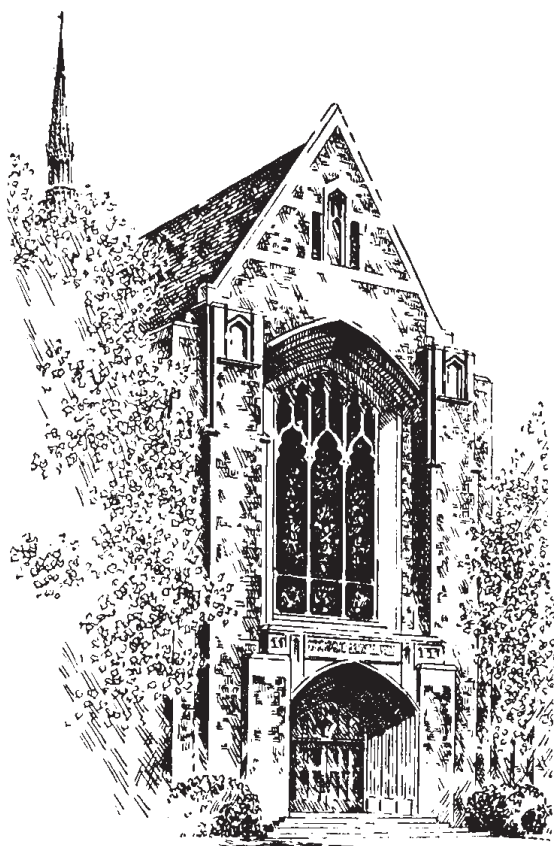


Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Acolyte Installation Sunday

September 11, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In Thee, O God, are the only springs sweet enough to drink and deep enough to satisfy. In Thee is all good and in Thee must my soul rest. Give me to seek Thee first and find in Thee all that I would elsewhere seek and fail to find. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Adagio" John Stanley
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.

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 WORSHIPRev. Clayton
Minister: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
People: **The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.**
Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously.
People: **Shout aloud and sing for joy, for great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel.** *Isaiah 12*

*** HYMN 53 - "O God, Who Gives Us Life"**NOEL

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **Lord, I know not what to ask of you. You alone know what I need, and you love me better than I love myself. I ask neither for crosses nor consolations. I simply come before you, sinner that I am, with an open heart. Behold and do to me according to your tender mercy. Smite, heal, depress, or raise me up. I wait silently before you. I offer myself in sacrifice, and yield to you. I would have neither desire nor purpose apart from your will. Amen.**
François Fenelon, d. 1715

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

* THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: 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. Long

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - 1 John 4:7-13 (Pew Bible, p. NT241)

Minister: 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 - "I saw a stranger yestereen" William Bradley Roberts

I saw a stranger yestereen. I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place, music in the list'ning place. And with the sacred name of the triune God, He blessed us and our house, our cattle and our dear ones. As the lark says in her song, often goes the Christ in the stranger's guise. *Ancient Gaelic Rune*

SECOND LESSON - Genesis 22:1-14 (Pew Bible, p. OT17-18)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - SACRIFICERev. Long

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 708 - "We Give Thee but Thine Own"SCHUMANN

* APOSTLES' CREEDRev. 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.

INSTALLATION OF ACOLYTES (*eleven o'clock service*).....

Rev. Long, Mrs. Posey

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
- * The Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory Anthem – "Greater love hath no man" John Ireland
- Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death. Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness. Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus; Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, That ye should shew forth the praises of Him Who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light. I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
- from various scriptures*

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 688 - "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart" MORECAMBE
- * BENEDICTION..... Rev. Long
- * POSTLUDE - "Trumpet Voluntary"John Stanley
- **Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WELCOME TO IPC!** We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to meeting you.
- THE FLOWERS** in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Edith and James Sidney Quarles, Edith Whatley Gray, and William Fisher Tynes. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Thomas Pankey, U.S. Army; and in honor of Thomas Pankey, junior, U.S. Navy; Maggie Adams Jones, U.S. Marines; Bradley Jones, U.S. Marines; and William Pankey, U.S. Navy; family of Valerie Pankey.
- NEW IPC STAINED GLASS WINDOW GROUP:** Join us at 10 am each Sunday starting today in the rear of the Parlor. We will learn about one window each week from Carol Hall’s wonderful book *The Stained Glass Windows of Independent Presbyterian Church*, followed by a brief viewing in the Sanctuary. All are welcome! Interested in leading a session one Sunday? Contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

TODAY we return to our normal worship schedule with services in the sanctuary at 8:45 am and 11 am, Sunday school at 10 am, and the 5 pm Table service in Highland Hall where you can always come as you are.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS: The house build has begun, but there is plenty of time to get involved! IPC work dates are September 17 & 23 and October 7, 21, and 29 at 873 77th Street South in East Lake. Each volunteer must register at hfhgb.volunteermatrix.com. The registration access code is presby22. Volunteers must be 14+ years old, and anyone under age 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the waiver in order to volunteer and/or operate power tools. For questions, contact Bannon Thorpe at thorpeb@gmail.com or Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at (205) 933-3709.

