

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 31, 2022

ten o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Make me, O God, as one of Thy servants, that I may sing. Clothe me in the livery of joy. Give me the garment of praise. May I stoop to serve that I may rise to shout aloud. May I do Thy will and rejoice in Thy grace. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Cantilène religieuse" Théodore Dubois
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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Minister: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
People: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night.**
Minister: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
All: **For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy! Praise the Lord!**

* **HYMN 264** - "At the Name of Jesus" KING'S WESTON

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. 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. Clayton

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 107:1-9, 43

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "Awake, My Heart".....Jane Marshall

Awake, my heart, and render To God thy sure defender, Thy Maker, thy pre-
server, A song of love and fervor. Confirm my deeds and guide me: My day, with
thee beside me, Beginning, middle, ending, beginning, middle, ending, Will all
be upward tending. My heart shall be thy dwelling, With joy and gladness swell-
ing; Thy word my nurture, thy word my nurture, giv'n To bring me on toward
heaven. *Paulus Gerhardt, trans. by Winfred Douglas*

SECOND LESSON - Colossians 3:12-17

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - A WHOLE NEW WARDROBERev. Clayton

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 417 - "Lord Jesus, Think on Me" SOUTHWELL

* APOSTLES' CREED Ms. Stewart

**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

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDREDTH

- * The Prayer of Dedication
The Offertory Anthem – "Away with Gloom, Away with Doubt"
Barry Ferguson

Away with gloom, away with doubt, With all the morning stars we sing; with all the people of God we shout the praises of a King. Alleluia, of our returning King. Away with death and welcome life; in him we died and live again: and welcome peace, away with strife, for he returns to reign. Alleluia, the Crucified shall reign. Then welcome beauty, he is fair; and welcome youth, for he is young; and welcome spring; and ev'rywhere let merry songs be sung, Alleluia, for such a King be sung.
Edward Shillito

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 716 - "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" ... BEACH SPRING
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - "Finale in C Major"Luigi Bottazzo
- * *Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. 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 meeting you.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the 20th Anniversary of Susan Clayton's extraordinary service to Independent Presbyterian Church. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Benjamin Hutcherson Nash, Master Sergeant, United States Army, veteran of Guadalcanal and Solomon Islands Campaigns, World War II; father of Susan Nash Gilpin.

WE HONOR REV. SUSANA. CLAYTON as she celebrates 20 years of service at IPC. On your anniversary, thank you for all you do in the life and ministry of our church.

IPC CHOIR: Have you ever considered singing in the IPC Choir? Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 and will resume on August 10. Please contact Dr. Jeff McLelland for more information!

FIRST LIGHT: Provide and serve dinner for the women and children staying at First Light during August 21-27. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

SUMMER WRAP-UP AT CFAF: Wrap up the summer with a SPLASH! All IPC families are invited for pool time, a waterslide, hamburgers and hotdogs, ice cream truck, and games at the Children's Fresh Air Farm on Wednesday, August 3, 4:30 pm - 7 pm. Register (\$20 per family) at ipc-usa.org/connect.

SAVE THE DATE for our Family of Faith Kick-Off on Sunday, August 14. During the 9 am Sunday School hour, an open house for Adults will be held in several areas of the church to provide information about Sunday and weekday Adult Christian Education opportunities as well as upcoming fellowship and service events. One worship service will be held at 10 am. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, day school totes, and briefcases to participate in the "Blessing of the Backpacks." Immediately following the morning worship service, please join us for a congregational picnic in Highland Hall. Please note, the 5 pm worship service will not be held on August 14.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE EXTENDED: Following our Family of Faith Kickoff on Aug. 14, we will continue our current summer worship schedule through Labor Day offering a 10 am service in the Sanctuary and a 5 pm service in Highland Hall. Sunday School classes meet at 9 am each week except Sunday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

FOOD FOR IPC MINISTRIES: Help us continue refilling our Blessing Boxes, Weekend Buddy Bags, and Food Pantry this summer. Items can be dropped off or sent via delivery service Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, to IPC Community Ministries' entrance on 31st Street South beside the covered walkway. Call (205) 933-3726 to let us know when you'll arrive, and we will 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. We also have an updated Amazon wishlist at ipc-usa.org/connect, or for a direct web address, use <https://qrco.de/IPCwishlist>. For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

NEW YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES: Beginning in August we have two new opportunities for young adults at IPC. The first will be a weekly Bible study beginning Sunday, August 14, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Birmingham area. More details coming soon! Young Adults are also invited to YA Happy Hour on Sunday, August 28, at 6 pm at Monday Night Brewing (14 12th St S, 35233).

PLAN TO ATTEND THE UKRAINIAN FREEDOM FESTIVAL and welcome our Birmingham Ukrainian friends on Saturday, August 20, from 2:00-4:00 pm in Highland Hall. Events include music from members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and Ukrainian musicians as well as food tastings of traditional Ukrainian recipes. We will have video visits with Pastor Fred Ankai-Taylor, members of Rada, and the Ukrainian embassy. Birmingham Sister Cities, Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership, and Inspiritus will be present too.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. J. Kyle Elliott, Mr. James Harmon, Mrs. Ann M. Holsten, and Mrs. Mary Sue Thornburgh. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Ms. Emma Stewart, Director of Children's Ministries
Mr. Gregory Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir
Members of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolyte: Christoffer Peter Ray

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