

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ordination and Installation of Officers

January 29, 2023

eight forty-five o'clock  
eleven o'clock

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, Thou hast planted in me the hope of a perfect Kingdom of God. Thou hast set eternity in my heart. May I walk even now in its light. Lift up my face to meet its rising sun. Tend the fires that they shall never go out.  
*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - Fantasy in A Minor..... 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 quiet, His peace.*

INTROIT - "Let not your heart be troubled" .....George Thalben-Ball  
Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God, believe also in me.

### CALL TO WORSHIP..... Rev. Seamon

Minister: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

Minister: Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

**People: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

Minister: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.** *Psalm 95*

\*HYMN 41 - "O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!" ..... LYONS

### \*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.**

\*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 - Deuteronomy 10:12-21 (Pew Bible, p. OT167)

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 - "O Lux Beatissima" .....Howard Helvey

*O lux beatissima, Reple cordis intima Tuorum fidelium. Sine tuo numine, Nihil est in homine, Nihil est innoxium.*

O Light most blessed, Fill the inmost heart Of all thy faithful. Without your grace, There is nothing in us, Nothing that is not harmful.

*attributed to Stephan Langton, Archbishop of Canterbury*

SECOND LESSON - Matthew 4:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. NT3)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - DEALING WITH THE DEVIL..... Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

\*HYMN 707 - "Take Thou, Our Minds, Dear Lord" .....HALL

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

**Session Nominees (Class of 2025)**

John Faught  
Ross Forman  
Brandon Glass  
Jessica Grover  
Neal Hutchinson  
Kathy Leaver  
Teresa Pulliam  
Ellen Walker

**Deacon Nominees (Class of 2025)**

Sissy Austin  
Daniel Beck  
Lochrane Chase  
William Cook  
Virginia Grisham  
Lene Howell  
Drew Brignac  
Matthew Moore  
Allen Murphree  
William Powell, Jr.  
Jeanene Skillen  
Bannon Thorpe II

**Youth Elder (Class of 2023)**

Olivia Vanlandingham

**Youth Deacon (Class of 2023)**

McClain Robinson

CONGREGATIONAL QUESTIONS .....

Barry DeLozier, Vice President of the Congregation (*eight forty-five*)

Beth Hillhouse, President of the Congregation (*eleven o'clock*)

1. Do we, the members of the church, accept these ruling elders or deacons, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

2. Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is the Head of the Church?

\* APOSTLES' CREED ..... Rev. 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 – "Northern Lights" ..... Ola Gjeilo  
*Pulchra es amica mea, sauvis et decora filia Jerusalem, Pulchra es amica mea, suavis et decora sicut Jerusalem, terribilis ut castrorum acies ordinata. Averte oculos tuos a me quia ipsi me avolare fecerunt.*

Thou art beautiful, O my love, sweet and beautiful daughter of Jerusalem, Thou art beautiful, O my love, sweet and comely as Jerusalem, terrible as an army set in array. Turn away thy eyes from me, for they have made me flee away.

*the Latin Pulchra Es text from Song of Solomon*

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 69 - "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" ..... HERE I AM

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "Voluntary in D Major" ..... J.K.F. Fischer

\* *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](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). We look forward to meeting you.

**THE FLOWERS** in the church 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 16, 2023, of Helen Carlisle Seamon; daughter of Allison and David Seamon; sister of Millie, Naomi, and Margot Seamon. **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.

JANUARY SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES concludes today: Since 1923, the Children's Fresh Air Farm has provided an opportunity to experience recreation time outdoors and fellowship with church members and our community. One hundred years later, IPC still welcomes all to the Farm. As we prepare for Farm's Centennial celebration, adult and youth Sunday School classes are invited to join us for a special Sunday School speaker series at 10 am in Highland Hall each week this month to learn more about the Farm's history and ongoing mission.

THE 52ND ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL begins today with a Service of Light at 4 pm in the sanctuary. This year, the festival explores "God's Blessings Through Color and Light," featuring visiting artists of music, liturgy, and lecture. Events run through Sunday, February 5. Visit [ipcmusic.org](http://ipcmusic.org) for a full schedule of events. **Today is the last day to make reservations for the banquet (\$25) on Thursday, Feb 2, at 6:30 pm.**

GLOBAL MISSION TRIP: Apply to journey with IPC to Chiapas, Mexico, May 27 - June 3, 2023. Applications to join us can be found online or at the Community Ministries office and need to be submitted by January 31. To learn more about this year's journey, contact co-leaders Sean and Emily Vanlandingham.

NEXT SUNDAY WE WILL WELCOME IPC's new Director of Children's Ministries, Courtney Kraus, following the 11 am service on February 5 with a Punch and Cookies reception in the parlor.

CONSTRUCTION ON THE THIRD PHASE OF IPC'S COLUMBARIUM begins February 6 and will continue through the spring. Please note that the use of the sidewalk and parking in front of the church will be limited during the project, and there will be signage to direct you. Information about the sale of niches in the third phase of the Columbarium is coming soon.

FIRST LIGHT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to provide and serve dinner on February 10 and 11. If you are interested in serving the women and children at First Light, contact Sarah Scruggs at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SCHEDULE FOR FEB. 12: This year's Mercedes Marathon will be held on Sunday, Feb. 12, 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 in the sanctuary at 4 pm.** Additionally, IPC will serve as an official water station in the morning. Volunteers are needed 6 am - 12 pm to help serve water in front of the church and cheer for the runners. Sign up at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect), or contact Sarah Scruggs at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org) for more.

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

IPC COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Sara Erwin.

IPC FOOD MINISTRIES: In honor of Diane Beck, Genia Brawley, Caroline Brown, Diane Burnett, Cathy DeLozier, Gayle Hurley, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip McWane, Jo Self, Fairy Sutherland, and Ellen Williams. In memory of Thomas Amason, Jr.; Don and Virginia McCormick; Will Moor; and Patrick O'Donnell.

IPC SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Alpha Goings, Walter "Ben" Hogan, and Clifford "Burr" Spencer.

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### 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)* Laden Margaret Falls, Joseph Elwood Scholl,  
Charlotte Goodner Walthall

*(eleven o'clock)* Spencer Anne Cobbs, Jessica Francis Long,  
Anne Margaret Pringle

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