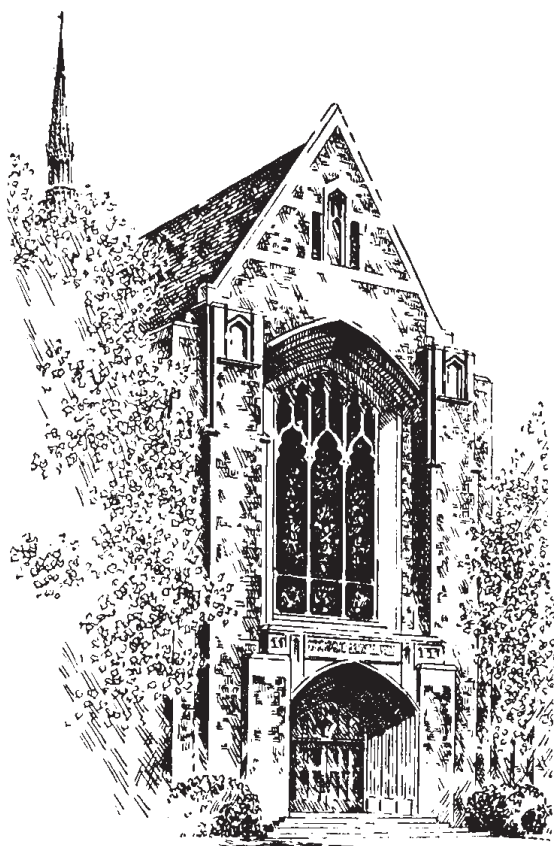


# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 24, 2021

eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, may I be thankful every day. May I look round about me with joy, may I look up with praise. Show me the glory of the world, the tenderness of Thy care, the wonder of Thy love.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "I Waited Patiently Upon the Lord" .....Craig Phillips  
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. Wilkins

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: For God alone our soul waits in silence, for our hope is from him.

People: He alone is our rock and our salvation, our fortress; we shall not be shaken.

All: On God rests our deliverance and our honor; our mighty rock, our refuge is in God.

Minister: Let us worship the Lord! *Psalm 62*

\*HYMN 157 - "I Danced in the Morning".....LORD OF THE DANCE

1 I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I  
2 I danced for the scribe and the Phar - i - see, but  
3 I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the lame. The  
4 I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned black. It's  
5 They cut me down and I leapt up high.

danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, and I  
they would not dance and they would not fol - low me. I  
ho - ly peo - ple said it was a shame. They  
hard to dance with the dev - il on your back. They  
I am the life that will nev - er, nev - er die. I'll

came down from heav - en and I danced on the earth. At  
danced for the fish - er - men, for James and John, They  
whipped and the stripped, and they hung me high, and  
bur - ied my bod - y and they thought I'd gone, but  
live in you if you'll live in me,

Beth - le - hem I had dance my birth.  
came with me and the dance went on.  
left me there on a cross to die.  
I am the dance and I still go on.  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Dance, then, wher - ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the

Dance, said he, and I'll lead you all, wher - ev - er you may be,

and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison:** Lord, open unto me: Open unto me-light for my darkness. Open unto me-courage for my fear. Open unto me-hope for my despair. Open unto me-peace for my turmoil. Open unto me-joy for my sorrow. Open unto me-strength for my weakness. Open unto me-wisdom for my confusion. Open unto me-forgiveness for my sins. Open unto me-love for my hates. Open unto me-thy Self for my self. Lord, Lord, open unto me! Amen. *Howard Thurman*

*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)

ANTHEM - "Wilt Thou Forgive the Sin?".....John Hilton  
Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

Wilt thou forgive the sin where I begun, which is my sin though it were done before? Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do them still, though still I do deplore? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more. Wilt thou forgive that sin by which I won others to sin, and made my sin their door? Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallowed in a score? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin of fear that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore. Swear by thyself that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now and heretofore: And having done, thou hast done, I need no more.

## The Word

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Jonah 3:1-5, Mark 1:14-15

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

SERMON - REPENTANCE TIME.....Dr. 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 – "Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" .....

Felix Mendelssohn

Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

Then, then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in their heav'nly Father's realm. Joy on their head shall be for everlasting, and all sorrow and mourning shall flee away for ever.  
*Matthew 13:43 and Isaiah 51:11*

### 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 649 - "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" .....

