

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 18, 2020

eleven o'clock

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Unite us, O God, in our praise. When we talk about Thee we are divided. When we talk to Thee we are one. In Thy praise let us draw nigh to one another. *from Beginning the Day by Dr. Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Rhosymedre" ..... Ralph Vaughan Williams  
*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. Goyer

INTROIT - "Blessed be his glorious name for ever" .....George Thalben-Ball  
Blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen, Amen.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
People: **Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**  
Minister: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.  
People: **For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be revered above all gods.**  
Minister: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.  
People: **Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.** *Psalm 96:1-6*

\*HYMN 361 - "O Christ, the Great Foundation" ..... AURELIA

1 O Christ, the great foun - da - tion on which your peo - ple stand to  
2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth, we  
3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak, where  
4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious, when he who once was dead shall  
preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land: pour  
bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth: one  
in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak, there  
lead is church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head. The  
out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure, to  
ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own, by  
let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin and,  
Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings: the  
keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.  
grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.  
all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.  
fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION .....Mrs. Goudreau

**Unison: God of healing, God of wholeness, we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness, our fears and despair, and lay them at your feet. God of healing, God of wholeness, we hold out hearts and hands, minds and souls to feel your touch, and know the peace that only you can bring. God of healing, God of wholeness, this precious moment in your presence and power grant us faith and confidence that here broken lives are made whole. In Christ's name we pray, 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, believe the good news of the gospel:  
**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\* GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Mr. Drennen

ANTHEM - "Christ Is Our Corner Stone" ..... Jack H. Ossewaarde

Christ is our cornerstone: On him alone we build; with his true saints alone The courts of heav'n are filled; On his great love Our hopes we place Of present grace And joys above. O then with hymns of praise These hallow'd courts shall ring; Our voices we will raise The Three in One to sing, And thus proclaim In joyful song, Both loud and long, That glorious Name. Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we implore; And may that grace, once giv'n Be with us evermore, Until that day When all the blest, To endless rest Are called away. Now to the King of heav'n Our cheerful voices raise; To him be the glory giv'n, All majesty and praise; Wide as he reigns His Name be sung By ev'ry tongue In endless strains. Amen.

*John Chandler, Philip Doddridge, and Isaac Watts*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 22:15-22

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

SERMON - RENDERING BETWEEN THE REALMS .....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

\* APOSTLES' CREED .....Mrs. Goudreau  
**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

Nick Mathes, *Tenor*

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 AND THE LORD'S PRAYER.....

Dr. Wilkins

**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 360 - "Christ Is Coming!" ..... UNSER HERRSCHER

1 Christ is com - ing! Let cre - a - tion from its\_\_\_ groans and  
2 Earth can now but tell the sto - ry of your\_\_\_ bit - ter  
3 With that bless - ed hope be - fore us, flutes are\_\_\_ tuned and  
4 Long your ex - iles have been pin - ing for your\_\_\_ prom - ised

la - bor cease; let the glo - rious proc - la - ma - tion  
cross and pain; we shall yet be - hold your glo - ry,  
harps are strung; let the might - y ad - vent cho - rus  
rest and home, but in heaven - ly glo - ry shin - ing,

hope re - store and faith in - crease: Christ is com - ing!  
Lord, when you re - turn to reign: Christ is com - ing!  
on - ward roll from tongue to tongue: Christ is com - ing!  
soon the ris - en Christ shall come. Christ is com - ing!

Christ is com - ing! Come, O bless - ed Prince of peace.  
Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the strain.  
Christ is com - ing! Let each heart re - peat the song.  
Christ is com - ing! Joy - ful, shout the vic - tory psalm.

