

## 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.

**2021 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** Join IPC for Women's Connection in Montreat, NC, August 12-15. Register online at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) by June 1 to reserve a spot with the group attending from IPC. Please contact Cathy Delozier at [cathy@sowowme.com](mailto:cathy@sowowme.com) with any questions about the trip.

**YOUTH GROUP:** On Tuesdays this June and July from 5:30-7:30pm, join JD Tyler for dinner and discussion on the Patio of Highland Hall. **BARONS GAME KICKOFF** will be this Tuesday, June 1, at 7:05, tickets provided. Check out the Youth Update for more information.

**IPC FOUNDATION'S SUMMER LUNCH & LEARN SERIES** continues in June. Invite a friend and join us each month to learn about various local organizations that are improving lives in our area. For the second event on June 10, we will hear from HOPE International President and CEO Peter Greer in the Great Hall from 11:30 am - 1 pm. Lunch is \$10, and you can pay at the door or online. Please make a reservation or find the full calendar online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

**IPC CONNECT** is a new ministry of Congregational Care offering opportunities for IPC adults to connect to one another, God, and the wider world for fun, Christian fellowship, and exploration. Join us in June for two exciting events! Come together with fellow IPC friends for sunset cocktails and a light supper on Thursday, June 17, at 6:30 pm. Or purchase tickets to attend Million Dollar Quartet with a private reception at Virginia Samford Theatre on Thursday, June 27, at 7:30 pm. Find details and make reservations at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

**PROVIDE AND SERVE DINNER** for the women and children staying at First Light. IPC will be providing the evening meals each night the week of June 20-26. Please consider this great activity for a family or group. Find available evenings and sign up online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

**JOIN US FOR BEER & HYMNS** Monday, June 21st 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. Just bring yourself and maybe a few friends and the best singing voice you have!

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES:** This Fall, rising 9th and 10th graders are encouraged to participate in Confirmation. Classes start on August 15 and end on November 14th. If your youth is interested in Confirmation, please contact Lea Anne at [lhardy@ipc-usa.org](mailto:lhardy@ipc-usa.org) for registration or more information.

## CONNECT WITH US ONLINE

You can find podcasts of our weekly sermons on your favorite podcast provider. Search for "IPC Birmingham Podcast." Note: 5pm worship services will only be listed if the sermon is different from the morning services.

IPC's "The Table-Summer 2021" playlist is now available on Spotify. Listen in to enjoy the music that will be played this summer by our worship band. The playlist will be continually updated so check back often!

## CONNECT WITH IPC'S PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

<b>Dr. W. Stephen Goyer</b>	Interim Pastor
<b>Beth Middleton</b>	Music Coordinator
<b>Billy Gant</b>	Acoustic Guitar
<b>Helen Weberpal</b>	Cello
<b>Fred Rogan</b>	Steel Guitar
<b>Nick Mathes</b>	Sound

Cover: *Roundel with the Holy Trinity* (1510-1520, Pseudo-Ortkens workshop). As the largest figure, the Father supports a cross bearing the crucified Son as well as the Dove of the Holy Spirit. The elaborate crown, the golden throne, the rich robes of the Father, and the clouds on the edges indicate that they are in heaven. The formality of this arrangement can appear distant, but the serene expression of the Father is suffused with sorrow as he gazes down at his Son. Prominent ribs and bleeding wounds draw attention to the frailty of the Son's earthly body, and the Son has closed his eyes in peace or perhaps death. The Dove, also with downcast eyes, spreads its wings in blessing. The focus here is not on the Trinity's triumphal majesty in heaven but on the sacrifice borne for the salvation of humanity.

Here we are presented with a Father with not just all of Creation to bequeath upon his Son but the power to rearrange the universe to prevent his Son's death—and yet he sent him to die anyway. To the Renaissance mind, this was a truly humbling, miraculous paradox where the death of the heavenly Son would not devastate the humankind dependent on his prosperity—but save it. *Image courtesy of the Metropolitan Museum of Art.*

