

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 10, 2019

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternally righteous God, merciful judge of all the living, in your love you called us to share the glory of Christ. Strengthen our hearts in every good work and word, that we may be steadfast in your ways and always believe your truth. Amen. *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

PRELUDE - "Benediction" Sigfrid Karg-Elert
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. Carl

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

*HYMN 24 - "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"
HOLY MANNA

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Take courage, O my people, says the Lord; take courage.
All: Take courage, says the Lord; for I am with you.
Minister: My spirit abides among you; do not fear.
All: Take courage, O my people, says the Lord; take courage.
Minister: For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth.
All: Take courage, says the Lord; for I am with you.
Minister: Let us worship God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
All: Let us worship the Lord of hosts.

from Haggai 2

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Rev. Turner

Unison: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach us wisdom. Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Let us hear joy and gladness, and blot out all our sins. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, but restore to us the joy of your salvation, and sustain in us a willing spirit. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
from Psalm 51, adapted

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.

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 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

MOMENT FOR MISSION Fairy Sutherland

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 98 (Pew Bible, p. OT551-552)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "Cantate Domino" Giovanni Croce

Cantate Domino, canticum novum. Cantate Domino, omnis terra. Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus: annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.

O sing ye to the Lord, sing ye a new song. O sing ye to the Lord, all the earth.

O sing yet to the Lord, O bless His holy name: sing to the whole world from this

day through all days, His salvation for us. *Psalm 95*

SECOND LESSON - II Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 (Pew Bible, p. NT206)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 293 - "Loving Spirit" OMNI DIE

During the singing of this hymn, children, kindergarten and younger, may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

SERMON - NOT SO FAST! Dr. Carl

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREED Rev. Lays

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

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606)..... OLD HUNDREDTH

- * The Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory Anthem – "How Can I Keep From Singing?" original tune by Robert Lowry, arranged by Nicholas W. Mathes

My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation, I hear the clear, tho' far-off hymn that hails a new creation. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of Heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing. All things are mine and I am his. How can I keep from singing? No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging. My life still flows in endless song. How can I keep from singing?

Adapted from words attributed to "Pauline T." 1868

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 435 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN

* POSTLUDE - "Now Thank We All Our God"arr. James Pethel

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY’S VISITORS! We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information on the Worship Register. We hope you will visit the Welcome Table in the Parlor after the service where our Welcome Team is eager to meet you over refreshments and share more information about life at IPC and church membership. Contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Rolla E. Beck, Jr. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all past and present military personnel.

NEW MEMBERS: We receive new members on the second Sunday of each month. Please join us today for a small ceremony at 10 a.m. in the chapel. For more information, please contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3694.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES continues this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. with a recital by Charles Tompkins, Greenville, South Carolina. The series continues with the following 4:00 recitals: November 17, Amanda Mole, Rochester, New York; November 24, Todd Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio. All of the recitals are free and open to the public.

A SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE for all ages continues this afternoon at 5:00 p.m. in Highland Hall. Rev. Patrick Harley is preaching. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated. Nursery care will be available.

TROOP 28 ANNUAL GREENERY SALE: Troop 28 is holding their annual greenery sale that benefits troop activities. There will be a table set up outside the church November 3 and November 10 after the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services. Several options are available for purchase including a 12" mixed wreath (\$15), 24" mixed wreath (\$25), 30" Noble wreath (\$35), Christmas Cross (\$45), and a 25-ft cedar garland (\$45). If you would like to order any items via email, please contact jeannemonk@me.com with your order by November 4. She will respond with payment details. Greenery will be delivered to your house by a Scout within a week after Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting this mission of IPC.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Celebrate loved ones by making a Christmas flower contribution in their memory or honor. Their names will be included in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Envelopes are enclosed in this bulletin and are also available at the receptionist desk. Contributions must be received by the church receptionist no later than Monday, November 18, to ensure names are printed in the bulletin. Contact: Sandra Putman, sputman@ipc-usa.org, 933-3703.

LIVING RIVER'S OPEN HOUSE/WORK DAY: All are invited to an Open House and/or Work Day at Living River on Saturday, November 23. Gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Sign in at the office. Wear comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes, and bring your lunch, folding chairs, and bug spray. Attendees can hike, fish, play disc golf, tour the buildings, make s'mores, and more. Volunteers, wear old clothes and come prepared to stain decks and work on the small group lodge.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT PCUSA to Highland Hall on Sunday, November 24, at 10:00 a.m. Staff members; elders; and the Executive Presbyter of Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery, Dr. Jay Wilkins, will be present to answer them.

THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE continues until Sunday, December 1. Fruit order forms are available in the IPC narthex, at the receptionist's desk, or from any choir member. You may also place an order and pay online at <https://ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html>. The fruit will be available for pickup December 14 and 15 in Highland Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (continued)

HARVEST FOR HUNGER FOOD DRIVE: “Whoever has two shirts could share with the person that doesn’t have any. Whoever has food should share it too” (Luke 3:11). Your donation makes a difference! Together, we give out annually over 31,000 food items and 1400 vouchers. Our guests can only afford to pay us in smiles and hugs, and they are generous! Ways to give: collection baskets by most entrances, cash donations via our website at ipc-usa.org/give, and order direct deliveries through Amazon or Shipt.

APPLY NOW FOR 2020 MISSION TRIPS! If you’re interested in participating in a mission trip next year, please complete and submit an application! Our church is heading to Chiapas over Spring Break and Zambia in August, the youth are heading to Chiapas in early June, and the young adults to the US/Mexico border in October (2020). Information about the various trips and applications are available online. The deadline for the Spring Break trip is November 30, so don’t wait- apply now! Contact Brian Lays at blays@ipc-usa.org or Susan Clayton at sclayton@ipc-usa.org for more information.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES: In memory of Fred and LaDonna Kusta.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In honor of Rev. Susan A. Clayton and Martha Ann Williams.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Jeanette C. Mathews. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds.

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS: In honor of Jeff McLelland.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. William J. Carl III, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Brian Lays, Associate Pastor, Congregational Ministries

The Rev. Lucy E. Turner, Executive Associate Pastor

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

Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (8:45 a.m.) David Lamar Albright, Everett Simons Cross

(11:00 a.m.) Caroline Bergin Lewis, Catherine McNeill Lewis,

Samuel Clark Smith

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