

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 16, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In Thy house, my Father, I fear not. No enemy, no pain, no death can make me afraid, for nothing comes but by Thy sufferance and Thy cure is ever ready. My only fear is sin and even that is foiled. I clasp Thee closer and look into Thy face and my heart sings aloud.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Voluntary on *Neumark*"Craig Phillips
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 - "O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blest is the man that trusteth in him.

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Clayton

Minister: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Minister: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

All: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

Minister: Let us stand and worship the Lord our God. *Psalm 27*

*HYMN 403 - "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty" UNSER HERRSCHER

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Lord Jesus, as you have come to us, let us now come to you. Our hearts are cold. Warm them with your selfless love. Our hearts are sinful. Cleanse them with your precious blood. Our hearts are weak. Strengthen them with your joyous Spirit. Our hearts are empty. Fill them with your divine presence. Lord Jesus, our hearts are yours. Possess them always and only for yourself. Amen. St. Augustine

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. Long

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 43:1-5a

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - "Set Me As a Seal"René Clausen

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.

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.

Song of Songs 8:6a, 7a

SECOND LESSON - Luke 2:41-52

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - WHEN JESUS GOES AWOL..... Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 370 - "This Is My Father's World"TERRA BEATA

* APOSTLES' CREED.....Rev. Self Patrick

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 – "Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love".....
Everett Titcomb

Jesus! Name of wondrous love! Name all other names above! Unto which must every knee Bow in deep humility. Jesus! Name of priceless worth To the fallen sons of earth, For the promise that it gave - "Jesus shall His people save." Jesus! Name decreed of old, To the maiden mother told - Kneeling in her lowly cell - By the angel Gabriel. Jesus! Name of mercy mild, Given to the holy Child, When the cup of human woe First He tasted here below. Jesus! Only name that's given Under all the mighty heaven, Whereby man, to sin enslaved, Bursts his fetters, and is saved. Jesus! Name of wondrous love, Human name of God above! Pleading only this, we flee, Helpless, O our God, to Thee.
William Walsham How

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 459 - "O Word of God Incarnate".....MUNICH

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Voluntary on *Mit Freuden Zart*"Jacques Berthier

**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 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 Douglas Nelson Preston, Colonel, Vice Wing Commander of the 117th Air Refueling Wing, Operations Deny Flight, Iraqi Freedom, and Noble Eagle.

COVID-19 UPDATE: To keep our faith community safe amidst the rise in COVID-19 cases due to the Omicron variant, the start of our Wednesday night classes is delayed for the next two weeks. We ask for your flexibility over the next couple of weeks as we make decisions and take measures to protect one another. At this time, we continue to strongly encourage the congregation to wear masks at all indoor gatherings and get vaccinated in order to protect one another. See our most recent COVID-19 updates at ipc-usa.org/coronavirus. Please stay tuned into communications from the church as we monitor fluid conditions.

CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

AL-ANON: We are starting a new Al-Anon group at IPC, and the planning meeting will be Wednesday, January 26th, at 5:00 pm, via zoom or Room 218. If you are interested in being part of this ministry of hope and help, please contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

IPC CONNECT GOES TO BROADWAY: Join IPC Connect for a showing of *Dear Evan Hansen* on Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at the BJCC Concert Hall. To purchase a ticket, visit ipc-usa.org/connect.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS are now back. Place your to-go order at ipc-usa.org/connect by noon on Tuesday, Jan 18, and pick up curbside between 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 19. Weekly options by Kim/IPC Kitchen include individual dinners for adults and children plus casseroles and soup.

CHILDREN'S SPRING MUSICAL: We're delaying rehearsals for 2 weeks, so it's not too late to join! Alex was an ordinary kid with ordinary problems. But one day, a big problem appeared. This challenge was GITOP: A Gigantic, Intimidating, Troublesome, Overwhelming Problem! We all face these problems. Where do we find strength to face them? The Bible stories of Joshua, Peter, and the House on the Rock might help. In this exciting musical, children ages K-6th will use teamwork and creativity to invent lines, movement, sound effects, and props. We will start meeting Wednesday nights 5:30 pm-7 pm. The performance is Sunday, March 20, at 10 am. Children's dinner is available, and registration is LIVE! Scan now!



ANNUAL PLEDGING: Thank you to those who have made a new or renewed commitment to IPC's annual stewardship campaign. As we start the new year, we once again see evidence of an extraordinarily generous and faithful congregation. If you have not yet pledged for 2022, it's not too late to become part of the exciting things that God is doing at IPC. You can scan the code to the right to enter your 2022 pledge, find printed pledge cards in various information areas around the church, or access our online pledge form at ipc-usa.org/give. The stewardship team or members of the clergy are available to help answer any questions you might have.



WEEKEND BUDDY BAGS: Thank you to everyone who donated items and helped sack Weekend Buddy Bags this week! We completed our first 111 bags and will deliver to Hayes K-8 School on January 20th. If you would like to assist with the transport, please contact Evelyn Puckett or Pam McLean. We need to replenish several items before we can begin sacking for February. If you'd like to help purchase the items, please see the website for the list and bring or ship items to the Food Pantry, ground floor, 31st Street entrance. Thank you for your patience as we refine this process and maintain regular stock. Volunteers, please check back the week of January 24th. Our Hayes K-8 friends are excited about this new offering, and we look forward to expanding our efforts as soon as possible.

Please also remember our Blessing Boxes utilize the same food items and have seen a significant increase of use this week. Hygiene items are also needed: paper products, soap bars, small shampoos, dish and laundry detergents, toothbrush/paste, and diapers (all sizes). If you have questions, please contact Lisa Holloway.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDRENS FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Virginia McCormick and Dorothy Varnon. In honor of Donna D. Smith.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In honor of Lisa Holloway. In celebration of Heath Pelham and Erin Watts.

IPC SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Annette and Blaine Brownell, Jr. In honor of Fairy Sutherland.

JOHN N. LUKENS LIBRARY: In memory of Virginia Morton McCormick.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Sarah K. Ebitz and Mrs. Pamela E. McWhorter (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F.

BAPTISM TODAY

JUDSON WEST SPEAKER, born March 3, 2021, son of Katherine Echols Speaker and Edward Tillar Speaker; brother of Tillar Louise Speaker; grandson of Jody and Edward Echols, Sally and Cary Speaker; great-grandson of Norma Louise Echols, Louise Beam McKee.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

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

The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries

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

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