

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 8, 2020

eight forty-five and eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Make me one, O God, as Thou art one. Put down war in my members. Make me one with the outside world. Fit me in with all the movement of Thy universe. Help me to see our problems and our victories as one--one since Thou art one. *from Beginning the Day by Dr. Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Nocturne" William Albright
"Pavane" Robert Elmore

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. Goyer

INTROIT - "Draw nigh to God"George Thalben-Ball
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
People: the people whom he has chosen for his heritage.
Minister: The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind
People: From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth and observes all their deeds.
All: Let your steadfast love, O Lord be upon us, even as we hope in you.
Minister: Let us worship the Lord. *Psalm 33:12-13; 22*

*HYMN 331 - "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"
NATIONAL HYMN

1 God of the a - ges, whose al - might - y hand
2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past.
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some way.

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease,
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er - thine.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Dr. Wilkins

Unison: O God of Abraham and Sarah, who observed the misery of your people in bondage in Egypt, who heard their cry, saw their oppression, and sent Moses to deliver them into the freedom of faithfulness found in covenant with you, we lift up our hearts in prayer. Where we take for granted your liberation and deliverance, remind us once again of who you are, and whose we are. Where we forget that nations and peoples can only find true freedom in covenant relationship with you, bring us back to follow your way. Where we give ourselves over to the idolatries of politics, entertainment, and emotionalism, turn us back to follow your will that we may come to see that without you we can only wander, lost in the bondage of our own self-centered sense of liberty. In Christ's name. Amen.

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.**

* GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

MOMENT FOR MISSION (*eleven o'clock*).....Catherine Pringle

ANTHEM (*eleven o'clock*) - "He, watching over Israel" from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn
He, watching over Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. Shouldst thou, walking in
grief, languish, He will quicken thee. *Psalm 121:4*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Exodus 3:1-12

**Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - BUILT UPON THE COVENANTDr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREED Dr. Wilkins

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

Please continue to remember to support the church. Even during this time when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking [here](#), by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "But the Lord is Mindful of His Own".....

Felix Mendelssohn

Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

But the Lord is mindful of his own, He remembers his children. Bow down before Him, ye mighty, For the Lord is near us! Yea, the Lord is mindful of his own!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER..... Rev. Seamon

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 81 - "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" AUSTRIAN HYMN

1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our_ God.
2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal_ love,
God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is_ near.
well sup - ly thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.
On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to - as - suage?
With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at_ all thy_ foes.
safe they feed_ up - on the man - na which God_ gives them when they_ pray.
Grace, so like_ the Lord the giv - er, nev - er_ fails_ from age to_ age.

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God".....Dietrich Buxtehude

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information to contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and 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 loving memory of George Wheeler Coleman. Ensign Navy, WWII; uncle of Lochrane Coleman Smith; and great-uncle of Lochrane Connors Smith.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: We rejoice in the birth on November 1, 2020, of Harry Fisher Cornelius, son of Maggie Cornelius and Kyle Cornelius, brother of Flynn Cornelius.

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THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

continues with the following 4:00 recitals: today, Stefan Engels, Dallas, Texas; November 15, Isabelle Demers, Waco, Texas; November 22, David Enlow, New York, New York. All of the recitals are free, but reservations are required due to limitations for in-person attendance. Online reservation forms are available at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

WEDNESDAY PERSONAL PRAYERS: The Sanctuary is open for a “come and go” personal prayer time on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00. Please enter through the front doors of the Sanctuary, sign the register, wear a mask, and sit in the designated seating areas.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER: Please help us serve those who are food insecure.

Our food drive continues until November 22 (Dedication Day). We need food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers (\$45 each). Bags are available in the Parlor. To arrange drop-off, call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (memo: Harvest for Hunger). Please check our website at www.ipc-usa.org/connect for a list of suggested food items. Monetary donations can be made by clicking on “Give Online” (top right corner) and selecting “Food Pantry” in the dropdown menu. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE continues until Monday, November 30. You can mail in the form or place an order online at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. An option to donate all or part of your fruit order to the Food Pantry is available (it will be delivered directly to the Food Pantry for your convenience). The fruit will be available for curbside pickup December 19 and 20 in Highland Hall. A choir representative will come to your car and help you complete your order. Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

ADVENT FLOWERS: Honor loved ones by making an Advent flower donation in their names. Look for envelopes in the October issue of *The Window*. An online donation form will be available soon. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13.**

IPC CHOIR RADIO MYSTERY THEATRE: It was a dark and stormy night. Detectives Les Intelligent and Fred Knott are called to investigate the disappearance of beloved choirmaster and organist Jeff McLelland (*cue scream*). Is Jeff all right? Do his cute pugs need new homes? What kind of fruit is the choir selling this year? Listen to the first of four episodes of this fictitious film noir on the church podcast <https://ipcusabhm.podbean.com>

HONOR REV. LUCY TURNER by donating to a new IPC Foundation fund. Lucy has dedicated most of her more than 16 years at IPC to caring for our members when they need it the most. In honor of Lucy's retirement, we are establishing a Pastor Care and Counseling Assistance Fund in the IPC Foundation to provide pastoral care and counseling for those in need. To donate, click on the Give link our website ipc-usa.org and select "Lucy Turner Foundation Fund" from the fund dropdown.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. Stephen D. "Steve" Cowart. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Judge James H. Hancock, Sr. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
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