

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 26, 2022

ten o'clock

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Giver of all good, God of all grace and Father of all comfort, Thou hast stores of the universe awaiting our call. There is a gift for every extended hand, a boon for every willing heart. Move upon us to claim our possessions. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Rhapsodie, Op. 127" .....Josef Rheinberger  
*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 praise God in his holiness" .....George Thalben-Ball  
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Seamon

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Minister: Know that the Lord is God.

**People: It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

**People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.** *Psalm 100*

\*HYMN 645 - "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" .....  
MIT FREUDEN ZART

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: O Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts unto yourself, that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight. Forgive us for laboring with a spirit of bondage as slaves, and for despairing as if we have no Savior. Teach us to take our delight in you that we may carry glad hearts throughout our days. Amen.** *Benjamin Jenks, d. 1724*

*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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM.....Rev. Seamon

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 32

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - "Just As I Am" .....Benjamin Hutto

Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidst me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken every barrier down; now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come. Just as I am, of thy great love the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove, here for a season, then above: O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott*

SECOND LESSON - Luke 15:25-32

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - THE PRODIGAL FATHER, PART 2 .....Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

\* HYMN 833 - "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" ..... ST. MARGARET

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....Rev. Clayton

\* The Offertory Statement

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

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Deep Peace" .....Dent Davidson

Deep peace of the running wave to you. Deep peace of the flowing air to you.  
Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour healing light on  
you. Deep peace of Christ to you. Deep peace of the gentle night to you. Deep  
peace of the shining stars to you. Deep peace of the quiet earth to you. Peace  
of Christ, the world's True Light to you. Deep peace of Christ to you.

*from an ancient Gaelic Rune*

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 620 - "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ..... LAUDA ANIMA

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "Fugue in C Major" .....Felix Mendelssohn

\* *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 chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clifford Lanier Lamar III and Mark Lyle Miller, DVM. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Murray Lane, AM3-US Navy, Korean War veteran.

**INDEPENDENCE DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE:** All are invited to worship at IPC on Sunday, July 3. Worship services will be held at 10 am in the Sanctuary and at 5 pm in Highland Hall. Children's Sunday school classes will not meet on July 3 (but Adults and Youth can still hear Jeff Leonard at 9 am in Highland Hall). On Monday, July 4, church offices will be closed in observance of the holiday. View all of IPC's schedule for the remainder of the summer by scanning the QR code to the right.



**SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM:** Volunteer tutors are needed for the Summer Learning Program at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Tutors can sign up for times Monday-Thursday from 9 -11:40am and 12:45-3:40 pm. Find more information at [ipc-usa.org/connect/links](http://ipc-usa.org/connect/links). We are so thankful for each of you, and our summer would not be the same without you.

**JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH** for a great meal and fellowship at North Italia at the Summit on Tuesday, June 28. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. This is a self-pay event, but please register at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect) so that we have an accurate headcount. Hope you will join us!

**VIRTUAL BOOK REVIEW:** Please join us for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's virtual book review on *Gather at the Table* by Thomas DeWolf and Sharon Morgan. The Anti-Racism Committee of the Presbytery will conduct four book review sessions via Zoom beginning Thursday, July 14, at 6 pm. The book is divided into 4 sections with a section being discussed at each meeting scheduled on July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, and Aug. 15. Visit [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) to register and join the Zoom meeting.

**GLEAN WITH IPC** at Pepper Place Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 16, 11am - 1pm. Sign-up online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). It's easy, fun, and a great way to help our food-insecure neighbors. Last week's IPC volunteers loaded a large pick-up truck bed full of fresh produce donated by local farmers and took it to the Firehouse Shelter where they turned it into delicious meals for their guests who are homeless.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

UPDATE FROM CHURCH OF THE RISEN CHRIST: IPC's long-standing mission partnership with Ukraine extends nearly 20 years of working alongside The Church of the Risen Christ in Vinnitsya, Ukraine, and Pastor "Fred" Anakia-Taylor. Since first visiting the country in 2002, the church and its Foundation have provided humanitarian and financial assistance. To read an update from Pastor Fred, please visit our website at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) (select "News" from the Connect menu at the top of our webpage, and it's the first entry in the list of articles).

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 (emphasis on single bottles or powder packets of Gatorade/Powerade because it's so darn hot!). For questions, contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at [mpatrick@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mpatrick@ipc-usa.org) or (205) 933-3709.

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mr. Paul D. Walton. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

### BAPTISM TODAY

**MARY MARGARET WILLINGS**, born August 11, 2021, daughter of Virginia ("Ginny") and Christopher ("Bubba") Willings; sister of Emma Frances Willings; granddaughter of Ellen and Jim Walker, Marlene and TJ Willings; great-granddaughter of Frances and Miller Gorrie.

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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

James Sullivan, Oboe

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolyte: Andrew Lindstrom Murphree

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