WEEKEND BUDDY BAGS: We need your help to provide 160 Weekend Buddy Bags to the students at Hayes K-8 School! The counselor has requested a higher number of bags as food insecurity continues to grow at Hayes. E-mail Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org to sign your group up to help sponsor October Weekend Buddy Bags.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT IPC START on Sept. 14. Dinner options prepared by Kim in IPC's kitchen return. Adults can join our new weekly Sabbath class or attend IPC's Bible Study with the Pastor, which has moved to Wednesday nights. Choir meets at 7 pm in the music suite to rehearse. We welcome all Youth (grades 7-12) for Midweek Meetup, and all Children (grades K-6th) can join us for Bible study, crafts, and music. Nursery care is available for preschool and under. Learn more about Wednesday nights at ipc-usa.org.

IPC CONNECT: Celebrate fall at Carrigan's Beer Garden in Lakeview on Thursday, Sept. 15, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm. There is no admission charge, and all food and drinks are self-pay. Bring the entire family for some great fun, food, and fellowship. Please register at ipc-usa.org/connect so that we can provide an approximate headcount for the venue. All ages are welcome!

BEER AND HYMNS: Bring yourself, a few friends, and the best singing voice you have to Iron City Grill (2208 6th Ave S) on Monday, September 19, at 7 pm for great food, great drinks, and great fun.

LUNCH & LEARN: Save the date for an IPC Foundation Lunch & Learn with Raleigh's Place on Tuesday, September 20, from 11:30 am - 1 pm. Register online at ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, please contact Patricia Harper at pharper@ipc-usa.org.

GRACE GROUPS offer a small-group Bible study for members and friends of IPC for six weeks twice a year. This fall we will study *Hebrews: Grace and Gratitude* by David A. DeSilva starting October 9. Each group decides on a day/time/location that best suits the group members. Register online at ipc-usa.org/connect. Contact Cindy Shaw at cshaw@ipc-usa.org for questions.

JOIN US FOR CROP DROP: On Sunday, October 16, IPC will host our 2nd Annual Crop Drop in our large parking lot. Register your family to bag potatoes and provide for our neighbors in need at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, please contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

IPC FOOD MINISTRIES: In memory of Mr. Jamey Hollingsworth.

IPC SOCIAL SERVICES: In honor of Ms. Georgia Miller.

2022-2023 ACOLYTES

Katherine Evans Austin❖
Emily Biggs Baird❖
Mary Hanson Borders❖
Sara-Katherine Bowman❖
Ann Massey Bowman❖
Spencer Anne Cobbs
Sarah Elizabeth Cowart✦
Laura Elizabeth Donovan
Laden Margaret Falls
Andrew William Grover❖
Walter Charles Grover❖
Halli Francis Hollingsworth
Heidi Dale Hollingsworth
Calliope Lane Hontzas
James Turner Inscoe, Jr.❖
Catherine McNeill Lewis
Jessica Francis Long❖
Katelyn Noelle Long❖
Oliver Clayton Lyons
William Steel Mather
Julia Mitchell Mather
John Samuel Meriwether IV
William Oliver Middleton❖
Ann Caldwell Monk❖

Richard Hunley Monk IV✦
Andrew Lindstrom Murphree
Benjamin Russell Polson❖
Anne Margaret Pringle❖
Shepherd Carldon Ray❖
Magdalene Elise Robinson
Margaret McClain Robinson❖
Norah Claire Roller
Joseph Elwood Scholl❖
Lindsey Ryan Scholl❖
Nathaniel Phillip Siegel❖
Elizabeth Lucile Smith❖
Samuel Bernard Steiner❖
Stephen Christopher Tribble
Olivia Ann Vanlandingham
Gavin Andrew Vanlandingham❖
Charlotte Goodner Walthall✦
John Bailey Walthall
Gray Oliver Warburton❖
Reed Thomas Warburton, Jr.
Davis Ambrose White❖
Harrison Field White❖
Sarah Stewart Wilbanks❖

❖ *New Acolyte*

✦ *2022-2023 Captain*

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

Mrs. Jan Posey, Volunteer Acolyte Advisor

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes (*eleven o'clock*): Sarah Elizabeth Cowart,

Richard Hunley Monk IV, Charlotte Goodner Walthall

Independent Presbyterian Church

3100 Highland Avenue

Birmingham, Alabama 35205-1408

Phone: (205)933-1830; Fax: (205)933-1836

Office Hours: 8:30-4:30 except Saturday and Sunday

This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

www.ipc-usa.org