\* CHARGE

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "What God Ordains is Always Good" ..... Johann Pachelbel

\**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 provide contact information to contact Cindy Shaw at 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. William T. Warren, Jr. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Donald Martin, U.S. Army, 34 Infantry Division in WWII, killed in action in Italy, recipient of the Silver Star and Purple Heart, uncle of Genia Brawley.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

**EXTENDED DEADLINE FOR OFFICER NOMINATIONS:** The Representative Nominating Committee is extending its deadline until Tuesday, October 20, at midnight, for nominees for the Elder and Deacon classes of 2023, the vice president of the congregation (who will become president in 2022), trustees to serve on the IPC Foundation, and two congregants to serve as members at large on the Representative Nominating Committee. You may complete your form online ([www.ipc-usa.org/nominations.html](http://www.ipc-usa.org/nominations.html)) or e-mail your nominations to [RNC@ipc-usa.org](mailto:RNC@ipc-usa.org).

**WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF MORNING PRAYER:** Check our YouTube channel [@ipcbirmingham](https://www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham) or [www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham](http://www.youtube.com/ipcbirmingham) each Wednesday for a Service of Morning Prayer. Led by our choir director and organist Jeff McLelland as well as various members of the IPC choir, this service offers a few minutes of serenity through prayer and music.

**WEDNESDAY PERSONAL PRAYERS:** The Sanctuary is open for a “come and go” personal prayer time on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00. Please enter through the front doors of the Sanctuary, sign the register, wear a mask, and sit in the designated seating areas.

**HONOR REV. LUCY TURNER** by donating to a new IPC Foundation fund. Lucy has dedicated most of her more than 16 years at IPC to caring for our members when they need it the most. In honor of Lucy’s retirement, we are establishing a Pastor Care and Counseling Assistance Fund in the IPC Foundation to provide pastoral care and counseling for those in need. To donate, click on the Give link our website [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) and select "Lucy Turner Foundation Fund" from the fund dropdown.

**FALL FESTIVAL:** Join us for our annual Fall Festival on Sunday, October 25, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Children’s Fresh Air Farm (501 Park Ave). Activities include an inflatable slide, games, hayride, cake walk, pumpkin patch, photo booth, and others. Group sizes will be limited, masks are required for ages 3+, and social distancing will be practiced. Volunteers also needed! Please sign up for a timeslot to attend or to volunteer at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect)

**SOCKTOBER:** Did you know that socks are the most requested and often the least donated items at shelters? Please donate new socks for men, women, and children in the labeled bin under the covered walkway.

**ADVENT FLOWERS:** Honor a loved one by making an Advent flower donation in their name(s). Look for envelopes in the October issue of The Window. Donations can also be made online. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13.**

## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

**IPC FOUNDATION:** In memory of Nancy Straub Bean and Janice Fuqua. In honor of Rev. Lucy Turner.

**IPC SPECIAL GIFTS:** In memory of Terry Vantuyl Chase and Fred K. Medley.

## HARVEST FOR HUNGER 2020

Current times are different in so many ways, but hunger within our community persists. Please help us continue to serve those who are food insecure. Our Annual Harvest for Hunger begins today and runs until November 22, which is Dedication Day. This year we are in need of food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers. Each voucher costs \$45.

### SUGGESTED FOOD DONATIONS

Cereal

Canned Meats (Chicken, tuna, salmon, Vienna sausages, Beanie Weanies, Spam)

Powdered Milk

Canned Vegetables

Spaghetti & Sauce

Hearty Soups

Breakfast/Protein Bars

Quick Oatmeal & Grits

Peanut Butter & Jelly

Canned Fruit & Fruit Cups

Diced/Stewed Tomatoes

Chef Boyardee Cans (Spaghetti& Meatballs, etc.)

Pasta

Harvest for Hunger bags will be available for pickup outside the Parlor doors. To arrange drop-off, please call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (Harvest for Hunger in the memo line). To give online, please visit [www.ipc-usa.org](http://www.ipc-usa.org), click "Give Online," and choose Food Pantry from the dropdown. Thank you for your generosity!

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### Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor

Mrs. Catherine Goudreau, Director of Children & Youth Ministries, CFAF

The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor

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

Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

**Acolyte:** Helen Dade Walthall

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