



RELIGIOUS
ARTS FESTIVAL
at IPC

Jan. 31 - Feb. 7, 2021

SERVICE OF
COMFORT AND
HEALING

JANUARY 31, 2021, 4:00 P.M.

THE REV. LUCY E. TURNER, *GUEST MINISTER*
THE REV. SUSAN A. CLAYTON, *MINISTER*
THE REV. DAVID J. SEAMON, *MINISTER*
DR. JEFF MCLELLAND, *ORGANIST/DIRECTOR*
MR. WARREN SAMPLES, *CELLO*

THE IPC CHOIR OCTET

DR. W. STEPHEN GOYER, *INTERIM PASTOR*
INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



PRELUDE – "Vocalise"Sergei Rachmaninoff
(1873-1943)

THE SERVICE OF LIGHT

THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

READING – John 1:1-5.....Rev. Turner

ANTHEM – "Let My Prayer Come Up as Incense"Peter R. Hallock
(1924-2014)

Dirigatur oratio mea sicut incensum in conspectu tuo...Let my prayer come up as the incense, and let the lifting up of my hands be as evening sacrifice...elevatio manuum mearum sacrificium vespertinum... and let the lifting up of my hands be as an evening sacrifice...sacrificium vespertinum.

(Translation of the entire Latin verse: Let my prayer be directed as incense in thy sight; the lifting up of my hands, as evening sacrifice.)

Psalm 141

READING – Psalm 8.....Rev. Seamon

PRAYER OF ADORATION

"Suite No. 1 in G"Johann Sebastian Bach
I. Prelude (1685-1750)

READING – Psalm 42.....Rev. Turner

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

ANTHEM – "I am Resurrection" Anglican Chant

I am Resurrection and I am Life, says the Lord. Whoever has faith in me shall have life, even though he die. And everyone who has life, and has committed himself to me in faith, shall not die forever. As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives and that at the last he will stand upon the earth. After my awaking, he will raise me up; and in my body I shall see God. I myself shall see, and my eyes behold him who is my friend and not a stranger. For none of us has life in himself, and none becomes his own master when he dies. For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord, and if we die, we die in the Lord. So, then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's possession. Happy from now on are those who die in the Lord! So it is, says the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

The Book of Common Prayer

READING – Psalm 145.....Rev. Clayton

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

"Humoresque, Op. 92" Joseph Jongen
(1873-1953)

THE SENDING

ANTHEM – "O God, Beyond All Praising"Richard Proulx
(1937-2010)

O God, beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at ev'ry gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord. The flow'r of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from the nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory. Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our King; and whether tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we will triumph through sorrows and bless you still: to marvel at beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

Michael Perry

Comfort, Connection, and Healing
THE 50TH ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL

January 31 - February 7, 2021

All of the programs and concerts are free to the public. The "banquet-in-a-box" meal on Thursday night is the only item with an associated cost. The banquet program can be viewed for free and does not require the purchase of a meal or participation in the online banquet immediately preceding.

Monday and Tuesday, February 1 - 2 • 7:00 p.m. • Online Video
Sacred Spaces of Birmingham

Zachary Simon presents video interviews and scenes of 16th Street Baptist Church, St. Mary's on the Highlands Episcopal Church, Cathedral of St. Paul, and Temple Emmanu-El.

Thursday, February 4 • 6:30 p.m. • Virtual
Festival Banquet and Program

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Curbside pick-up at the church for your "banquet-in-a-box"

6:30 p.m. Join others virtually on Zoom to share your meal

\$15 / Menu: "Comfort Food" including pot roast, cheesy grits, bread pudding, and more

Deadline to order: today, January 31 • Visit ipc-usa.org/connect for reservations

7:30 p.m. Anne and Emmett, a William Carey University Theatre production

Online • Visit ipc-usa.org/connect for more

A serious, powerful, and poignant look at the WWII atrocities of Jews juxtaposed with the lynching of Emmett Till in Money, Mississippi, in 1955.

Friday, February 5 • 7:00 p.m. • Sanctuary, Livestreamed
Duo Guitar Concert

Nataša Klasinc-Lončar and Miroslav Lončar

Limited in-person attendance available • Visit ipc-usa.org/connect for reservations

Masks and social distancing are respectfully required

Sunday, February 7 • 4:00 p.m. • Sanctuary, Livestreamed
Chamber Music Concert: *Glimpses of Grief and Glee*

Amy McLelland (*piano*), Daniel Szasz (*violin*), Warren Samples (*cello*), and more

Original works, Debut of a commissioned poem by Elinor Ann Walker

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