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Service for the Lord's Day  
eight forty-five and eleven o'clock

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, I would go deeper—deeper into Thy reserves of power, deeper into the open mysteries of Thy mind. I feel myself like a child playing along the shore. O God, bid me put out into the deep. In His name. Amen.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Prelude on *Union Seminary*" .....Craig Phillips  
*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.....Rev. Clayton

INTROIT - "Draw nigh to God".....George Thalben-Ball  
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

\*HYMN 81 - "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" ....AUSTRIAN HYMN

\*CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Patrick

Minister: On this day, God has called each of us to this place. Come, for you are welcome here;

**People: In the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Minister: Here we choose to lift each other up, humbly, gently, patiently-

**People: In the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Minister: Here we are a small part of one body in one Spirit, with one Lord, one faith, one baptism-

**People: In the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.**

Minister: Here we share hope in one God of all people, who is above all and through all and in all-

**People: In the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Let us worship God!**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison:** God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

*A period of silence for personal confession.*

KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service*)

Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,  
 Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

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

THE PEACE

**Minister:** The peace of the Lord Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Minister:** Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

*Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

\* GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:  
 As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for  
 ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....Rev. Clayton

MORNING LESSON - Ephesians 4:1-16

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

\*HYMN 516 - "For the Bread Which You Have Broken" .....KINGDOM

SERMON - NO LONGER STRANGERS:

LEARNING HOW TO WALK.....Rev. Clayton

## The Response to the Word

\*NICENE CREED (*In unison*).....Rev. Patrick

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

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – “Ego sum panis vivus” ..... William Byrd  
*Ego sum panis vivus, qui de caelo descendi: si quis manducaverit ex hoc pane, vivet in aeternum. Alleluia.*

I am the living bread, which ascended into heaven: if anyone eats of this bread, he will have eternal life. Alleluia. *Antiphon to the Benedictus at Lauds*

### The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Clayton

### 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.**

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
 10 po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na  
 18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
 25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

The minister continues in prayer:

AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

**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.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Ave verum corpus” ..... William Byrd  
*Ave verum corpus, Natum de Maria virgine; Vere passum immolatum In crucis pro homine. Cuius latus perforatum Unda fluxit sanguine. Esto nobis praegustatum In mortis examine. O dulcis, o pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae, Miserere mei. Amen.*  
 Hail, true body, Born of the virgin Mary; Who has truly suffered, slaughtered  
 On the Cross for humanity. Whose side was pierced, Pouring out water and blood.  
 Be a foretaste for us During our ordeal of death. O sweet, O holy, O Jesus Son  
 of Mary, Have mercy on me. Amen. *14th century chant*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

\*HYMN 318 - "In Christ There Is No East or West".....ST. PETER

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "Postlude on *Hyfrydol*".....David Bednall

\**Congregation standing*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO IPC!** We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to take a next step by joining 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 personally meeting you, giving you more information about ways to get involved at IPC, and offering the opportunity to join the church.

**PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing in using the registers in the pews, then passing them down to those sitting beside you. If you are watching virtually, please register by “signing in.”

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Benjamin Hutcherson Nash, Master Sergeant, United States Army, veteran of Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands Campaigns, World War II; father of Susan Nash Gilpin.

**SIGN UP TO HELP IPC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES** provide extra support for our vulnerable, food insecure, and temporarily unhoused neighbors. Help feed our neighbors by providing sack lunches to drop off at Highlands United Methodist Church on August 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. Lunches are typically made at home and include a sandwich, chips, piece of fruit, small bottle of water or juice box, dessert, and peanut butter or cheese crackers as a snack for later. Learn more and sign up to serve at [ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html](http://ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html)

**SAVE THE DATE** for IPC’s Fall Kick-Off. Join us for a special day of events on Sunday, August 15. At 10 am: Adults join us in the Great Hall to enjoy a light breakfast and learn about IPC’s ministries, weekly and Sunday classes, congregational events, small groups, community ministries, and other faith formation opportunities with classes starting the following weekend. Children and Youth to attend Sunday School for the first day of the fall-term curriculum and Youth Confirmation. At Noon: All are invited to a multi-generational congregational event immediately following the 11 am worship service. Find food trucks, tents, live music, yard games, inflatables, door prizes, and other fun activities on 31st Street and at neighboring Rushton Park. Pre-register for lunch at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). Morning and evening worship services to be held at regular times: 8:45 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. Casual dress for worship services.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SIGN UP FOR DINNERS FOR EIGHT by August 25. You are invited to join the 2021-22 Dinners for Eight. These dinners take place three times a year in members' homes. You will be asked to host a dinner once during the rotation. Couples and singles are all invited. Dinners will begin in October/November for the first rotation. The spring dinners will be February/March and April/May. Even if you have participated in the past and want to continue to participate, please send email confirmation to Fairy Sutherland at [fairysutherland@gmail.com](mailto:fairysutherland@gmail.com), and you can email or call her at 205 541-3714 with questions.

HELP BUILD A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME. IPC is building a Habitat for Humanity Home at 1031 Trilby Street in Pratt City alongside fellow Birmingham-area churches in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. The project for the Lane family begins on September 9 with a ground breaking ceremony, and construction will take 6-8 weeks with sign-up dates on Fridays and Saturdays starting September 10. Visit [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) to find more about the volunteer registration information. You can also view the link with the Building Tasks Schedule to help decide which day you would like want to work.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: This Fall, rising 9th and 10th graders are encouraged the participate in Confirmation. Classes start on August 15 and end on November 14th. If your youth is interested in Confirmation, please contact Lea Anne at [lhardy@ipc-usa.org](mailto:lhardy@ipc-usa.org) for registration or more information.

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

IPC CHOIR FUND: In memory of Roger Lewis.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Lulie B. Hodges. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

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### Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed  
The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Members of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir  
Acolytes: (*eight forty-five*) Hattie Brooke Donovan  
(*eleven o'clock*) Lucy Bankston Garner

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