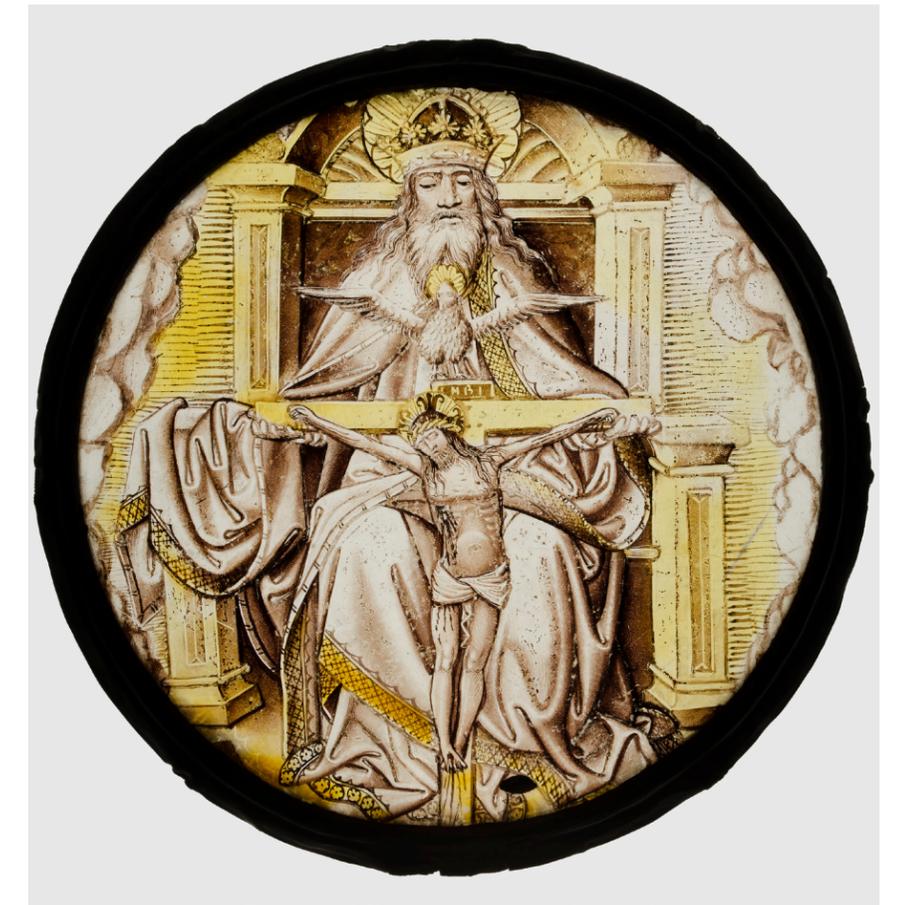


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# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



MAY 30, 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

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## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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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:

*Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,  
And hast redeem'd me through thy bloud  
And sanctifi'd me to do good;*

*Purge all my sinnes done heretofore:  
For I confesse my heavie score,  
And I will strive to sinne no more.*

*Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,  
With faith, with hope, with charitie;  
That I may runne, rise, rest with thee.*

*—"Trinitie Sunday" by George Herbert (1593-1633)  
The first stanza addresses God the Father-Creator, the second  
Christ the Redeemer, and the third the Holy Spirit the Sanctifier*

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## 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. Today on Trinity Sunday we proclaim the mystery of our faith in the triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One-in-Three and Three-in-One.

Unlike other festivals in the church's liturgical calendar, Trinity Sunday centers on a doctrine of the church rather than an event. It celebrates the unfathomable mystery of God's being as Holy Trinity. It is a day of adoration and praise of the one, eternal, incomprehensible God.

Trinity Sunday, in a sense, synthesizes all we have celebrated over the past months which have centered on God's mighty acts: Christmas-Epiphany celebrating God's taking flesh and dwelling among us in Jesus Christ; Easter celebrating Christ's death and resurrection for us; Pentecost celebrating God the Holy Spirit becoming our Sanctifier, Guide, and Teacher.

The triune God is the basis of all we are and do as Christians. In the name of this triune God we are baptized. We are of the family of the triune God. We affirm this parentage when, in reciting the creeds, we say what we believe. Our discipleship is rooted in the mighty acts of this triune God who is active in redeeming the world. The triune God is the basis of all our prayers — we pray to God the Father, through Jesus Christ, by the Holy Spirit. The Trinity holds central place in our faith. ...

In celebrating Trinity Sunday, remember that every Lord's Day is consecrated to the triune God. On the first day of the week, God began creation. On the first day of the week, God raised Jesus from the grave. On the first day of the week, the Holy Spirit descended on the newly born church. Every Sunday is special. Every Sunday is a day of the Holy Trinity. (from the *Companion to the Book of Common Worship*)

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## 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](http://ipc-usa.org/welcome)

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## GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

### +Gathering Song

#### Welcome

#### Greeting

Leader: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
People: **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**  
Leader: Let us worship the Lord!

+Hymn of Praise #1                      "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

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## LISTENING

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

#### Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace through Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit to acknowledge and worship the eternal Trinity in the Oneness and Unity of your majesty. Forgive us for our binary views of truth; our divisiveness in judging others; and our piecemeal understanding how your wholeness encompasses body, mind, and soul as well as all that is, was, and ever shall be. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.*

#### Assurance of Grace:

One: In Jesus Christ,  
All: **we are forgiven!**

#### Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All: **And also with you.**  
One: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

### +Gloria Patri

#### Prayer for Illumination

#### Scripture Lesson: Acts 3:1-10

#### Sermon: Healing In the Name of Jesus

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## RESPONDING

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

#### Musical Reflection

"An Instrument of Peace"

#### 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 plate in the back as you leave.*

#### Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

- Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Song: "Have Mercy"
- Prayer after Communion

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## SENDING

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

### +Closing Song

"Song of Blessing"

### +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