

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama

CHRIST THE KING HYMN FESTIVAL

A Festival of Scripture and Song for the Last Sunday of the Christian Year
based upon the life of Christ and the Nicene Creed

10:00 am

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Service for the Lord's Day

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Chorale and Menuet from *Suite Gothique*"Léon Boëllmann
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.

INTROIT - "Alleluia. The Lord is ris'n indeed"George Thalben-Ball
Alleluia. The Lord is ris'n indeed. O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 550 - "Give Praise to the Lord" LAUDATE DOMINUM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Long

THE BIDDING AND THE LORD'S PRAYERRev. Seamon

Dear people of God, on this Feast of Christ the King, let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his holy Son, Jesus, and let us sing the praises of our deliverance with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the church, especially in our country and in this city. Let us remember the poor and the helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

And let us now pray the words which Christ himself taught us, saying...

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.

Creation

CREED (*unison*).....Rev. Seamon

**We believe in One God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

LESSON - Psalm 104:1-9

*HYMN 34 - "Bless the Lord, My Soul and Being!".....RUSTINGTON

Stanza 1. All
Stanza 2. Women
Stanza 3. Men
Stanza 4. Choir
Stanza 5. All

Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany

CREED (*unison*).....Rev. Long

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

LESSON - John 1:1-5, 14

ANTHEM - "Of the Father's Love Begotten".....DIVINUM MYSTERIUM, arr. Paul Wohlgenuth
Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be, He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He, of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see, Evermore and evermore! O, that birth forever blessed, When the Virgin, full of grace, By the Holy Ghost conceiving, Bare the Savior of our race, And the Babe, the world's Redeemer, first revealed his sacred face, Evermore and evermore! O ye heights of heav'n, adore Him; Angel hosts, His praises sing; Pow'rs, dominions, bow before Him, and extol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be silent, Every voice in concert ring, Evermore and evermore!

Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, 5th century

HYMN 145 - "What Child Is This".....GREENSLEEVES

Childhood of Jesus

LESSON - Luke 2:41-52.....Rev. Long

HYMN 630 - "Fairest Lord Jesus".....CRUSADERS' HYMN

Stanza 1. All in unison
Stanzas 2-3. All in parts
Stanza 4. All in unison

Lent

CREED (*unison*).....Rev. Seamon

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

LESSON - Philippians 2:5-11

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

HYMN 209 - "My Song Is Love Unknown"..... LOVE UNKNOWN

Stanza 1. Solo arr. Michael Burkhardt
Interlude: Organ
Stanza 2. All in unison
Stanza 3. Men
Stanza 4. Women
Stanza 5. All in unison

Easter and Ascension

CREED (*unison*).....Rev. Long

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.**

LESSON - John 20:1-9

ANTHEM - "Love Is Come Again".....Old French tune, arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw, exp. Jeff McLelland

Now the green blade riseth from the buried grain, Wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; Love lives again, that with the dead has been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain, Thinking that never he would wake again, Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain, Quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen; Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green. When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Thy touch can call us back to life again, Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum

*HYMN 264 - "At the Name of Jesus".....KING'S WESTON

Stanza 1. All
Stanza 2. Women
Stanza 3. Choir
Stanza 4. All

Pentecost

CREED (*unison*).....Rev. Seamon

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

LESSON - Acts 2:1-4

HYMN 282 - "Come Down, O Love Divine" DOWN AMPNEY
Stanza 1. All
Stanza 2. Lines 1-2: Men, Lines 3-4: Women
Stanza 3. All

The Eternal Church

CREED (*unison*).....Rev. Long
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

LESSON - Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17

*HYMN 305 - "Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" DARWALL'S 148TH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Seamon
Offertory Statement
*Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
*Prayer of Dedication
The Offertory - "Festliches Präludium" Vinzenz Goller

CLOSING PRAYERS AND BLESSINGS Rev. Long
The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and to the fellowship of the citizens of heaven may the King of Kings bring us all. **Amen.**

*HYMN 643 - "Now Thank We All Our God"NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Now Thank We All Our God" Sigfrid Karg-Elert

* *Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! Please join us at the Welcome Table in the Parlor immediately following the service where we can tell you more about our church. We look forward to meeting you! For more information, please contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John Roberts Faucette. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Raymond W. Terry, Jr., Private, U.S. Army Air Corps, WWII; father of Anne Terry Johnson, grandfather of Alicia Johnson Coomes and Phillip A. Johnson, Jr.

MUSIC NOTE: Today, we celebrate the last Sunday in the Christian year – Christ the King – with a festival of hymns. The various sections of the hymn service highlight the liturgical seasons and reflect the corresponding parts of the Nicene Creed, which the congregation will recite before each scripture lesson. *The Presbyterian Hymnal* has a vast wealth of hymns; many are not frequently sung. This service uses a mixture of both well-known and lesser-known hymns in an effort to broaden the knowledge of this valuable resource. So, sit back (or stand when indicated by the *), and make a joyful noise!

THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES concludes with a recital today at 4 pm by Joshua Stafford of First Congregational Church in Columbus, Ohio. All of the recitals are free and open to the public.

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR IPC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CITRUS FRUIT ORDERS. All proceeds support the choir. Fruit order forms are available around the church and from any choir member. You may also order online at ipc-usa.org/connect. The fruit will be available for pick-up at 9 am - 5 pm on Saturday, December 16, and 9 am - 4 pm on Sunday, December 17, in the Garage in Highland Hall.

2024 PLEDGES: We are so grateful for those who have turned in an annual pledge and made an “ACT OF FAITH” to support the mission of Jesus Christ at IPC! For those who have not yet submitted a pledge, no time is better than now to join us in responding to Christ’s call for our church. Find pledge cards at the reception desk, or make an online pledge by texting FAITH to (205) 927-3100 and following the prompts.

THE IPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCH will be Thursday, November 30, at 11 am in the Great Hall. Virginia native and Birmingham-based interior designer, Heather Chadduck Hillegas, will share how she reimagined the historic Nelson-Galt House in Colonial Williamsburg for the holidays. Single tickets are \$25, and you can choose to sit with your women’s small group or purchase an entire table for \$200. Visit ipc-usa.org to purchase. We look forward to being together again for this longstanding IPC Tradition!

CHILDREN’S NATIVITY CHOIR REHEARSALS begin next Sunday, December 3, and continue each Sunday in December during the 11 am worship service. Children K5-6th grade will follow the acolyte out during the music before the sermon to practice with Mrs. Beth. Pick-up will be after the service in G20. All are welcome to join us at noon on Christmas Eve for this special family-centered service.

REGISTER FOR CHILDREN'S ADVENT WORKSHOP on Saturday, December 2, in Highland Hall. Drop by from 9 am to 12 pm for snacks, fellowship, Advent crafts, and more for all ages. Christmas pj's are encouraged, and volunteers are needed! Bring your own greenery! Advent wreaths will be distributed this year at the Advent Workshop. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect. If you are not able to attend and would like a wreath, please contact Maegan McRoberts at mmcroberts@ipc-usa.org.

ADVENT DAILY DEVOTION: Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect to receive a new reading daily to journey through the Advent season with IPC. Each day, we will email you a new reading from *The Eternal King Arrives* by Christianity Today.

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL & LUNCH begins December 6. Throughout the Advent Season, join us each Wednesday for a noonday Chapel Service followed by a light lunch in the Great Hall. Register and pay for your lunch at ipc-usa.org/connect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

NEW! IPC'S ANGEL TREE: Help spread Christmas cheer to Children's Fresh Air Farm Summer Learning students by selecting an Angel Tree student or family! You can select an angel at ipc-usa.org/connect or in the Parlor. Students are grouped with siblings in the same household who also attend Hayes so that you can select an individual child or all children in a household. All gifts are due Wednesday, December 6. Please bring all gifts unwrapped and labeled to Becky Wright's office. Contact Becky at bwright@ipc-usa.org for more information.

ADVENT FLOWERS: Honor and remember loved ones by making an Advent flower donation in their names. Your contribution provides for fresh flowers and greenery throughout the church during the Advent and Christmas Season. Look for envelopes at the receptionist desk or in the Advent issue of The Window, or an online donation form is available at ipc-usa.org/connect. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The deadline for submission is Thursday, December 7.

THE 74TH ANNUAL IPC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR is Saturday, December 9. We are thrilled to return to our traditional in-person format this holiday season, offering tours of three stunning homes in addition to a tour of the historic IPC Sanctuary and an Afternoon Tea in the IPC Great Hall. Tickets can be purchased in the Parlor and online at ipcholidayhouse.com.

THE ANNUAL IPC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be Sunday, December 10, at 4 p.m. The choir and orchestra will perform several seasonal works including the Bach *Magnificat*. Invite your friends to this beautiful afternoon of music for the season.

IPC GLOBAL MISSIONS JOURNEYS 2024: The Global Missions Team is in full swing preparing for five international journeys in 2024. We have three new journeys: Malawi (February 2-9, full); Dominican Republic (June 15-22) – deadline to apply is December 31; and Nairobi, Kenya (most likely April 17-28). We also look forward to returning to Chiapas, Mexico (May 25-31), as well as Mwandi Mission, Zambia (August 15-28). If you are interested in any of these, please contact Tommy Thomson or Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at mpatrick@ipc-usa.org. More information is available at ipc-usa.org (Hover over or click on "Serve" in the menu bar at the top, and then select "Global Missions").

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Gail Duncan, Lawrence Michael Halter, and Dorothy Naughton.

IPC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of William Tynes Sevier.

IPC FOOD MINISTRIES: In memory of Beverly Howell, Ann Brothers Leopard, and Clifford Lee Reeves. In honor of Charlotte Preston.

IPC SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Margaret and Tom Puckett.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds.

LIVING RIVER: In honor of Dr. John L. Edwards.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Joe Ardovino, Trumpet
Brad Sargent, Trumpet
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