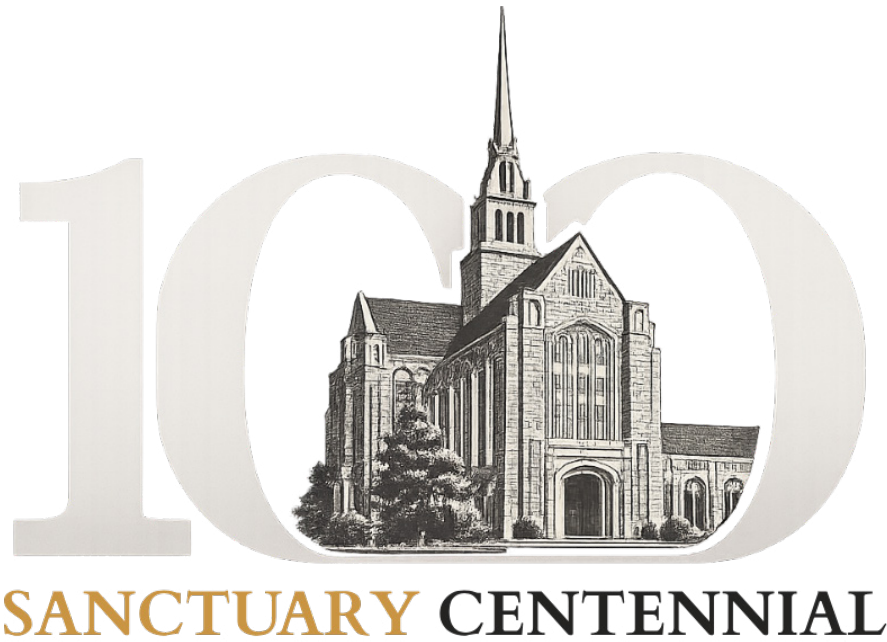


Independent Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



Service for the Lord's Day

The Second Sunday of Easter

APRIL 12, 2026 | 11:00 A.M.

Welcome to IPC!



FOUNDED IN 1915, Independent Presbyterian Church has long held a commitment to glorifying the triune God through worship, the use of beauty and the arts, and serving our community in Jesus' name. From the beginning, our founders sought to establish a church reflecting God's love for humanity and humanity's love for God.

Today, we continue this legacy by cultivating meaningful worship, nurturing our congregation to grow as disciples of Jesus, and engaging in acts of service that reflect Christ's command to love God and love our neighbors. Whether you are a life-long follower of Jesus, a new believer, or still curious, know that all are welcome here.

If this is your first visit, we look forward to meeting you and sharing more about the life of our church. All are invited to the Welcome Table in the Parlor following the service. To learn more about IPC or membership, please contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

Children are always welcome to worship with us in the Sanctuary. Materials to build a Worship Bag are in the Parlor before each service. Please replace the items when the service ends.

We are so grateful that you are here. Please sign the friendship pad located in the pew racks, so we know you are worshipping with us today.

Centennial Celebration of IPC's Sanctuary



THIS SUNDAY, we give thanks for the 100th anniversary of our Sanctuary, first dedicated on Good Friday, April 2, 1926. What was described at its dedication as "a thing of beauty" by *The Birmingham News* remains a lasting expression of faith, vision, and the devotion of generations who have worshiped here.

As we mark this milestone in worship today, the scripture and dedication litany are drawn from that original service a century ago, connecting us to those who first gathered in this sacred space. From its earliest days, IPC has sought to glorify God through worship, beauty, and community. The Sanctuary itself stands as a testament to that calling, built through generosity, shaped by conviction, and sustained by faith across generations.

To learn more about the history of our Sanctuary, mark your calendar for three special Sunday School classes on May 31, June 7, and June 21.

