

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS! We would love to welcome you as a new member of our family of faith at IPC. Please indicate your interest by contacting Stacy Pulliam at the church office, 933-3731. “Like” us on Facebook at IPCBirmingham.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR YOUTH AND YOUTH PARENTS for their leadership and support today in our worship services. For evening worship, our appreciation goes to Sally Bussian, 12th grade (Anne and Jim Bussian); Carey Hereford, 12th grade (Langston and Will Hereford); Calli Hontzas, 9th grade (Keri Lane and Tom Hontzas); Aubrey Middleton, 12th grade, and Oliver Middleton, 7th grade (Beth and Bobby Middleton); Murphy Peterson, 7th grade (Polly and Aaron Peterson); Clark Smith, 12th grade (Dorothy and Jodie Smith); Olivia Vanlandingham, 9th grade (Emily and Sean Vanlandingham); and Helen Walthall, 12th grade (Ann and Kennon Walthall).

IPC BOY SCOUT TROOP 28's OPEN HOUSE is Monday, March 15, at 6:30 pm in Highland Hall. Troop 28 invites families with 11-year-olds or Cub Scouts to learn about the oldest Boy Scout Troop in the District (no prior experience necessary). Come enjoy some Scout-prepared treats! This is a great opportunity for prospective Scouts and their families to meet the guys, ask questions, and have fun! For more information, please contact Kendall Holman at kendallholman@bellsouth.net or Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

CELEBRATE LENT AND EASTER at IPC. Visit ipc-usa.org to find opportunities to worship more fully during Holy Week including: Palm Sunday, March 28, at 11 am and 5 pm; Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm; Good Friday, April 2, at noon; and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. All services are available in-person; reservations are required. The 5 pm services are held in Highland Hall and all others in the sanctuary. Livestream is available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and all 11 am services. For livestream, search @IPCBirmingham on YouTube or Facebook.

REGISTRATION FOR VBS AND BTMP is now open for members. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held May 17-20 in the Day School classrooms for ages 2s, 3s, 4s, and 5s. Bibletimes Marketplace (BTMP) will be held June 7-11 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm for children who have completed K5-5th grade. Completed 6-12th graders are eligible to be Tribal Assistants. Registration forms are available at ipc-usa.org > connect.

EASTER EGG HUNT: We invite friends and families to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at Highland Hall from 9-11 am. Make a reservation at ipc-usa.org/connect to enjoy a fun morning of egg hunts, Atrium work, Bunny Brunch, and Easter Bunny photos.

OBSERVE THE SEDER TRADITION from home this year using IPC's Seder Kit. The Passover meal, or Seder, is one of the most important celebrations in the Jewish faith. Join us as we explore what this traditional celebration means to our Christianity. Reserve dinner and/or a kit to pick up curbside at ipc.usa-org/connect.

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

David is available for conversations by appointment. Please email dseamon@ipc-usa.org or call 205-933-3730 to arrange an appointment.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. David J. Seamon	Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Beth Middleton	Music Assistant, Vocals
Sarah Mason	Worship Leader
Bobby Middleton	Guitar
Carey Hereford	Guitar
Hellen Weberpal	Cello
Aubrey Middleton	Ukelele
Jeanette Hightower	Violin
Annie Norris	Vocals
Murphy Peterson	Vocals
Calli Hontzas	Usher
Nick Mathes	Sound

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THE TABLE

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MARCH 14, 2021

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

YOUTH SUNDAY

WELCOME TO THE TABLE	
Open · Affirming · Welcoming	
Worship is at the center of the life of The Table.	
As you prepare yourself for worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:	
God of Grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
THE LITURGICAL YEAR	
IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Lent as signified by the color purple, which symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.	
IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:	
E-mail or call us: We would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. Please reach out to us by contacting Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.	
Visit our website: ipc-usa.org/welcome	
GATHERING	
We <i>gather</i> as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God	
✚ <i>Gathering Song</i>	
Welcome	
Call to Worship (responsive).....Oliver Middleton	
Leader:	People of God—listen to the trumpet’s call!
People:	We come from near and far to kneel before the Holy One.
Leader:	Children of God—listen to the voice of your Creator!
People:	We return to God with open hearts and minds ready to be transformed.
Leader:	Beloved of God—listen to the good news!
People:	The Lord is merciful and kind, full of faithful love and ready to forgive.
Leader:	Let us worship God!

✚ <i>Hymn of Praise #475</i>	“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!
	Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
	O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.
LISTENING	
We <i>listen</i> for the word of God through confession, passing the peace, Scripture, and preaching	
Call to Confession.....Murphy Peterson	
Leader:	Confident in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray:
Prayer of Confession (unison)	
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.	
Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.	
Assurance of Grace	
Leader:	God's mercy is from everlasting to everlasting! Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
All:	In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Prayer for Illumination.....Aubrey Middleton	
Scripture Lesson: Matthew 6:1-14	
Sermon.....Helen Walthall, Clark Smith, Sally Bussian, and Carey Hereford	

RESPONDING	
We <i>respond</i> to the hearing of God's word through reflection, prayer, offering and communion	
Apostles' Creed (unison).....Olivia Vanlandingham	
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.	
Musical Reflection	
“Arise, Shine for Your Light Has Come”	
Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper	
- Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer - Words of Institution - Communion of the People (by Intinction) - Song: “An Instrument of Peace” - Prayer after Communion	
SENDING	
We are <i>sent</i> out into the world to love God and our neighbors	
✚Closing Hymn #540	
“Farewell, Good Friends!”	
Farewell, good friends! Farewell, good friends! Shalom, shalom! Till we meet again, till we meet again, shalom, shalom.	
✚Benediction	
Postlude	
Our service is over, let our service begin. fed by mystery, forgiven of sin. Now our faith made real, when brokenness we heal. our service is over, let our service begin.	
✚Rise in Body or Spirit	