

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.

IPC CHOIR: Have you ever considered singing in the IPC Choir? Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 and will resume on August 10. Please contact Dr. Jeff McLelland for more information!

FIRST LIGHT: Provide and serve dinner for the women and children staying at First Light during August 21-27. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

IN RESPONSE TO NEED: IPC provides disaster relief assistance to those impacted by the flooding, loss of life, and major destruction in Kentucky as well as to our ministry partners in the Black Belt region of our Presbytery. Scan the QR code to the right to learn more about what IPC is doing to help and how you can support our neighbors.



SAVE THE DATE for our Family of Faith Kick-Off on Sunday, August 14. During the 9 am Sunday School hour, Children's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Youth Sunday School begin their first Sunday of the fall term. An open house for Adults will be held in several areas to provide information about Sunday and weekday Adult Christian Education opportunities and upcoming fellowship and service events.

One worship service will be held at 10 am. Rev. Kevin J. Long kicks off a new sermon series called "Family Matters," and the IPC Choir returns. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, day school totes, etc. for the "Blessing of the Backpacks."

Immediately following the morning worship service, please join us for a congregational picnic in Highland Hall. The picnic includes hot dogs and hamburgers, live music from the Table worship service band, popcorn, inflatables, and face painting for the kids. Please note, the 5 pm worship service will not be held on August 14.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE EXTENDED: Following our Family of Faith Kickoff on Aug. 14, we will continue our current summer worship schedule through Labor Day offering a 10 am service in the Sanctuary and a 5 pm service in Highland Hall. Sunday School classes meet at 9 am each week except Sunday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE UKRAINIAN FREEDOM FESTIVAL and welcome our Birmingham Ukrainian friends on Saturday, August 20, from 2:00-4:00 pm in Highland Hall. Events include music from members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and Ukrainian musicians as well as food tastings of traditional Ukrainian recipes. We will have video visits with Pastor Fred Ankai-Taylor, members of Rada, and the Ukrainian embassy. Birmingham Sister Cities, Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership, and Inspiritus will be present too.

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Rev. Kevin J. Long	Pastor
Sarah Mason	Worship Leader
Randell Cooper	Bass
John Scalici	Drums
William Yarbrough	Guitar
Fred Rogan	Steel Guitar
Tommy Bowen	Trumpet
Shawny Thomas	Vocals
Nick Mathes	Sound

Cover: *Shine*, painted by Mike Moyer in 2013. A single candle burning is often used as a symbol for faith.

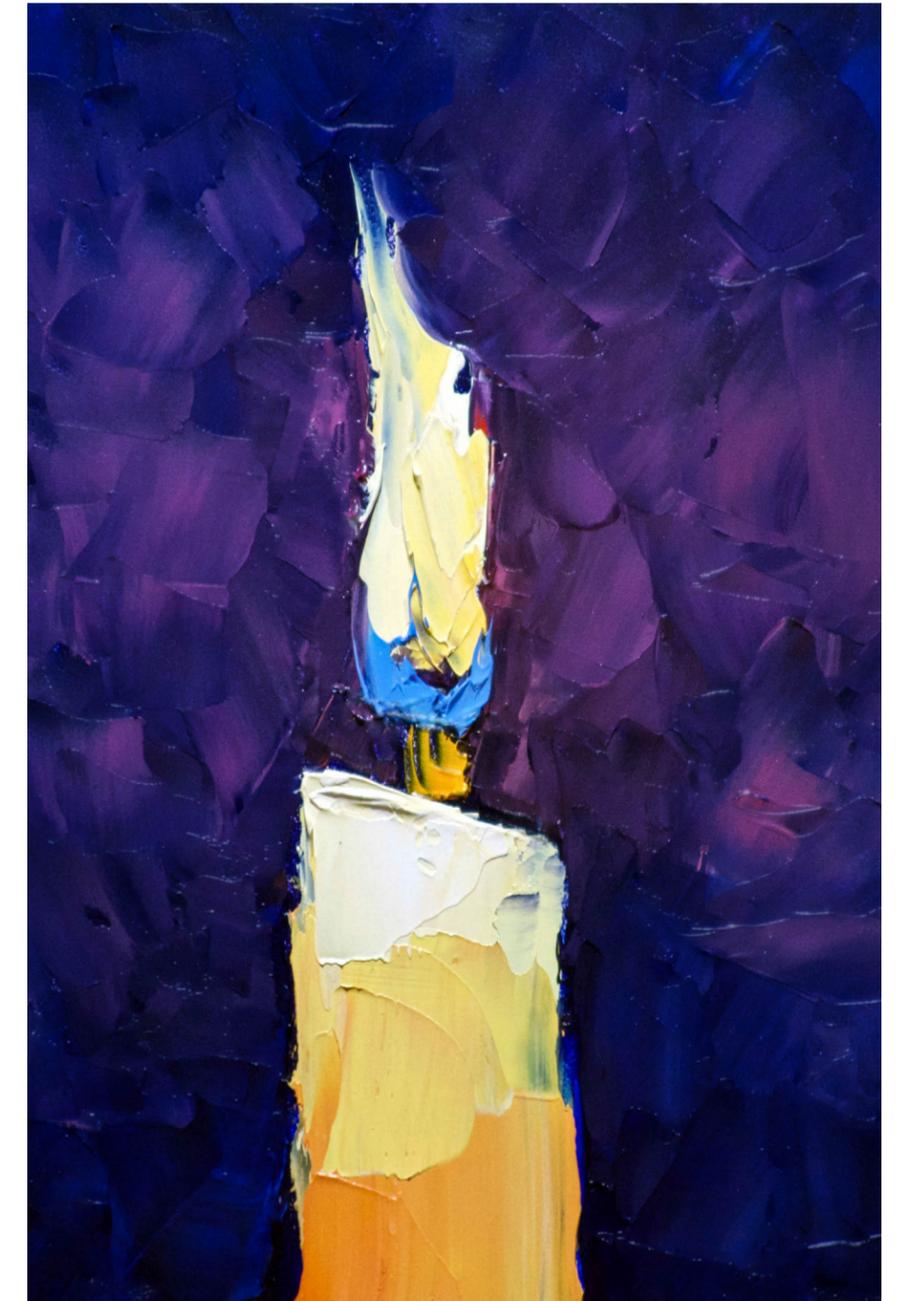
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THE TABLE

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AUGUST 7, 2022

THE NINETEENTH 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:

"Father, it is Thy will we seek. For Thy will is larger and better and richer than ours. We would not draw Thee down to us but lift ourselves up to Thee. We would not convert Thee to our wills, but convert ourselves to Thine. 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

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome

+ *Call to Worship*

Leader: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love;

People: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Leader: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

+ *Gathering Songs*

"Great Are You, Lord"
"King of Kings"

LISTENING

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

+ *Prayer of Confession (unison)*

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Sermon: Faith that Trusts Where Vision Fails

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

"I Surrender All"

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: *"Only Grace"*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

+ *Closing Hymn*

"10,000 Reasons"

+ *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*