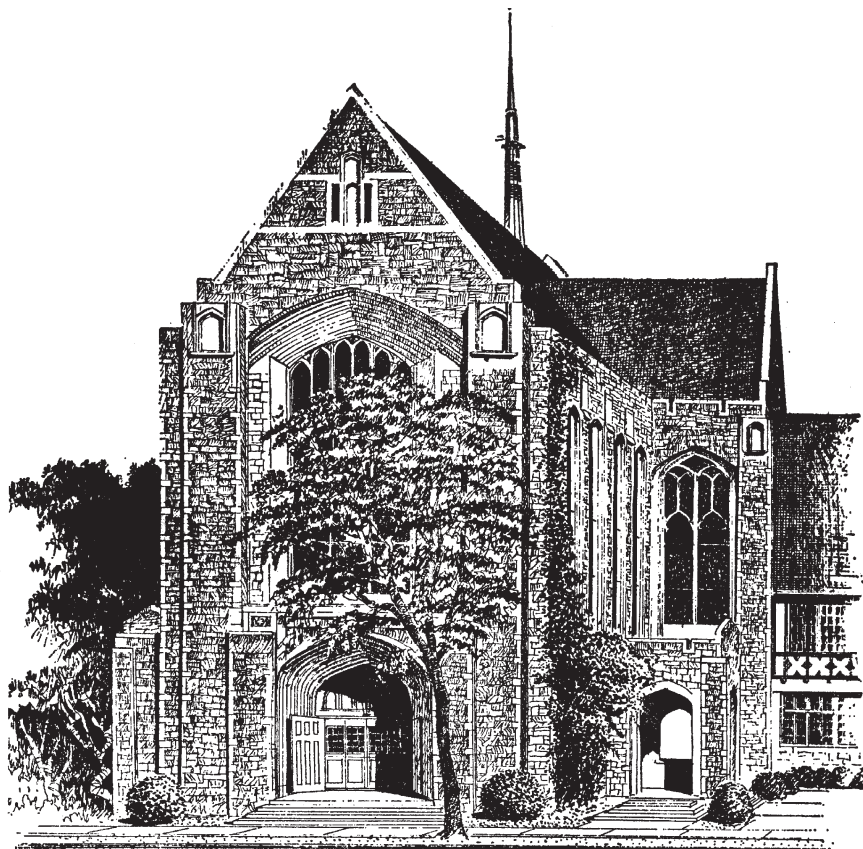


Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



Palm Sunday

April 10, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God, help me to control my thoughts. Fill my mind with high resplendent things that the unclean and the unkind may find no place. Come, O Christ, take possession of Thy throne. Drive out the enemies of my soul.
from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "March on a Theme of Handel" Félix-Alexandre Guilmant
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 - "Hosanna to the Son of David"Michael Praetorius
Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the Highest. *Matthew 21:9*

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.

All: Who is the King of glory?

Minister: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.

All: Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Minister: Who is he, this King of glory?

All: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. Psalm 24:7-10

* HYMN 196 - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: O Thou, Redeemer King, we are quick to join the crowds in singing your praises today. With loud hosannas we welcome your arrival into our city, our church, and our homes. But later this week we will be as quick to deny we ever knew you – so addicted are we to the way things are. Forgive us for living as if our Savior had not arrived. Forgive us for failing to follow you all the way to the cross. Forgive us for the fear that blinds us to the hope that only comes from you, our good and gracious King. In your 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, 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 (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Zechariah 9:9-10
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

ANTHEM - "Lift Up Your Heads"..... George Handel
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in! Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. *Psalms 24:7-10*

SECOND LESSON - John 11:1-7, 17-27
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - FROM DEATH TO LIFE: RUNNING OUT OF TIME
Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 93 - "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates".....TRURO

*APOSTLES' CREEDRev. 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

- * One Great Hour of Sharing
- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDREDTH
- * The Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory Anthem – "At the Cry of the First Bird"
David Peninger

At the cry of the first bird, They began to crucify Thee. It was not right, to cease lamenting. At the cry of the first bird, They began to crucify Thee. It was like parting of day from night. Ah! though sore, the suff'ring put upon the body of Mary's son. Sorer to Him was the grief that was upon her for His sake. At the cry of the first bird, They began to crucify Thee. *Traditional Irish*

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 221 - "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"PASSION CHORALE
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - "Herzliebster Jesu".....Johannes Brahms
- **Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

THE ROSE in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth on April 1, 2022, of Christopher Scott Hamre, son of Mash and Trey Hamre; brother of Frank Hamre; grandson of Jeanine and Scott Powell. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Herschel Talmadge Bergin, Submarine Fireman Second Class, US Navy, WWII; father of Sherry Bergin Timberlake.

