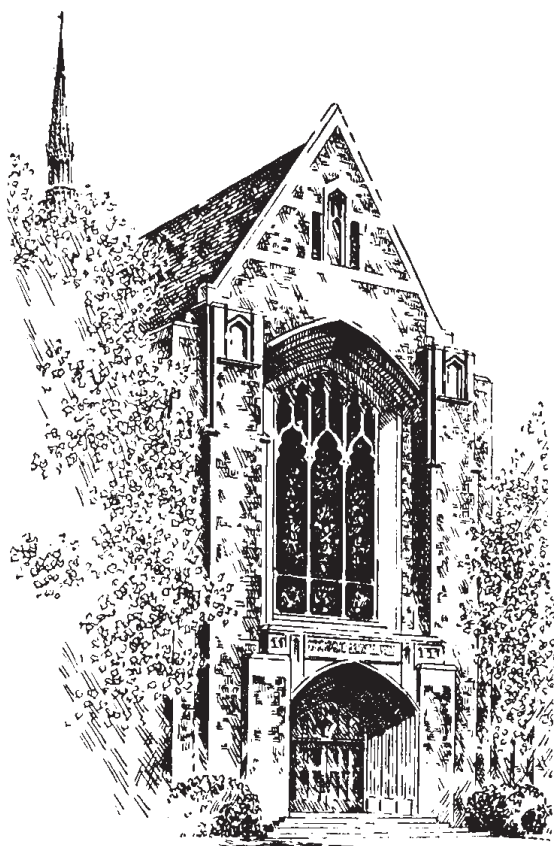


# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 25, 2023

10:00 am

**Service for the Lord's Day**

**The Gathering for Worship**

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

O God, may we be pure enough to see Thee, obedient enough to hear Thee. May the voice of our prayer rise out of a life ordered by Thy will. May our deeds sing Thy praise. Amen.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

**PRELUDE - "Prelude and Trumpetings"** ..... Myron Roberts  
*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 quiet, His peace.*

**INTROIT - "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found"** .....  
George Thalben-Ball  
Seek ye the Lord while he may be found: call ye upon him while he is near.

**CALL TO WORSHIP** .....Rev. Clayton  
**Minister:** Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.  
**People:** **To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.**  
**Minister:** Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.  
**People:** **Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.**  
**Minister:** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.  
**People:** **Let us worship the living God!** *Psalm 33:18-22*

\*HYMN 35 - "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" .....LOBE DEN HERREN

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Unison:** **Lord Jesus, as you have come to us, let us now come to you. Our hearts are cold; warm them with your selfless love. Our hearts are sinful; cleanse them with your precious blood. Our hearts are weak; strengthen them with your joyous Spirit. Our hearts are empty; fill them with your divine presence. Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours. Possess them always and only for yourself. Amen.** *St. Augustine*

*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Rev. Long

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 66:1-5, 16-20 (Pew Bible, p. OT528-529)

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 - "It's All Over Me" .....Jester Hairston, arr. Fred Prentice  
Gullory! Now hear the good news 'bout the King Jesus and His everlastin' love!  
Glory! His everlastin' love is all over me and it's keepin' me alive. Oh yes, it's  
keepin' me alive. I say it's all over me an' it's keepin' me alive. King Jesus is  
keepin' me alive! Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessin'. Tune my heart to sing His  
grace. Streams of mercy, never ceasin', call for songs of a louder praise!

SECOND LESSON - Luke 11:9-13 (Pew Bible, p. NT72)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - THE POWER OF PRAYER.....Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

\* HYMN 175 - "Seek Ye First" .....LAFFERTY

COMMISSIONING OF THE RWANDA MISSION TEAM

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS ..... Rev. Seamon

- \* The Offertory Statement
- \* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....  
OLD HUNDREDTH
- \* The Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory Anthem – "Wana Baraka" .....  
Kenyan Folk Song, arr. Shawn Kirchner  
*Wana baraka wale waombao; Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya! Wana amani  
Wana furaha Wana uzima.*  
They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus himself said so. Alleluia! They  
have peace. They have joy. They have well-being.

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
- \* POSTLUDE - "March-Sortie" ..... Theodore Dubois
- \* *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](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). We look forward to meeting you.

**THE FLOWERS** in the church today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clifford Lanier Lamar, III, and Mark L. Miller, DVM. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Murray Lane, AM3-US Navy, Korean War veteran.

**TODAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY** for the IPC Choir to participate in Sunday services until August 13. We appreciate their hard work and dedication.

**NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2:** IPC will have one worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary with no Sunday School or Table Worship. On Tuesday, July 4, church offices will be closed in observance of the holiday.

**JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH** for a great meal and fellowship at The Fish Market on Southside on Tuesday, June 27. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. This is a self-pay event, but please register at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) so that we will have an accurate headcount. Hope you will join us!

**JOIN IPC CONNECT** at the Red Mountain Theatre for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on Thursday, August 10. We will start the evening with a private cocktail social at 6 pm followed by the show at 7:30 pm. The ticket (\$60) includes show admission, private cocktail social, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and drinks. **All tickets must be reserved by July 10.** Sign up at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

**GLEANNING AT PEPPER PLACE MARKET:** Volunteer with us at Pepper Place Farmers' Market this summer in partnership with Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Network to gather leftover produce. At least six volunteers are needed each Saturday from 11 am - 1 pm. Remaining IPC dates are July 15 and July 29. Sign up and find out more at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org).

## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds; Mr. William W. "Bill" Horton; Mr. George "Tommy" Lane, Jr.; and Mrs. Frances B. Shepherd.

## RWANDA MISSION TEAM

Lydia Cheney  
Barry & Cathy DeLozier  
Jimmy & Betsy Holloway  
Kevin, Rebecca, Jessica, & Katelyn Long

Denise Moore  
Drayton Nabers  
Margaret Shepherd  
Melanie Talbot

## BAPTISM TODAY

**HELEN CARLISLE SEAMON**, born January 16, 2023, daughter of Mrs. Allison Seamon and Rev. David J. Seamon; sister of Katherine Camille Seamon ("Millie"), Naomi Josephine Seamon, and Margot Marie Seamon; granddaughter of Henry Joseph Seamon and Diane Street Seamon, Dr. Peter Daniel Waite and Sallie Kay Waite.

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### 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  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir  
Acolyte: Samuel Bernard Steiner

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