Service for the Lord's Day

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Out of the old, O God, may we build the new. Forth from the death of what has been let spring the life of what is to be. May we learn from the past and do better. May we stand on the past and reach up. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE

"Fanfare"

John Cook

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

"This Joyful Eastertide"

arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now is Christ arisen.

George Ratcliffe Woodward

CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalms 122, 84, 100 & Isaiah 2

Rev. Clayton

Minister: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

People: **How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!**

Minister: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: **Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that we may learn God's ways and walk in God's paths.**

Minister: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

People: **Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!**

❖ HYMN 248

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

HYMN TO JOY

Christ is risen! Shout hosanna!

Celebrate this day of days.

**Christ is risen! Hush in wonder,
all creation is amazed.**

**In the desert all surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.**

**Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.**

Hymn continued on the next page.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend;
Jesus is our strong companion—
joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus,
“Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing hosanna, everyone!

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, forgive us for being hesitant to love the church we have received. Forgive us for going each to our own way, and forgive us for demanding that the church go with us. Help us to remember the ministry of those who have served before us. When in danger give us their comfort, and when in difficulty, their perseverance; that we too may be faithful until we rejoice with all of the saints in your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

John Calvin

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

“Glory Be to the Father”

GLORIA PATRI

**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, amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Long

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Rev. Seamon

Minister: Holy, blessed and glorious God; Creator, Preserver, Redeemer; Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Our Father, who art in Heaven:

People: To Thee we dedicate this church.

Minister: Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father, Head of the Body which is the Church; Head over all things to the Church; Prophet, Priest and King of Thy people; Compassionate Christ, Our Saviour:

People: To Thee we dedicate this church.

Minister: Holy Spirit, given to be our abiding Teacher, Sanctifier and Comforter, taking of the things of Christ and declaring them unto us, our Guide into His ever enlarging Truth:

People: To Thee we dedicate this church.

Minister: To Thee, O Holy Trinity:

People: We offer our praise and thanksgiving for the faithful members of this church over the past one hundred years; for the hearts, minds and voices lifted up to you in worship in this sanctuary; for the Word read and proclaimed; for the music made; for the prayers offered; and for lives transformed and strengthened to serve you more faithfully. Today, we rededicate this sanctuary and recommit ourselves to worshiping you and living out our calling as disciples of Jesus Christ. We pray that the light of Christ will continue to shine brightly in and through this sanctuary for generations to come and that all who enter it might experience your grace. And we pray that all who gather within these walls might carry forth that light into the world in Jesus' name, that more people might come to know and serve you, the one true and living God. In the name of our risen and reigning Lord, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Word

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mr. Tittle

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 148

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

“Now is the Hour of Darkness Past”

from Alleluia, Acclamation, and Carol - Daniel Pinkham

Alleluia! Now is the hour of darkness past; Christ hath assumed His reigning pow’r. Behold the great accuser cast down from the skies, to rise no more. Alleluia! ‘Twas by Thy blood, immortal Lamb, Thine armies trod the tempter down; ‘Twas by Thy word and pow’rful name they gained the battle and renown: Alleluia! Rejoice, ye heav’ns! Let ev’ry star shine with new glories round the sky! Saints, while ye sing the heav’nly war, raise your Redeemer’s name on high. Alleluia! Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumph’d gloriously. Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea. Mighty victim from the sky, Hell’s fierce pow’rs beneath Thee lie; Thou hast conquer’d in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light. Now no more can death appal, now no more the grave enthrall, Thou hast open’d Paradise, and in Thee, Thy Saints shall rise. Alleluia, Amen.

Isaac Watts

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

SERMON

“Jews and Gentiles”

Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

We respond to the hearing of God’s word through reflection, prayer, and offering.

❖ HYMN

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

REGENT SQUARE

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever,
and her confidence alone.**

**To this temple, where we call you;
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
Come, with all your loving kindness;
hear your people as we pray,
and your fullest benediction
Shed within these walls today.**

**Here bestow on all your servants
What they seek from you to gain;
What they gain from you, forever
With the blessed to retain;
And hereafter in your glory
Evermore with you to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Every three and ever one:
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run!**

❖ **APOSTLES' CREED**

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.

