Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

February 21, 2021

eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

My Lord, Thou art in my thought the wings of the mother bird. Thou coverest me in the dark from a thousand harms. I walk unseeing by pitfalls and Thou holdest my feet. Thou stayest the arrows of the enemy. Thou biddest the storms lie down and the floods go back.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Prelude on Psalm 143" ..... David Cherwien

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.
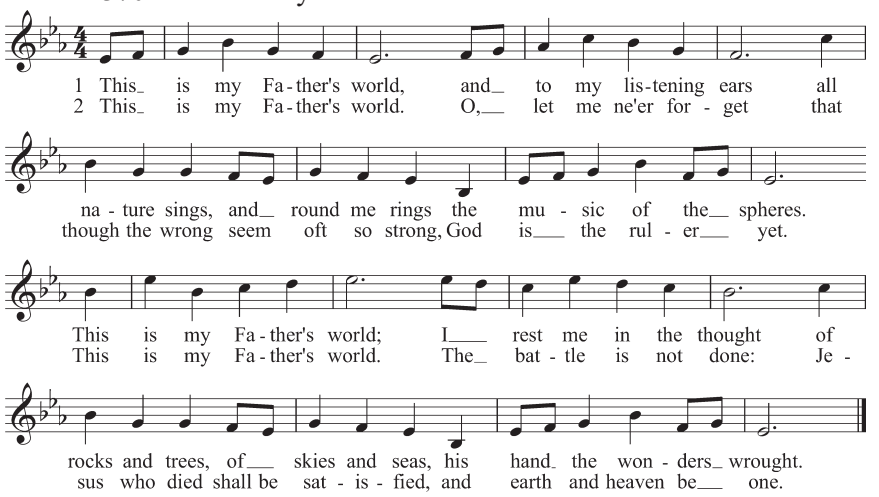
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dr. Goyer

* SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Clayton

Minister: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
People: On them the light has shined
Minister: Let us worship the Lord! *Isaiah 9:1-2*

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



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way for us. We are blinded by our pride, deceived by our false sense of self-righteousness, and hardened by our contempt for others not like us. We have not loved you with all our heart, our mind, and our strength, nor our neighbor as ourselves. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to the right path of Christ who is our way, our truth, and our life. 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, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

ANTHEM - "The Beatitudes" ..... Albert Hay Malotte
Beth Middleton, *Soprano*

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. *Matthew 5:3-6*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 5:1-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - THE SERMONS ON THE MOUNT 1: THE KINGDOM OF GOD LOOKS LIKE THIS.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREED ..... Dr. Wilkins

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

Please continue to remember to support the church. Even during this time when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking here, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

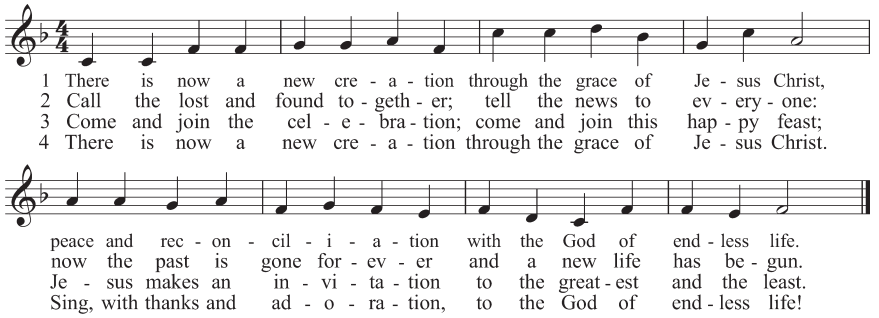
The Offertory Anthem – "Kyrie" from *Solemn Mass*..... Louis Vierne
Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison.
(Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.)
A prayer of the Mass Ordinary

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 774 - "There Is Now a New Creation" .....STUTTGART



* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here".....Johann Sebastian Bach

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS! We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please contact us for more information: Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 or spulliam@ipc-usa.org and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

IN KEEPING WITH TRADITIONAL LITURGICAL PRACTICES, the Sunday worship services during Lent will change slightly to observe this most penitential season. The choir will process silently, the *Gloria Patri* will be omitted, and the postlude will take on a more reflective nature. Another way the nature of Lent is observed is by the use of the plain brass cross on the Communion Table. These few changes are meant to help make your observance of Lent more meaningful so that the glorious nature of Easter will be even more bountiful in your life.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Porter. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in honor of Edward Franklin Thomas III, Captain, Acting Senior Air Coordinator for Marine Air Tactical Command Center 48, Platoon Commander for 3rd Low Altitude Air Defense Battalion Operation Inherent Resolve; Son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Franklin Thomas, Jr.

"ASK THE PASTOR" SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES has been added for the Winter Term. Join us at 10 am each Sunday to connect and reacquaint with your community of Faith, share prayer concerns, and ask questions of IPC's pastors. Register online at ipc-usa.org > connect to receive class reminders, or find a link to the Zoom class each week in our Sunday morning email.

2021 LENTEN GRACE GROUPS: New groups are forming to study *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy-Jill Levine for 6 weeks Feb. 14 - March 27. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect to learn more or find a group for you.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

ANGEL FUND: In memory of Anne Chalker, Judy Haise, Peter Healy, and Ann Hull.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES FUND: In memory of Charles Mixon Miller and Felix Yarboro.

IPC FOUNDATION: In memory of Wilfred Rupert Bodden, Foster Ray Hartline, Howell Horn, Charles Mixson Miller, Thomas Blankenship Maddox Pankey, and James Wylie Shepherd.

IPC FUND: In memory of Edith G. Bauman; Hubbard Denson Burnum, Jr.; William Richard Demaray; Judy Sasse Haise; Robert Lewis Hunter; Frank Hampton McFadden; Charles Mixson Miller; Nancy Graves O'Flinn; Thomas Blankenship Maddox Pankey; Shirley Hanson Roberts; and James Wylie Shepherd.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: *(Horizon Fund)* In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; and Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr. *(Life Care Fund)* In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr., and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate..

LUCY TURNER CONGREGATIONAL CARE FUND: In memory of Charles Mixson Miller and Thomas Blankenship Maddox Pankey. In honor of Lucy Turner.

SOCIAL SERVICES FUND: In memory of Rev. R. George Brockman.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor of Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
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