

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 17, 2021

eleven o'clock

## Service for the Lord's Day

### The Gathering for Worship

**PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

O God, give us charity in judgment. May we withhold blame until we know. And to knowledge may we add sympathy; and to sympathy humility, lest we ourselves be guilty or in days to come be tempted and fall.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

**PRELUDE - Intrada and Pastorale**.....Joel Martinson  
*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**.....Rev. Clayton

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Minister:** O Lord, you have searched us and known us.

**People:** **The Lord knows when we sit down and when we rise up; God discerns our thoughts from far away.**

**All:** **The Lord searches out our path and our lying down, and are acquainted with all our ways.**

**Minister:** Let us worship the Lord. *Psalm 139*

**\*HYMN 722 - "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak".....CANONBURY**

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing  
 2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the wan - dering  
 3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious  
 4 O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my  
 5 O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you

ech - oes of your tone. As you have sought, so  
 and the wa - vering feet. O feed me, Lord, that  
 truths which you im - part. And wing my words that  
 ver - y heart o'er - flow in kin - dling thought and  
 will, and when, and where un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren, lost and lone.  
 I may feed your hun - gery ones with man - na sweet.  
 they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.  
 glow - ing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Unison:** **God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as your Word made flesh. We confess we listen more to the voices we want to hear than to your voice calling for us to change. We question the Truth misrepresenting it as fake to ourselves and to others. We confess our words too often deceive, distract, and destroy. O God, give us the wisdom to listen to and for you. Open our hearts that we may hear again and our wills that we may obey. In the name of Christ, 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)

ANTHEM - "Hear My Words" ..... Stephen Paulus  
Janet Ort, *Soprano* & Nick Mathes, *Tenor*

Hear my words, O gracious Lord, To my thoughts attentive be; Hear my cry, My King, my God, I will make my prayer to Thee. With the morning light, O Lord, Thou shalt hear my voice arise; And expectant I will bring, Prayer as morning sacrifice. Thou art Holy, O my God, Thou delightest not in sin; Evil shall not dwell with Thee, Nor the proud Thy favor win.

*from Psalm 5, The Psalter 1912*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - 1 Samuel 3:1-20

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

SERMON - HEARING OR LISTENING?.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

\* APOSTLES' CREED ..... Rev. Clayton

**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 – "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name" ..... Brazeal W. Dennard

from the Sing Praise to God recording (1996) – IPC Choir

Hush, hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do? I'm so glad that trouble don't last away. I'm so glad I got my 'ligion in time, Hallelujah, Lord! Soon one mornin' death come creepin' in my room. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do? Hush, hush, Somebody's callin' my name. Oh, my Lord, what shall I do? Traditional Spiritual

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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 725 - "O Jesus, I Have Promised" ..... NYLAND

Musical score for Hymn 725 with lyrics: 1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; 2 O let me feel you near me! The world is ev - er near; 3 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still; 4 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you be now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend; I see the sights that daz - zle; the tempt - ing sounds I hear. a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will; that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too. I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, My foes are ev - er near me, a - round me and with - in; O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol; And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide. but, Je - sus, draw still near - er and shield my soul from sin. O speak and make me lis - ten, true guard - ian of my soul. now give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

\* CHARGE

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "In the Name of the Lord".....Ned Rorem

\* 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 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. Charles S. Blair and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Bissell. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in honor of George Washington Connors III, Coast Guard; uncle of Lochrane Coleman Smith.

JOIN IPC TO CELEBRATE the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We invite you to join us in contemplating more deeply Jesus' commandment to us to "love one another." In that commandment, we are called upon to take action so that we are recognized as followers of Christ, not by our words, but by what we do. In the spirit of that great love to which we are called, we hope you will explore our resources online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) and be inspired to read, wonder, learn, share... and act. Let us show our love for all of our neighbors so that we may become the light of Christ in this world. Reminder: church offices are closed Monday, Jan. 18.

FINAL DAYS OF IPC'S 2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN. Thanks to our extraordinarily generous and faithful congregation, the final days of our 2021 Stewardship Campaign are closing with evidence of a strong revenue stream. However, it's not too late to count our blessings and take another moment to prayerfully consider how you can continue to help IPC live out its mission in the new year. You can fill out your 2021 pledge card online at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) < give online, and Marsha Harbin is available at [mharbin@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mharbin@ipc-usa.org) or 205.933.3715 for any questions or if you need assistance to complete your form. We plan our spending around gifts, and Session is working right now to finalize this year's budget. Watch for details about the Annual Congregational Meeting to learn more how your gift supports the life and ministry of IPC.

WINTER TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL has begun. Visit [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) < learn to view Sunday classes for adults, youth and children. Most classes meet virtually Sunday mornings for regular on-going programs. There are classes for every stage in life.

RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL: We're celebrating 50 years of art, music, and liturgy and invite you to join us online for "Comfort, Connection, and Healing" January 31 - February 7. Offerings include tours of local Birmingham sacred places, a duo guitar concert by Nataša Klasinc-Lončar and Miroslav Lončar, a chamber music concert with Amy McLelland and local musicians, and more. All programs are offered online so please invite family and friends near and far to join in. For our virtual banquet on Thursday, February 4, Kim and her excellent staff will prepare boxed dinners to-go. Make reservations online for your "banquet-in-a-box" at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). Pick-up is 4:30-5:30 pm at the church on Thursday afternoon. Each meal costs \$15. Order by January 31. More details are included online. For questions, please contact Rosalynn Fairless at [rfairless@ipc-usa.org](mailto:rfairless@ipc-usa.org) or 205.933.3700.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SAVE THE DATE for an “Ask the Pastor” virtual meeting. Mark your calendar for a Zoom meeting January 24 at 10 am for all who would like to ask the ministers questions about Faith Formation, recent staffing changes or configurations, or anything else that is on your heart. Watch for more details to join the call.

REGISTER TO ATTEND AN IPC ROUNDTABLE on Jan. 27 from 5-6 pm. The Deacons of IPC invite you to a virtual roundtable conversation with IPC Counselor Dr. Stewart Jackson. A discussion focused on adults and parents of college and youth, join us to discover ways to deal with your empty nest, isolation, anxiety, and other feelings brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Find the registration form online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

VISIT IPC'S SIGN UP PAGE to join us for upcoming volunteer opportunities. You can register to provide and serve dinner one evening at First Light Jan. 31 – Feb. 6 and find other service events online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect)

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.

## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CONGREGATIONAL CARE: In honor of Rev. Lucy E. Turner.

IPC CHOIR: In memory of Merrill Eugene Compton, Jr.

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### Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor of Adult & Comm. Ministries

The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

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

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