RECOGNITION OF 2026 CONFIRMANDS

Ms. Daniels

Kate Austin	AC Monk
Caitlin Caley	Alex Pledger
Russell Chambliss	Anne Pringle
Kate Falls	Shep Ray
Cooper Falls	Joseph Scholl
Jake Falls	Gavin Vanlandingham
Kirby Hontzas	Gray Warburton
Vann Inscoe	Davis White
Katherine Miles	

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Pulliam

Becky Baker	Conner Nason
Jill Bowyer	Banks Perry
Haynes Camp	Avery Purdy
Debbie Hyams	

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

SCHUMANN

**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

❖ **PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Rev. Newton

To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

❖ THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

❖ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Locus Iste”

Ernő Dohnányi

Locus iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum, irreprehensibilis est. Deus, cui astat Angelorum chorus, exaudi preces servorum tuorum. Alleluja! Adorabo ad templum sanctum tuum: et confitebor nomini tuo. Alleluja!

This place was made by God, a priceless sacrament; it is without reproach. God, with your choir of angels, listen to the prayer of your servants. Alleluia! I bow low toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name. Alleluia!

Gradual of the Catholic Mass for the Dedication or Anniversary of a Church

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 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

AURELIA

**The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is his new creation,
By water and the word;
From Heav’n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
Yet one o’er all the Earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With ev’ry grace endued.**

Though with a scornful wonder
This world sees her oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up: "How Long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

'Mid toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forever more;
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
May live eternally.

❖ BENEDICTION

Rev. Long

❖ POSTLUDE

"Postlude Cantique"

Theodore Dubois

Flowers

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Charles Mixson Miller.

The flowers on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Warren St. John, Sr., First Lieutenant, Air Force, during Vietnam; husband of Irma St. John; father of
Warren St. John, Jr., Mary Claire St. John Butler, and Susanna St. John Davis.

Announcements

Centennial Celebration of IPC's Sanctuary

TODAY

Join us for one combined worship service at 11:00 a.m. as we give thanks for the past and look ahead to the future. Through worship, prayer, and a special dedication litany, we will mark this milestone in the life of IPC. The 11:00 a.m. service will be the only worship service on April 12; Sunday School will be held at 10:00 a.m. as usual. For those who made a reservation, join us in Great Hall after worship for a congregational lunch and fellowship.

Working on Worship (WOW)

TODAY | *Join Us Each Second Sunday*

This morning during the 11:00 a.m. worship service, children in grades 1–3 are invited to participate in Working on Worship (WOW), a program designed to help young worshippers engage more meaningfully in our worship services. On second Sundays through May, children will follow the acolyte out of worship for hands-on learning. Pick-up will be from the Chapel at the end of the service.

Church Officer Nominations

Deadline to Nominate: April 19

The Representative Nominating Committee (RNC) is identifying qualified nominees to serve as church officers, including Elder, Deacon, IPC Foundation trustee, RNC member at large, and vice president of the congregation. Paper nomination forms are available in the parlor and at the receptionist's desk and may be deposited in the box in the parlor or at the desk. The online form is available at ipc-usa.org, or nominations may be submitted by email to RNC@ipc-usa.org.

Provide and Serve Dinner at First Light

Sunday, April 19–Saturday, April 25 | First Light Shelter

Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light Shelter. Sign up at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

Beer & Hymns

Monday, April 20 | 7:00 p.m. | The

Grocery, 2823 Central Ave., Homewood

Sing old-time hymns (and a few new ones) in a relaxed setting with good food and great company. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

Popsicles on the Playground

Saturday, April 25 | 9:30 a.m. | IPC Playground

Please join us for playtime and popsicles on our IPC Children's Playgrounds. Families will have time to play with one another and fellowship. There is no need to register, so just come on out. Friends are welcome!

