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Service for the Lord's Day

8:45 am & 11:00 am

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

World Communion Sunday

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

With every passing day, O God, we are more deeply thrilled with the extent of Thy power, the miracle of Thy deeds and the glory of Thy name. We bow our heads in Thy presence in token that we are Thine and that all is Thine.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Cortège et Litanie" Marcel Dupré
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.

INTROIT - "As many as are led" George Thalben-Ball
As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the children of God.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Self Patrick

Minister: I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Minister: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O Lord, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones.

People: Blessed are those who walk in the light of your presence.

Minister: Let us worship the Living God! *Psalm 89*

*HYMN 509 - "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly" HOLY MANNA

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **O Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto thyself, that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight. Forgive us for laboring with a spirit of bondage as slaves, and for despairing as if we have no Savior. Teach us to take our delight in thee that we may carry glad hearts throughout our days.**

Benjamin Jenks, d. 1724

A period of silence for personal confession.

*** KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service* by Jeff McLelland)**

Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,
 Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

*** DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*** THE PEACE**

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

*** GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)**

Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi-rit:
 As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for
 ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

INVITATION TO CROP DROP....(8:45) Sissy Austin, (11:00) Kate Mather

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 23 (Pew Bible, p. OT501)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

During the singing of this hymn, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

***HYMN 716 - "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"BEACH SPRING**

SECOND LESSON - Acts 3:1-16 (Pew Bible, p. NT120-121)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - RAISED BY THE RIGHT HANDRev. Long

The Response to the Word

*NICENE CREED.....Rev. Clayton

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. 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 – "With a Voice of Singing"

Kenneth Jennings

With a voice of singing declare ye, and tell this; utter it even to the end of the earth. Hallelujah! The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob. Hallelujah! Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his Name; make his praise glorious. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen..

Isaiah 48:20b, Psalm 66:1-2

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 10 po-wer and might. Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry, Ho - san - na
 18 in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
 25 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)

Christ has died, Christ is ri-sen, Christ will come a - gain!

The minister continues in prayer:

AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Adoramus te" Wolfgang Mozart
Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi, quia per sanctam crucem tuam, redemisti mundum.

We adore Thee, O Christ, and we bless Thee, who by Thy Holy Cross hast redeemed the world. *prayer associated with the Stations of the Cross*

"Ave Verum Corpus" Camille Saint-Saëns
Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine, Vere passum, immolatum In cruce pro homine. Cujus latus perforatum unda fluxit Cum sanguine. Esto nobis præ-gustatum, in mortis examine. Amen.

Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind. From whose pierced side blood flowed. Be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet] in the trial of death! Amen. *13th-century Eucharistic chant*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 749 - "Come! Live in the Light!".....WE ARE CALLED

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Festive Scherzo"..... Malcolm Archer

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! Please join us at the Welcome Table in the Parlor immediately following the service where we can tell you more about our church. We look forward to meeting you! For more information, please contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Eric E. Thomas, Colonel, U.S. Army; Vietnam, First Airborne Division; awarded the Legion of Merit Bronze Star; father of Marliese Thomas.

TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY. Christian churches of many denominations across the globe will share The Lord's Supper today as a sign of Christ's prayer that we would be one, united Body of Christ. At IPC, we remember especially our mission partners across the globe, particularly in The Democratic Republic of Congo; Mwandia, Zam-bia; Chiapas, Mexico; Vinnitsya, Ukraine and Rwanda. The Table of the Lord is long and wide today! To learn more, visit us at ipc-usa.org.

KICK OFF our annual Harvest for Hunger campaign with a family-friendly Crop Drop in the IPC parking lot on Sunday, October 15. Ages 5 and up are invited to help sack 16.5 tons of potatoes for our neighbors who struggle with food insecurity. A limited number of t-shirts are available for sale. Registration is available in the Parlor today before and after morning services. You can also register online at ipc-usa.org/connect.

BEGINNER BRIDGE CLASS: If you'd like a tutorial or refresher on how to play bridge, come Tuesday, October 3, to Rm 308 at 9:30 am - 11 am. Contact Paul Leaver at pleaver@aol.com to sign up.

IPC'S ALABAMA BLACK BELT GROUP invites you to join them for the Airing of the Quilts Festival at Gee's Bend near Camden, AL, on Saturday, October 7. If you're interested in going, please email Paula Hickman at hickman@bellsouth.net by October 2.

CHORAL EVENSONG: At 4 pm on Sunday, October 8, we will offer an Evensong featuring the IPC Choir and violinist Daniel Szasz in the sanctuary. With music spanning from 10th-century chant to the year 2020, this is the perfect time to come, be still, and rest in the Heart of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

REGISTER FOR GRACE GROUPS: Grace Groups offer a small-group Bible study for members and friends of IPC for six weeks twice a year. Starting October 8, we will study *Breaking the Code: Understanding the Book of Revelation* by Bruce M. Metzger and revised by David A. DeSilva. Register online at ipc-usa.org/connect, and pick up a copy of the book at Thank You Books (5502 Crestwood Blvd). Contact Cindy Shaw at cshaw@ipc-usa.org for questions.

VOLUNTEER WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: We are helping the Presbytery build a home in Pleasant Grove. IPC volunteer days are October 21 and November 3 and 11. No construction experience necessary. Minimum age 14 years old. You must register on the Habitat website (access code **presby23**). Help is also needed to provide a dozen simple sack lunches for the volunteers each day. Find the Habitat link or sign up for lunches at ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at (205) 933-3709 or mpatrick@ipc-usa.org.

LIVING RIVER is hosting the Fall River Fest on Sunday, October 22, at 8:30 am - 7:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Participate in the day-long activities including a midday worship service, fellowship, hiking, live music, a closing campfire, and more! Lunch and dinner will be provided, and donations are encouraged. To view the schedule and find out more, visit livingriver.org

EVERYONE IS WELCOME for the Children's Fresh Air Farm (CFAF) Centennial Celebration and annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 29, at 3 pm - 6 pm. Enjoy live music by the Table worship band, fun games for kids, a hayride, and a dedication ceremony to celebrate 100 years of ministry at the Farm. Dinner will be served at 5 pm. Register at ipc-usa.org/connect.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

MUSIC & FINE ARTS: In memory of Sue Newton.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (8:45) James Turner Inscoe, Jr.; Jessica Francis Long;

John Bailey Walthall

(11:00) Laura Elizabeth Donovan, William Oliver Middleton,

Samuel Bernard Steiner

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