AMAZING GRACE



1 A - maz - ing\_\_\_ grace, how sweet the sound, that  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
3 Through man - y\_\_\_ dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
4 When we've been\_\_\_ there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a\_\_\_ wretch like me!\_\_\_ I once\_\_\_ was\_\_\_ lost, but  
grace my\_\_\_ fears re - lieved.\_\_\_ How pre - cious did that  
have al - read - y come.\_\_\_ 'Tis grace\_\_\_ has brought me  
shin - ing\_\_\_ as the sun,\_\_\_ we've no\_\_\_ less\_\_\_ days to



now\_\_\_ am\_\_\_ found, was blind, but\_\_\_ now I see.\_\_\_\_\_  
grace\_\_\_ ap - pear the hour be - lieved!\_\_\_\_\_  
safe\_\_\_ thus\_\_\_ far, and grace will\_\_\_ lead me home.\_\_\_\_\_  
sing\_\_\_ God's praise than when we'd\_\_\_ first be - gun.\_\_\_\_\_

\*CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "Allegro".....Leon Boellmann

*\*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 contact us for more information: Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 or [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org) and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or [cshaw@ipc-usa.org](mailto: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. Arthur G. Klintiver, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Schreiber, Patricia Schreiber Jones, and Mr. Joseph W. Schreiber. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in honor of Douglas Nelson Preston, Colonel, Vice Wing Commander of the 117th Air Refueling Wing, Operations Deny Flight, Iraqi Freedom, and Noble Eagle.

"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](http://ipc-usa.org) > connect to receive class reminders, or find a link to the Zoom class each week in our Sunday morning email.

THE TABLE 5PM SUNDAY SERVICE RETURNS today, January 24. Search @IPCBirmingham on YouTube to view the livestream service at 5 pm.

REGISTER TO ATTEND AN IPC ROUNDTABLE on Jan. 27 from 5-6 pm.

The Deacons of IPC invite you to a virtual roundtable conversation with IPC Counselor Dr. Stewart Jackson. A discussion focused on adults and parents of college and youth, join us to discover ways to deal with your empty nest, isolation, anxiety, and other feelings brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Jackson invites responses to the question: "What is your biggest fear about your children leaving home for college/military/gap year/ work?" Find the registration form online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL: We're celebrating 50 years of art, music, and liturgy and invite you to join us online for "Comfort, Connection, and Healing" January 31 - February 7. Offerings include tours of local Birmingham sacred places, a duo guitar concert by Nataša Klasinc-Lončar and Miroslav Lončar, a chamber music concert with Amy McLelland and local musicians, and more. All programs are offered online so please invite family and friends near and far to join in. For our virtual banquet on Thursday, February 4, Kim and her excellent staff will prepare "comfort food" boxed dinners to-go that include pot roast, cheesy grits, bread pudding, and more. Make reservations online for your "banquet-in-a-box" at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). Pick-up is 4:30-5:30 pm at the church on Thursday afternoon. Each meal costs \$15. Order by January 31. More details such as the full menu and banquet program information are included online. For questions, please contact Rosalynn Fairless at [rfairless@ipc-usa.org](mailto:rfairless@ipc-usa.org) or 205.933.3700.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER has resumed. Find the online form, this week's menu, and other details to reserve your meal(s) at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) (click "Sign Up Links" under "Connect" in the menu bar at the top). Each meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservations are required by Tuesday at noon. Pick-up time is Wednesdays between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Park in the designated spots at the church.

VISIT IPC'S SIGN UP PAGE to join us for upcoming volunteer opportunities. You can register to provide and serve dinner one evening at First Light Jan. 31 – Feb. 6 and find other service events online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect)

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Michael McCollum; Courteney Cox Prichard; and Wardlow M. Watson, Sr.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Dr. Wilfred Rupert Bodden, Jr., and Felix Yarboro.

FOOD PANTRY: In memory of John Allen Bostwick, Jr.; Charles M. Miller; and Barbara Steward. In honor of Rev. Susan Clayton, the family of Paul Huckleberry, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Koons, Charlie Miller, and Helen Yarboro.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. Frank Bono; Mr. James R. "Bob" Bush; Mrs. Linda H. Meier; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; Mr. George E. Oliver; Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate; and Mrs. Sallie M. Ussery. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr.; and Mrs. Sue C. White. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Edith G. Bauman; Ms. Bernice T. "Bernie" Halbur; Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr.; and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Tom Pankey and Jimmy Shepherd.

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### Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor  
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Mrs. Beth Middleton, Assistant Director of Music

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