Patricia Byrne Memorial Concert for Organ and Orchestra

Tuesday, April 28 | 7:00 p.m. | IPC Sanctuary

World renowned organist Vincent Dubois and 48 members of the Alabama Symphony will present a free concert that will fill the Sanctuary with incredible music by composers Marcel Dupré and Franz Liszt. This free concert series has been established to present internationally acclaimed organ concert artists to perform music for organ and orchestra.

IPC Now & Forever Spring Supper

Thursday, April 30 | 6:00 p.m.

Join us for a beautiful evening of food, fellowship, and conversation at the home of Cathy and Tom Adams. Enjoy time together and learn more about how the Now and Forever Endowment Campaign supports IPC now and for generations to come. Please RSVP by Monday, April 27 at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page. If you have questions, please contact Margaret Lane H. Wolff at mhollingsworth@ipc-usa.org.

Watch Online

We invite you to worship with us from wherever you are. Join the 11:00 a.m. livestream at [YouTube.com/@IPC Birmingham](https://www.youtube.com/@IPC Birmingham)

This Week At IPC

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

10:00 A.M. Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
NOON Sanctuary Centennial Luncheon, Great Hall
3:45 P.M. Young Adult Bible Study, Highland Hall Garage
6:00 P.M. Youth Group, Highland Hall Garage

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:00 A.M.

- Discussing John's Gospel of Faith (Reformed Bible Study Class), RM 309
 - Great Hymns (Combined Classes: Wonder Years, Seekers & Presbyterian Women), RM 305
 - Presbyterian 101: Digging Deep Into Our Faith (Combined Classes: Bridges, Crossroads, Trenches & Foundations), RM 306
 - Youth Breakfast (7th-12th Grade), Parlor
 - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (2K-6th Grade), Ground and 1st Floors
 - Toddler Atrium & Nursery, Ground Floor
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MONDAY, APRIL 13

1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308/309
5:30 P.M. Yoga, RM 301
6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 A.M. Bridge, RM 309
11:00 A.M. Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
1:30 P.M. Centering Prayer, RM 304
3:00 P.M. Chair Yoga, RM 304

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

9:00 A.M. Yoga, RM 301
10:30 A.M. Women at the Well, RM 101
10:30 A.M. Caregiver Support Group, RM 304
1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308
4:00 P.M. Living After Loss Support Group, RM 304
5:30 P.M. Wednesday Night Dinner, Great Hall
5:30 P.M. Lakeview Al-Anon, RM 304
6:00 P.M. Bible Study with the Pastor, RM 218
6:30 P.M. IPC Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

11:00 A.M. Knitting Ministry, RM 105
12:00 P.M. Noon Bible Study, RM 307
2:00 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 A.M. Bill Shanks Bible Study, GH2
NOON Mahjong, RM 308

Prayer List

Copies of IPC's current prayer list are available in the Parlor and Narthex. Our Intercessory Prayer Group meets each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray by name for those on the list. To submit a prayer request for a loved one, yourself, or any prayer need, please contact Connie Logan at clogan@ipc-usa.org.

Special Gifts Received

Kirkwood Funds: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mrs. Martha A. Hotten.

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Thank You for Your Gifts.

Questions on how to give can be directed to Margaret Lane H. Wolff at mhollingsworth@ipc-usa.org.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, *Pastor*

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care & Adult Education*

The Rev. D. Nicole Newton, *Associate Pastor, Discipleship*

The Rev. David J. Seamon, *Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach*

Ms. Grace Daniels, *Assistant Director of Youth Ministries*

Mrs. Stacy Pulliam, *Engagement and Assimilation Coordinator*

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

Mr. Gaige Tittle, *Seminary Intern*

Acolytes:

Katelyn Long, Shep Ray, Helen Ray

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir



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