FOOD MINISTRIES at IPC need your extra support right now. Our supplies for food-insecure neighbors (Blessing Boxes) and for Hayes K-8 students who receive Weekend Buddy Bags (WBBs) are low. We will continue the WBBs through the summer for our 100 Summer Learning Program children. We depend on your donations of food and hygiene items as well as your financial contributions to support these programs. Please take a pew card to see our current list of needed items. We appreciate your contributions!

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

HOLY WEEK AT IPC: Visit ipc-usa.org or scan the QR code to the right to join your IPC family for the following events starting today: **this afternoon at 4 pm is a special Lenten Vespers service with the IPC Choir.** This service will include hymns, scripture readings, anthems, and Fauré's *Requiem*. Join us Wednesday, April 13, at noon for Chapel & Lunch, and **today is the last day to register for the Seder meal at 6 pm (Wed, 4/13) in the Great Hall.** Maundy Thursday services are April 14 at 7 pm in the sanctuary. Good Friday services are April 15 at noon in the sanctuary. Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday with worship services at 8, 9:30 & 11 am in sanctuary and 5 pm at Highland Hall.



WEEKEND BUDDY BAGS: The Table worship team invites you to join us for a special service project after 5 pm worship today. We need your help packing 120 Weekend Buddy Bags so that IPC can serve double the number of students at Hayes K-8 in May. For more information, contact Aly Butts or Evelyn Puckett.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR UKRAINE: Join us in the chapel at 11:30 am on Tuesday, April 12, to pray for peace in Ukraine. We will have a prayer guide that you can pick up anytime at the church the same day.

IPC'S CHILDRENS EASTER EGG HUNT: Friends and families are invited to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16, at Highland Hall from 10 am to noon. **Make reservations by Tuesday, April 12, at ipc-usa.org/connect** or scan the Holy Week QR code above to enjoy a fun morning of egg hunts, crafts, a picture with the Easter Bunny, and a picnic lunch.

JOIN US FOR BEER & HYMNS on Monday, April 18, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Iron City Grill, 2208 6th Avenue South. We sing old-time hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages. Bring yourself, a few friends, and the best singing voice you have!

FIRST LIGHT: One spot left! Provide and serve dinner for the women and children staying at First Light for April 23. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

LUNCH BUNCH: Save the date to join us at Ironwood Kitchen and Cocktails in Homewood on Tuesday, April 26. The Lunch Bunch will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

A note about today's special offering from Foster Cook, IPC member

Today, Palm Sunday, is a day for celebratory giving! We, with so much, join with Presbyterians everywhere in the One Great Hour of Sharing. This is the single largest way that we Presbyterians come together to work for and respond to the needs of the world. The funds we collect through our special offering will be used for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self Development of People Initiative.

The vicious attack on the people of Ukraine makes this year's appeal more important than ever. The Denomination has quickly raised three million dollars for Ukraine relief. IPC has already demonstrated through contributions to our church Ukraine fund how much we care for those victimized by this war. IPC has already raised \$55,000 from 122 donors. We continue to work to maximize the impact of these funds and partner with other groups in this effort.

Whether you donate in the collection plate to One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, give to Presbyterian Disaster Relief at specialofferings.pcusa.org, or contribute to our local initiative at ipc-usa.org (click "Give Online" in the upper right corner), God will bless and strengthen your gift.

"My faith demands—this is not optional—my faith demands that I do whatever I can, wherever I can, whenever I can, for as long as I can with whatever I have to try to make a difference. " ~ Jimmy Carter

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

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

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (*eight forty-five*) Sarah Elizabeth Cowart,

Andrew Lindstrom Murphree, Reed Thomas Warburton, Jr.

(*eleven o'clock*) Ivy Elizabeth Cobbs, Spencer Anne Cobbs,

Heidi Dale Hollingsworth

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