

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 27, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock  
eleven o'clock

## Service for the Lord's Day

### The Gathering for Worship

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

What is it, O God, that keeps me from seeing Thee? What speck or poor sodden thing shuts away the flaming sun, that is Thyself? May I lay all pleasure down that does not show Thy face. May I relinquish all wealth that dims Thy shining. May I put aside every ambition that veils my vision and my passion for Thee. Amen.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Brother James's Air" .....Searle Wright  
*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 - "Thou, O Lord, hast made us for thyself" .....George Thalben-Ball  
Thou, O Lord, hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Seamon  
Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
**All: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night;**  
Minister: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre;  
**All: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy. Praise the Lord!**

\*HYMN 193 - "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" .....UNSER HERRSCHER

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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, this is 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 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Clayton

MOMENT FOR MISSION: SCOUT SUNDAY (*eleven o'clock*).....  
Peter Ray

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Exodus 34: 29-35

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - "Jubilate" (*Collegium Regale*) ..... Herbert Howells

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

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and speak good of his Name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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. *Psalms 100*

SECOND LESSON - Luke 9: 28-36

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - COURAGE FOR THE JOURNEY .....Rev. Clayton

The Response to the Word

\* HYMN 662 - "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" .....RATISBON

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

*(eight forty-five)*

**DEACONS** (*Class of 2024*)

Chase Couch

Judilyn Brooks Horton

Charlie Deer

Mark Pledger

Cathy DeLozier

Sarah Beth Cowart (Youth Deacon)

\* APOSTLES' CREED ..... Rev. Long  
**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 – "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky" .....  
Howard Darke  
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise. Triumph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; Joyless is the day's return, Till thy mercy's beams I see, Till they inward light impart, Glad my eyes, and warm my heart. Visit then this soul of mine, Pierce the gloom of sin and grief; Fill me Radiancy Divine, Scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, Shining to the perfect day.  
*Charles Wesley*

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 189 - "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" ..... DEO GRACIAS
- \* BENEDICTION (*eight forty-five*)
- \* POSTLUDE - "Trumpet Tune in C" (*eight forty-five*).....Michael McCabe

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (*eleven o'clock*)

\**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 join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

**THE FLOWERS** in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eugene Weatherford, Sr. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mallory Forbes Miree, Captain in the U.S. Air Force in 1964-65; father of Jennifer Miree Cope, grandfather of Robert Paterson Cope and Charles Mallory Cope.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A meeting of Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called today to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service. The purposes of the meeting are 1) To receive the 2021 and 2022 financial reports, 2) To receive the report of the IPC Foundation, 3) To approve the compensation package of ordained clergy, 4) To receive the 2021 report of the President of the Congregation, and 5) To re-elect members of the IPC Foundation Board of Directors (class of 2021) for a second three-year term. By order of the Session, Kevin J. Long, Moderator, Beverly T. Krannich, Clerk.

**IPC BOY SCOUT TROOP 28:** We recognize the members of our church's Boy Scout Troop at today's 11 am worship service. One of the oldest Boy Scout troops in Birmingham, Troop 28 performs many services ranging from service projects at the Children's Fresh Air Farm to the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This year's Pancake Supper will be held in the Great Hall on Tuesday, March 1, at 5:30 pm. Purchase tickets (\$8) at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). Troop 28 meets Monday nights in Highland Hall. For details, contact Kendall Holman at [r.kendall.holman@gmail.com](mailto:r.kendall.holman@gmail.com).

**A SERVICE OF CHORAL EVENSONG** will be sung by the IPC Camerata this afternoon at 4 p.m. The service features music by Craig Phillips and Herbert Howells and will be followed by an organ improvisation by Patrick Scott of Grace-St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee.

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** to deliver Meals on Wheels in the Kingston neighborhood where a significant part of IPC's local community outreach is focused. Volunteers work in pairs delivering meals on the same day every other week. Meals are picked up at United Way on Clairmont Ave. Clear directions to each recipient's home are provided, and the total time (10-12 stops) is about 1.5 hours. Find more information at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) or sign up directly at [mowjeffco.org/volunteer/apply](http://mowjeffco.org/volunteer/apply). For questions, please contact Susan Haskell at 205-616-8401.

**THE BICYCLE DRIVE** to benefit Trips for Kids runs Feb. 27- March 13. Bring used bicycles of any size to the Community Ministries door off 31st Street South 9 am-4 pm Monday-Friday or Sundays 9:30 am-11 am. Ring the bell for assistance to put the bicycle(s) in the maintenance room.

**SUMMER SAVE-THE-DATES:** Vacation Bible School is Mon, May 23-Thurs, May 26, in the Day School classrooms. Children ages 2-5 are invited to travel with us around the world for IPC's Passport to Peace. Bibletimes Marketplace is Mon, June 6-Fri, June 10, at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Campers (completed K5-5th) and Tribal Assistants (completed 6th-12) are invited to join us to explore the life of Paul. Adult volunteers are needed. Registration opens tomorrow on Feb. 28 for IPC members.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES will be held at noon and 6:30 pm in the sanctuary on March 2. Begin the 40-day season at IPC with the imposition of ashes during the service.

LENT DEVOTIONS: Subscribe to receive IPC's daily devotions at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) to be emailed daily Lent devotions incorporating scripture, prayers, and reflections.

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: Honor the memory of your loved ones by making an Easter Memorial donation in their name(s). Your contribution provides lilies and greenery to be displayed in the Sanctuary and at Highland Hall for IPC's Easter Services, and the names of your loved ones will be printed in IPC's Easter worship bulletin. To ensure that the names of loved ones are included in the bulletin, please your contribution to the church by March 21. Find donation envelopes in the upcoming issue of the Window or leave at the receptionist's desk. An online donation form can be found at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

JOIN THE GUILD: This group of women works behind the scenes to care for the sanctuary and prepare for worship and sacred services. Members serve a 5-year term, serve on at least 2 committees, and must attend at least 4 monthly meetings per year which are held on second Mondays at 11 a.m. Interested? Pick up a form near the elevator and return it by Monday, March 25.

### BAPTISM TODAY

**CONRAD NICHOLAS RIGGS**, born October 22, 2021, son of Mallie Riggs and Nick Riggs; brother of Addison Elizabeth Beck and Donald Craig Wilkerson II; grandson of Diane Beck and Murray Beck, Lisa Mariano and Frank Mariano.

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#### Participants in Today's Services

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

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

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

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: *(eight forty-five)* William Bibb Albright, Sydney Ann Clark,

Sarah Elizabeth Cowart

*(eleven o'clock)* Halli Francis Hollingsworth, Magdalene Elise Robinson

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