

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY (continued)

WE ARE STARTING A NEW AL-ANON GROUP at IPC, and the planning meeting will be Wednesday, January 26, at 5 pm, via zoom or Room 218. If you are interested in being part of this ministry of hope and help, please contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick for more information.

WEEKEND BUDDY BAGS: Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped sack Weekend Buddy Bags this week! We completed our first 111 bags and will deliver to Hayes K-8 School on Jan. 20. If you would like to assist with the transport, please contact Evelyn Puckett or Pam McLean. We need to replenish several items before we can begin sacking for February. If you'd like to help purchase the items, please see the website for the list and bring or ship items to the Food Pantry, ground floor, 31st St. entrance. Thank you for your patience as we refine this process and maintain regular stock. Volunteers, please check back the week of Jan. 24. Our Hayes K-8 friends are excited about this new offering, and we look forward to expanding our efforts soon as possible. Please also remember our Blessing Boxes utilize the same food items and have seen a significant increase of use this week. Hygiene items are also needed: paper products, soap bars, small shampoos, dish and laundry detergents, toothbrush/paste, and diapers (all sizes). If you have questions, please contact Lisa Holloway.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS are back. Place your to-go order at ipcusa.org/connect by noon on Tuesday, Jan. 18, and pick up curbside between 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 19.

JOIN OUR CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL:

Rehearsals for *More Power to You!* are delayed two weeks, so it's not too late to join! Alex was an ordinary kid with ordinary problems. But one day, a big problem appeared. This challenge was GITOP: A Gigantic, Intimidating, Troublesome, Overwhelming Problem! We all face these problems. Where do we find strength to face them? The Bible stories of Joshua, Peter, and the House on the Rock might help. In this exciting musical, children ages K-6th will use teamwork and creativity to invent lines, movement, sound effects, and props. We will start meeting on Wednesday nights 5:30 pm-7 pm. Registration is LIVE! Scan now!



ANNUAL PLEDGING: Thank you to those who have made a new or renewed commitment to IPC's annual stewardship campaign. As we start the new year, we once again see evidence of an extraordinarily generous and faithful congregation. If you have not yet pledged for 2022, it's not too late to become part of the exciting things that God is doing at IPC. You can scan the code to the right to enter your 2022 pledge, find printed pledge cards in various information areas around the church, or access our online pledge form at ipcusa.org/give. The stewardship team or members of the clergy are available to help answer any questions you might have.



