

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

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.

INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Come worship at IPC on Sunday, July 3. Worship services will be held at 10 am in the Sanctuary and at 5 pm in Highland Hall. Children's Sunday school classes will not meet on July 3 (but Adults and Youth can still hear Jeff Leonard at 9 am in Highland Hall). On Monday, July 4, church offices will close in observance of the holiday. View all of IPC's schedule for the remainder of the summer by scanning the QR code to the right.



SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM: Volunteer tutors are needed for the Summer Learning Program at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Tutors can sign up for times Monday-Thursday from 9-11:40am and 12:45-3:40 pm. Find more information at ipc-usa.org/connect/links.

VIRTUAL BOOK REVIEW: Join us for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's virtual book review on *Gather at the Table* by Thomas DeWolf and Sharon Morgan. The Anti-Racism Committee will conduct 4 sessions via Zoom at 6 pm on July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, and Aug. 15. Visit ipc-usa.org to register.

GLEAN WITH IPC at Pepper Place Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 16, 11am - 1pm. Sign-up online at ipc-usa.org/connect. It's easy, fun, and a great way to help our food-insecure neighbors. Last week's IPC volunteers loaded a large pick-up truck bed full of fresh produce donated by local farmers and took it to the Firehouse Shelter where they turned it into delicious meals for their guests who are homeless.

UPDATE FROM CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST: IPC's long-standing mission partnership with Ukraine extends nearly 20 years of working alongside The Church of the Risen Christ in Vinnitsya, Ukraine, and Pastor "Fred" Anakia-Taylor. Since first visiting the country in 2002, the church and its Foundation have provided humanitarian and financial assistance. To read an update from Pastor Fred, please visit our website at ipc-usa.org (select "News" from the Connect menu at the top of our webpage, and it's the first entry in the list of articles).

FOOD FOR IPC MINISTRIES: Help us refill our Blessing Boxes, Weekend Buddy Bags, and Food Pantry this summer. Drop off or send items via delivery service Mon-Fri, 8:30am-4:30pm, to IPC Community Ministries' entrance on 31st Street South beside the covered walkway. Call (205) 933-3726 to tell us when you'll arrive, and we'll meet you or your delivery service at the entrance. You can also give designated financial contributions which enable us to maximize our support for vulnerable families. For food and hygiene items, please pick up a pew card to see our current needs (emphasis on single bottles or powder packets of Gatorade/Powerade because it's so darn hot!). For questions, contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at mpatrick@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3709.

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Trumpet
Vocals
Sound

THE TABLE

Independent Presbyterian Church



Cover: *The Prodigal Son is Banqueted*, one of eight roundels created in Germany in 1532 showing the story of the Prodigal Son. Clothed in his father's rich robes, the Prodigal Son sits behind the table at the viewer's right with his father next to him. His unhappy brother stands in front of the table. The motion of the father's and brother's hands indicate a lively discussion.

Image courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



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THE THIRTEENTH 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:

“O Giver of all good, God of all grace and Father of all comfort, Thou hast stores of the universe awaiting our call. There is a gift for every extended hand, a boon for every willing heart. Move upon us to claim our possessions.”

from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the color green which represents new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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

Welcome

+ *Call to Worship*

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**
Leader: Know that the Lord is God.
People: **It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**
Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
People: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.** *Psalm 100*

+ *Gathering Songs*

“King of Kings”
“Lord, I Need You”

LISTENING

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

+ *Prayer of Confession (unison)*

O Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto yourself, 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 you that we may carry glad hearts throughout our days.
Amen. *Benjamin Jenks, d. 1724*

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.

*Please exchange the peace with the words,
“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

+ *Confessional Response*

“To God Be the Glory”

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:25-32

Sermon: The Prodigal Father, Part 2

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

“Good, Good Father”

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.

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: *“God You Are”*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

+ *Closing Hymn*

“In Christ Alone”

+ *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*