing to the Lord a new song. Sing his praise in the assembly of the saints. Let Israel rejoice in He who made them, and the people of Zion rejoice in their King.  
*Psalm 149:1-2*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 22:34-46

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - CATCHING UP TO JESUS .....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

\* APOSTLES' CREED .....Rev. Seamon

**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

*Please continue to remember to support the church. Even during this time when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking [here](#), by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.*

\* The Offertory Statement

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

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "The God of Love My Shepherd Is".....  
Eric H. Thiman

Xavier Roberson, *Bass*

The God of love my Shepherd is, And He that doth me feed; While He is mine and I am His, What can I want or need? He leads me to the tender grass, Where I both feed and rest; Then to the streams that gently pass: In both I have the best. Or if I stray, He doth convert, And bring my mind in frame, And all this not for my desert, But for His holy Name. Surely Thy sweet and wond'rous love Shall measure all my days; And as it never shall remove, So neither shall my praise.  
*George Herbert*

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.**

The Sending

\*HYMN 275 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" ..... EIN' FESTE BURG

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - Sinfonia from "Wir danken dir, Gott" ..... J. S. Bach

*\*Congregation standing*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!**

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information to contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or [cshaw@ipc-usa.org](mailto:cshaw@ipc-usa.org).

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alex W. Newton, Lamar Aldridge Newton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Newton, Sue M. Aldridge, Lamar Aldridge, and Robins P. Aldridge. THE FLOWERS on the Children's Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hayes Aldridge Collins. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond W. Terry, Jr., Private, U.S. Army Air Corps, WWII, father of Anne Terry Johnson, grandfather of Alicia Johnson Coomes and Phillip A. Johnson, Jr.

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**FALL FESTIVAL:** Today, the Children's Fresh Air Farm will welcome families to our annual Fall Festival. Activities include an inflatable slide, games, hayride, cake walk, pumpkin patch, photo booth, and others. We're so excited to be able to offer this time of fellowship for our families!

**THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES**

begins Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m. with a recital by Monica Czausz, Dallas, Texas. The 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, but reservations are required due to limitations for in-person attendance. Online reservation forms are available at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER:** Check our YouTube channel @ipcbermingham or [www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham](http://www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham) each Wednesday for a Service of Morning Prayer. Led by our choir director and organist Jeff McLelland as well as various members of the IPC choir, this service offers a few minutes of serenity through prayer and music.

**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:** Current times are different in so many ways, but hunger within our community persists. Please help us continue to serve those who are food insecure. Our annual Harvest for Hunger continues until November 22, which is Dedication Day. This year we are in need of food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers. Each voucher costs \$45. Harvest for Hunger bags are available for pickup in the Parlor. To arrange drop-off, please call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (Harvest for Hunger in the memo line). Please check our website at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect) for an article and detailed list of suggested food items. Monetary donations can be made by clicking on "Give Online" in the top right corner of the website and selecting "Food Pantry" in the dropdown menu. Thank you very much for helping us and our neighbors!

**PW HOLIDAY FLORAL ARRANGING:** The annual Presbyterian Women’s Holiday luncheon will be virtual this year. Sybil Sylvester will offer a virtual floral demonstration available by email on November 18. You can choose to buy a flower kit with all the supplies you need or purchase the video link only. More information can be found on our website [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect) or by contacting Lea Anne Hardy at [lhardy@ipc-usa.org](mailto:lhardy@ipc-usa.org).

**SOCKTOBER:** Did you know that socks are the most requested and often the least donated items at shelters? Please donate new socks for men, women, and children in the labeled bin under the covered walkway.

**THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE** continues until Monday, November 30. Fruit order forms will arrive in mailboxes the first week of November. You may also place an order and pay online at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). An option to donate all or part of your fruit order to the Food Pantry is available (it will be delivered directly to the Food Pantry for your convenience). The fruit will be available for curbside pickup December 19 and 20 in Highland Hall. A choir representative will come to your car and help you complete your order. Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

**ADVENT FLOWERS:** Honor loved ones by making an Advent flower donation in their names. Look for envelopes in the October issue of The Window. An online donation form will be available soon. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

HONOR REV. LUCY TURNER by donating to a new IPC Foundation fund. Lucy has dedicated most of her more than 16 years at IPC to caring for our members when they need it the most. In honor of Lucy's retirement, we are establishing a Pastor Care and Counseling Assistance Fund in the IPC Foundation to provide pastoral care and counseling for those in need. To donate, click on the Give link our website [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) and select "Lucy Turner Foundation Fund" from the fund dropdown.

HELP US FILL OUR BLESSING BOXES: Our current needs are: peanut butter and jelly, canned chicken and Beanie Weenies, quick or instant grits, hearty soups, jar baby food, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bar soap, and cat and dog food (small bags or cans). Thank you for your continued donations!

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Myrtle Fain Matthews.

FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Thomas C. Joyce, Sr., and Dr. C.R. McInnis.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Judge James H. Hancock, Sr. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Nancy S. Bean; Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; and Mrs. Jayne Zbinden.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Frank Phillips Grisham and Michael Wilson. In honor of Edward Bryan Wile.

### BAPTISM TODAY

**ROSEMARY ELIZABETH CARROLL**, born September 4, 2019, daughter of Katie Carroll and Justin Carroll; sister of J. Harrison Carroll; granddaughter of Elizabeth Akins and William B. Akins, Joseph D. Schneider, Lenajo and Joe W. Carroll, Robin Bryant; great-granddaughter of Rosemary Sanders, Martha Carroll.

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### Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor  
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Director of Missional Engagement  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Mr. Trent Bradford, Piper  
Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir  
**Acolyte:** Oliver Clayton Lyons

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