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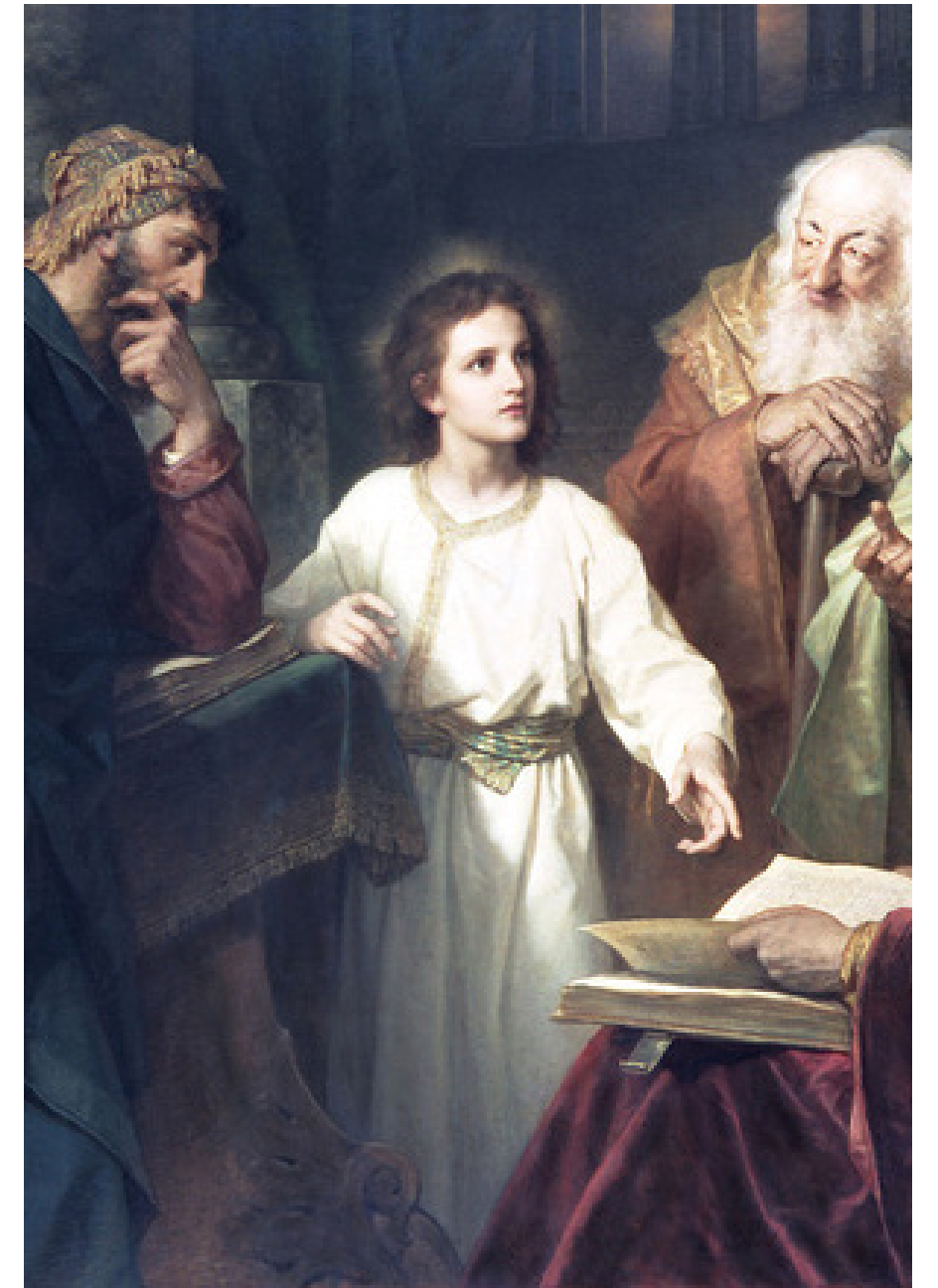
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Fred Rogan	Steel Guitar
Tommy Bowen	Trumpet
Billy Gant	Drums
Nick Mathes	Sound

THE TABLE

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JANUARY 16, 2022

THE SECOND 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:

"In Thy house, my Father, I fear not. No enemy, no pain, no death can make me afraid, for nothing comes but by Thy sufferance and Thy cure is ever ready. My only fear is sin and even that is foiled. I clasp Thee closer and look into Thy face and my heart sings aloud."

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Table follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season of Advent, which starts the liturgical year. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. It is signified by the color violet which represents hope as well as prayer, penance, and sacrifice. It is a time of preparation and longing for the coming of Christ in the humble flesh, in our daily hearts, and in glory forevermore.

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 *"Come to Feast"*

Welcome

+ **Call to Worship** *Psalm 27*

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: **To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.**

Leader: Let us stand and worship the Lord our God.

+ **Gathering Songs** *"O Worship the King"*

"Glorious Day"

LISTENING

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

+ **Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Forgive my sins, O Lord; the sins of my soul and the sins of my body; the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive those sins which I know and those which I know not. Forgive them all in your mercy, that I may share the hope of the prophets, the songs of the angels, and the wonder of the shepherds. Cleanse my soul that your son, when he comes, may find a dwelling place in me.

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.

+ **Confessional Response**

"Gloria Patri"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: *Isaiah 43:1-5a; Luke 2:41-52*

Sermon: *When Jesus Goes AWOL*

RESPONDING

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

+ **Hymn**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

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.

Please place your gifts in the basket in the back as you leave.

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: *"Great Are You Lord"*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

+ **Closing Hymn**

"This is My Father's World"

+ **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*

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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.

COVID-19 UPDATE: To keep our faith community safe amidst the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, the start of our Wednesday night classes is delayed for the next two weeks. We ask for your flexibility as we make decisions and take measures to protect one another. At this time, we continue to strongly encourage the congregation to wear masks at all indoor gatherings and get vaccinated in order to protect one another. See our most recent COVID-19 updates at ipc-usa.org/coronavirus.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

IPC CONNECT GOES TO BROADWAY: Join IPC Connect for a showing of Dear Evan Hansen on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at the BJCC Concert Hall. To purchase a ticket, visit ipc-usa.org/connect.