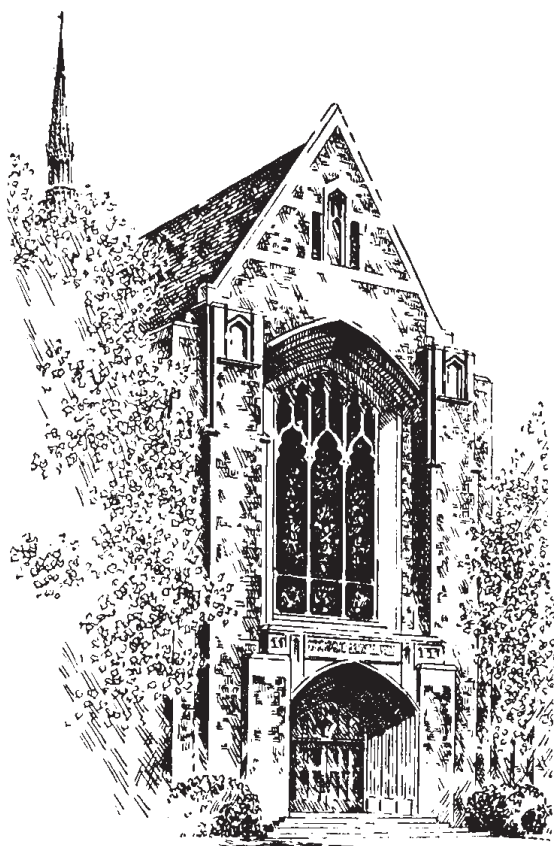


Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 30, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, Father of all men and Lover of all souls, let me look from Thy high place. Give me wideness of view. Broaden my sympathies. Show me that my distrust of men or of nations is unbelief in Thee.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Pièce d'Orgue"Johann Sebastian Bach
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 - "We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God" William McKie
We wait for Thy loving kindness, O God: in the midst of Thy temple. Alleluya.

CALL TO WORSHIP Mrs. Goudreau
Minister: God alone is our refuge and hope, our shelter and protection.
All: **From our very first breath to our last, God's love and compassion never fails.**
Minister: So come, lift your voices in praise to God.
All: **Bear witness to God's acts of mercy and love.**
Minister: Proclaim God's glory to all who will listen.
All: **Let's worship God together.** *Psalm 71*

* **HYMN 396** - "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"**HOLY MANNA**

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **Where our familiarity with the Gospel has desensitized us to its demanding truth, where our relationship with Christ has become more nostalgic than dynamic, where we have mistaken safety for sanctuary and exclusivity for piety: forgive us, God. Where we have regarded mission as what we do rather than what Christ does, where we have regarded mission as the prerogative of the strong rather than the gift of the weak, where our hands have been quick to give but our hearts reluctant to receive: forgive us, God. Come, Holy Spirit, come to us, through us, and--if need be--despite us. Forgive us, God, and renew us, 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.**

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Seamon

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Jeremiah 1:4-10

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM - "Surge Illuminare" William Byrd

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.

Surge illuminare Jerusalem quia venit lumen tuum et gloria Domini super te orta est. Alleluia.

Arise, shine, O Jerusalem; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
Isaiah 60:1-2, modified

SECOND LESSON - Luke 4:14-30

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVE-ATEDRev. Seamon

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 435 - "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" IN BABILONE

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

* 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

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "See What Love" Felix Mendelssohn
See what love hath the Father bestow'd on us in His goodness, that we should be
called God's own children.
I John 3:1

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 610 - "O for a Thousand Tongue to Sing" AZMON

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "Finale in D Minor"Eric Thiman

**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 FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perkins Duggan, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Sumner, and Kelly Duggan. THE ROSE in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth on January 18, 2022, of Patricia Miller Grizzle, daughter of Mary Pat and John Grizzle, granddaughter of Martha and Chip Grizzle. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charles Mixson Miller, Marine, Private First Class, WWII; husband of Elizabeth Miller and father of Georgia Miller.

THE 51ST ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL

explores the music, cuisine, and literature of Johann Sebastian Bach and 18th-century Germany. The festival kicks off this afternoon at 1 pm with a come-and-go organ recital of local organists playing selected works by Bach. Thursday, Feb. 3, features the annual banquet (\$25) including delicious apple cake and a program by Cory Pesaturo ("C Pez"), an amazing musician who will revolutionize every misconception you ever had about the accordion. **The deadline for banquet reservations is today.** Other events include a lecture on Grimm's fairy tales (tomorrow), an early music concert (Feb. 4), and an organ and harpsichord concert by a German expert on music in Bach's tradition (Feb. 6). To make banquet reservations and to find the details of events, please visit ipcmusic.org or scan the QR code at the right. All events except the banquet and the wine & beer tasting are free to the public.



ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB: Beginning February 7th, we will meet monthly on the first Mondays at 5:30 pm in Great Hall 1 or Zoom. *Fearless Dialogues* by Dr. Gregory Ellison is our first book, and Sheri Robinson is our facilitator. If you would like to participate, contact Sheri or Rev. Melissa Self Patrick. This group will sponsor a Journey to the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery on Saturday, February 12, departing IPC at 8 a.m. It is open to all IPC members. **Ticket and registration deadline via IPC website link is Friday, February 4.**

JOIN THE IPC LUNCH BUNCH crew on Thursday, Feb. 10, for a great meal and fellowship at Satterfield's Restaurant in Cahaba Heights. We will meet at the restaurant at noon. This is a self-pay event, but please register at ipc-usa.org/connect for an accurate headcount. Hope you will join us!

PREPARING YOU FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 13: This year's Mercedes Marathon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 13, and the race route again includes Highland Avenue in front of IPC. Due to the planned road closures surrounding the church throughout the morning, our one worship service will be the Table service at 4 pm in Highland Hall (no Sunday school). During the 4 pm Table service, IPC Youth invites the congregation to give a special Souper Bowl of Caring offering in support of Weekend Buddy Bags for students at Hayes K-8 school. Keep reading below to make plans to worship and serve with IPC on Feb. 13 and to get ready for Super Bowl Sunday!

CHILDREN'S VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION: Children (K-6th) are invited on Sunday, Feb. 13, to make Valentine's cards for the residents of Kirkwood By the River! Other treats and surprises are in store. Meet in Room 111 at 2:30 pm and stay afterward for the 4 pm Table evening worship service.

YOUTH SUPER BOWL PARTY: Join fellow IPC Youth for our annual Super Bowl Party Sunday, Feb. 13, at 5 pm. Meet us in the Garage at Highland Hall for the first half of the game. Bring a potluck appetizer and a friend!

RESCHEDULED MEET & GREET: We hope parents of IPC Children can now join us Thursday, Feb. 17. Drop by the home of Rollins Thorpe from 5:30-7:30 pm to meet IPC's new Director of Children's Ministries Emma Stewart! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and additional staff members of the Children's Ministry department will be in attendance. Please RSVP at ipc-usa.org/connect.

IPC CONNECT FEBRUARY EVENT: Bring the entire family to join your IPC Connect friends at The Fennec for some great fun, food, and fellowship on Thursday, Feb. 24, from 5:30-7:30 pm! The venue is child-friendly, and there is no admission charge. All food and drinks are self-pay. Please register at ipc-usa.org/connect.

A NEW SPIRITUALITY BOOK CLUB is open to adults of all ages. The day of the week/time of day will be determined by the group. We will begin in February 2022 and plan to meet once a month for discussion and fellowship. Please contact Rev. Susan Clayton for more information at sclayton@ipc-usa.org or 205-933-3706 or sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

THANK YOU: As we near the end of annual stewardship campaign, IPC's Stewardship Team extends its gratitude to IPC's extraordinarily generous and faithful congregation. The response to our call to pledge for 2022 has been very strong. If you have not yet pledged for 2022, it's not too late. Through Jan. 31, find printed pledge cards in various information areas around the church, or access our online pledge form at ipc-usa.org/give.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDRENS FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Virginia McCormick, Hobart McWhorter, Varina Rushton, Dorothy Varnon.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Wilfred Rupert Bodden.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Kay Haggerty, Norman Holtkamp, Martha Sulzby Hunnewell, and Virginia McCormick. In honor of Anna Mandy. In celebration of Heath and Erin Pelham.

IPC SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Virginia McCormick

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: *(Employee Christmas Fund)* In memory of Mrs. Margaret B. "Marmie" Moyer. *(Horizon Fund)* In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds. *(Life Care Fund)* In memory of Mrs. Alice H. Brooks.

Participants in Today's Services

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

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

Mrs. Catherine Goudreau, Director of Family Ministries, CFAF Programs

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

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: *(8:45 a.m.)* Calliope Lane Hontzas, Olivia Ann Vanlandingham,
Charlotte Goodner Walthall

(11:00 a.m.) Ivy Elizabeth Cobbs, Spencer Anne Cobbs,
Richard Hunley Monk IV

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

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