

## 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.

**CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED TOMORROW** on Monday, July 4th, in observance of the holiday.

**WELCOME SARAH SCRUGGS:** IPC is excited to welcome Sarah Scruggs, our new Community Ministries Coordinator. You can reach out to her via phone at (205) 933-3725 or by email at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org). You can also drop by the Community Ministries office anytime during the week to talk about how you can use your gifts to serve our neighbors.

**VIRTUAL BOOK REVIEW:** Join us for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's virtual book review on *Gather at the Table* by Thomas DeWolf and Sharon Morgan. The Anti-Racism Committee will conduct 4 sessions via Zoom at 6 pm on July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, and Aug. 15. Visit [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) to register.

**GLEAN WITH IPC** at Pepper Place Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 16, 11am - 1pm. Sign-up online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). It's easy, fun, and a great way to help our food-insecure neighbors. Last week's IPC volunteers loaded a large pick-up truck bed full of fresh produce donated by local farmers and took it to the Firehouse Shelter where they turned it into delicious meals for their guests who are homeless.

**2022 YOUTH GRANT TEAM:** All interested rising juniors and seniors who attend IPC are encouraged to participate in the life of the church through the Youth Grant Team (YGT). Spots for the YGT are limited, and students will be selected based on their application (apply by July 17), level of commitment and availability, as well as their involvement in the student ministry and other ministries of IPC. Visit [ipc.usar.org/connect](http://ipc.usar.org/connect) to learn more about YGT and how to apply!

**FOOD FOR IPC MINISTRIES:** Help us refill our Blessing Boxes, Weekend Buddy Bags, and Food Pantry this summer. Drop off or send items via delivery service Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm, to IPC Community Ministries' entrance on 31st Street South beside the covered walkway. Call (205) 933-3726 to tell us when you'll arrive, and we'll meet you or your delivery service at the entrance. You can also give designated financial contributions which enable us to maximize our support for vulnerable families. For food and hygiene items, please pick up a pew card to see our current needs (emphasis on single bottles or powder packets of Gatorade/Powerade because it's so darn hot!). We also have an updated Amazon wishlist at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect), or for a direct web address, use <https://qrco.de/IPCwishlist>. For questions, contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at [mpatrick@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mpatrick@ipc-usa.org) or (205) 933-3709.

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Pastor  
Associate Pastor, Faith Formation  
Worship Leader  
Bass  
Drums  
Guitar  
Piano and Vocals  
Steel Guitar  
Trumpet  
Sound

Cover: Detail of IPC from the stained glass window representing Architecture in the sacristy.

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# THE TABLE

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JULY 3, 2022

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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:

*“Teach us, O God, the might and the glory of our message. Send us out to straighten the world for Thy residence. Speed us on our mission to free every soul everywhere, that Thy praise may spring unhindered wherever humanity lifts its face. In Christ’s name. Amen.”*

*from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds*

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the color green which represents new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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](http://ipc-usa.org/welcome)

GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

Prelude

Welcome

- +**Call to Worship**  
Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,  
People: **that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.**  
Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.**  
Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.  
People: **May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.** *Psalms 67*

- +**Gathering Songs** *“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”*  
*“Great Are You, Lord”*

LISTENING

We *listen* for the word of God through confession, passing the peace, Scripture, and preaching

- +**Prayer of Confession (unison)**  
Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us. Lead us once again to your table that we might be fed by Christ, who is the bread of life and the vine from which we grow in grace. Amen.

*Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.*

- +**Declaration of Pardon**  
Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.  
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

- +**Peace**  
Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

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

- +**Confessional Response** *“Gloria Patri”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Acts 4:32-37

Sermon: Are You Free?

RESPONDING

We *respond* to the hearing of God’s word through reflection, prayer, offering and communion

Hymn *“What a Beautiful Name”*

- Sharing of Gifts**  
*In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty.*

- Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper**  
- 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.  
- Words of Institution  
- Communion of the People  
- Song: *“Oceans”*  
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

We are *sent* out into the world to love God and our neighbors

- +**Closing Hymn** *“Amazing Grace”*

+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*