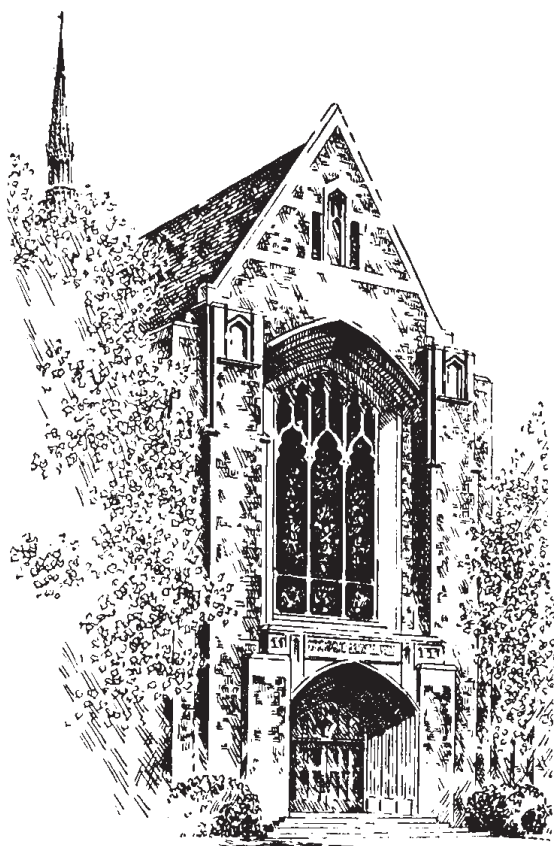


Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 8, 2021

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Breathe upon me, O gracious Father, a spirit of love for all people. May I not ask if they can love in return; may I not ask if they are worthy of love; may I not ask if they are already loved by others. May I love as Christ would love if he walked here again.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Prelude on Innsbruck " Matthew Corl
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

INTROIT - "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.
Psalm 34:8

* HYMN 15 - "All Creatures of Our God and King"
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

* CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Clayton
Minister: I will bless the Lord at all times;
All: The Lord’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Minister: My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
All: Let the humble hear and be glad.
Minister: O magnify the Lord with me,
All: And let us exalt the Lord’s name together!
Psalm 34:1-3

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. 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.

THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*eleven o'clock*).....Rev. Clayton

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - John 6:35, 41-51

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "O esca viatorum" Heinrich Isaac

O esca viatorum, O panis angelorum, O manna coelitem, Esurientes ciba Dulcedine non priva Corda quaerentium. O Jesu, tuum vultum Quem colimus occultum Sub panis specie. Fac, ut remoto velo Post libera in coelo Cernamus facie. Amen.

O food of men wayfaring, The bread of angels sharing, O Manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us, Nor thy delights deny us, Whose hearts to thee draw
nigh. O Jesu, by thee bidden, We here adore thee, hidden 'Neath forms of bread
and wine. Grant when the veil is riven, We may behold, in heaven, Thy countenance
divine.

Würzburg hymnal of 1647

SECOND LESSON - Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 435 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

SERMON - NO LONGER STRANGERS: IMITATING GOD.....

Rev. Patrick

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREEDRev. Clayton

**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

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
- * The Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory Anthem – "Love bade me welcome"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Richard Stump, *Baritone*

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back, Guilty of dust and sin. But
quickeyed Love, observing me grow slack From my first entrance in, Drew
nearer to me, sweetly questioning, If I lack'd any thing. "A guest," I answer'd,
"worthy to be here:" Love said, "You shall be he." "I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah,
my dear, I cannot look on thee." Love took my hand, and smiling did reply, "Who
made the eyes but I?" "Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame Go
where it doth deserve." "And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"
"My dear, then I will serve." "You must sit down" says Love, "and taste my
meat:" So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

The Sending

- * HYMN 65 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - "Postlude on *CWM Rhondda*"Paul Manz

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to take a next step by joining us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to personally meeting you, giving you more information about ways to get involved at IPC, and offering the opportunity to join the church.

PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE by signing in using the registers in the pews, then passing them down to those sitting beside you. If you are watching virtually, please register by “signing in.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of The Reverend W. B. (Pete) and Sophia Clifford. THE ROSE in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth on July 26, 2021, of Blakely Ann Wurm, daughter of Taylor Wurm and Dyan Wurm, sister of Hadley Kay Wurm, granddaughter of Cindy Demyan and Phil Demyan. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hoss Morse, a veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the CIA and patrolled the South China Sea after WWII; father of Wayne Morse.

SIGN UP TO HELP IPC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES provide extra support for our vulnerable, food insecure, and temporarily unhoused neighbors. Help feed our neighbors by providing sack lunches to drop off at Highlands United Methodist Church on August 10, 17, 24, and 31. Lunches are typically made at home and include a sandwich, chips, piece of fruit, small bottle of water or juice box, dessert, and peanut butter or cheese crackers as a snack for later. Learn more and sign up to serve at ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html

SAVE THE DATE for IPC's Fall Kick-Off. Join us for a special day of events on Sunday, August 15. At 10 am: Adults join us in the Great Hall to enjoy a light breakfast and learn about IPC's ministries, weekly and Sunday classes, congregational events, small groups, community ministries, and other faith formation opportunities with classes starting the following weekend. Children and Youth to attend Sunday School for the first day of the fall-term curriculum and Youth Confirmation. At Noon: All are invited to a multi-generational congregational event immediately following the 11 am worship service. Find food trucks, tents, live music, yard games, inflatables, door prizes, and other fun activities on 31st Street and at neighboring Rushton Park. Pre-register for lunch at ipc-usa.org/connect. Morning and evening worship services to be held at regular times: 8:45 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. Casual dress for worship services.

SIGN UP FOR DINNERS FOR EIGHT by August 25. You are invited to join the 2021-22 Dinners for Eight. These dinners take place three times a year in members' homes. You will be asked to host a dinner once during the rotation. Couples and singles are all invited. Dinners will begin in October/November for the first rotation. The spring dinners will be February/March and April/May. Even if you have participated in the past and want to continue to participate, please send email confirmation to Fairy Sutherland at fairysutherland@gmail.com, and you can email or call her at 205 541-3714 with questions.

HELP BUILD A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOME. IPC is building a Habitat for Humanity Home at 1018 Herring Street, Midfield 35228, alongside fellow Birmingham-area churches in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. The project for the Carolyn Hamilton family begins on September 9 with a ground breaking ceremony, and construction will take 6-8 weeks with sign-up dates on Fridays and Saturdays starting September 10. Visit ipc-usa.org/connect to register as a volunteer. You can also view the link with the Building Tasks Schedule to help decide which day you would like want to work.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Forsyth Sellers Donald, Mary Halton Inge, Marcia Maxwell, and Elizabeth Brown Shook.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FUND: In memory of Dr. Thomas Simpkins, Jr.

IPC CHOIR FUND: In memory of Roger Lewis.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Cherylle Quick and Dr. Thomas Simpkins, Jr. In honor of Dr. Steve Goyer.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Lulie B. Hodges and Mr. Thomas E. "Tom" York. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

BAPTISM TODAY

HARRISON MILLER BOWMAN, born April 12, 2021, son of Kayla Bowman and Jonathan Bowman; grandson of Susan Elaine Griffin Bowman and Charles William Bowman, Jr. ("Bill"), Lisa Taccone Harding and Gary Charles Harding.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Members of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolytes: (*eight forty-five*) Christoffer Peter Ray
(*eleven o'clock*) Hardwick Parks Walthall

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