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.

YOUR OFFERING IS APPRECIATED. Offerings may be submitted online, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts!

"ASK THE PASTOR" SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES has been added for the Winter Term. Join us at 10 am each Sunday to connect and reacquaint with your community of Faith, share prayer concerns, and ask questions of IPC's pastors. Register online at ipc-usa.org > connect to receive class reminders, or find a link to the Zoom class each week in our Sunday morning email.

2021 LENTEN GRACE GROUPS: New groups are forming to study Sermon on the Mount by Amy-Jill Levine for 6 weeks Feb. 14 - March 27. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect to learn more or find a group for you.

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.

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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Cover: *Transfiguration*, icon by Kelly Latimore in 2014. Commissioned by Fr. Tom Fehr for the Community of the Transfiguration in Glendale, OH.

"I started painting icons in 2011 while I was a member of the Common Friars from 2009-2013. Our collective work was about being more connected: to ourselves, each other, our surrounding community and the land....I do not wish to approach Iconography as an art form that simply follows an inherited tradition, knowledge and practice. I want it to be a creative process, meditation, and practice that brings about new self knowledge for the viewer and myself. Who are the saints that are among us here and now?

I was not taught by a traditional Iconographer, and so to some, I am breaking many rules. There are icons here that people may find theologically unsound and wrong, or for others, helpful and inspiring. I think both reactions are important. My hope is that these icons do what all art can potentially do, which is, to create more dialogue. The other may have something to teach us about what we know, about who God is, the world we live in and who are our neighbors. This is the real work of being human and of art. Being more present."
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THE TABLE

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TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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, you bring us together in this place,
we come to be fed,
to be renewed,
to seek understanding.

God, you challenge us in this place,
we embrace the challenge,
trusting that through challenge we grow in faith.

God, you are revealed in this place,
sometimes in shining glory,
sometimes in tears and struggle.

God as we worship in this place,
refresh, renew, and challenge us
so that we would see your awesomeness.

We pray in Jesus' name,
as we strive to walk the path of discipleship. Amen

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season after Epiphany as signified by the color green, symbolizing the Holy Spirit, hope, and eternal life.

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 and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

Visit our website: ipc-usa.org/welcome

Gathering

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

+***Gathering Song*** *"Arise, Your Light Has Come"*

Welcome

Call to Worship (responsive)

Leader: Behind all things there is a glory escaping, born of heaven and belongs to heaven.

People: A light that welcomes a more profound way of seeing things, that transfigures the world.

Leader: That casts a spell of hope, that sees the glory in the cross, and life within death.

People: It is a glory that meets us here on this mountain, where Jesus Christ, covered in the dust of the world is caught up in the glory of heaven.

Leader: Come let us worship.

Hymn #662 *"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"*

Listening

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mountaintops, the clamor of the world can harden our hearts to your word. We watch news, reality TV, silly shows—yet we have trouble bearing witness to your presence in our lives. We place our faith in those who fail us; we give our trust to those who misplace it.

Forgive us, Revealer of Mystery. You offer mercy to us, so we might hear your call to discipleship. You whisper our names, so we might know how loved we are. Caught by the surprise of your never-ending joy in us, how can we not follow you, our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ, onto the mountaintops of worship and into the valleys of sacrifice and service?

Open our hearts. Show us the path. Help us to follow you, O Christ

Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Grace:
One: In Jesus Christ,
All: we are forgiven!

+***Gloria Patri***

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 9:2-9

Sermon

Responding

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

Musical Reflection *"Transfiguration"*

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)
- Music: *"Transfiguraton"*
- Prayer after Communion

Sending

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

+***Hymn*** *"God Be with You Till We Meet Again"*

+***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*