

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Youth Sunday

March 19, 2023

8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, make life a happy pilgrimage for us. May we not be afraid to rejoice. Crown us with the laughter of little children.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Trumpet Tune in D Major" ..... David N. Johnson  
*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIP .....(8:45) Gavin Vanlandingham  
(11:00) Norah Roller

Leader: Praise the Lord.

**All: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.**

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon;

**All: I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.**

*Psalm 148 and Psalm 18*

### \* SILENT PROCESSION

\* HYMN 37 - "Let All Things Now Living" ..... ASH GROVE

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION ..... (8:45) Nathaniel Siegel  
(11:00) Joseph Scholl

**Unison: O Lord, we confess that we often find ourselves drifting away from your presence in our lives. As we wander from your Word, we cling to our jealous tendencies, turning towards stereotypes and worldly judgments. We acknowledge that we have idols that put our wants before you. Forgive us when we stray, and remind us of your abundant mercies. Help us to hear your call for unity in our daily lives. Lead us to create connections with others through you, and help us find your loving light through others. 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 .....(11:00) Katelyn Long

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."*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

MOMENT FOR MISSION: YOUTH GRANT TEAM .....  
(8:45) Olivia Vanlandingham  
(11:00) Logan Woodall

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (8:45)..... Rev. Long

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION.....(8:45) Andrew Murphree  
(11:00) Anne Pringle

FIRST LESSON - Philippians 2:1-4 (Pew Bible, p. NT197).....  
(8:45) Jessica Long  
(11:00) Sarah Beth Cowart

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 - "Send Us Forth" ..... Thomas Keesecker  
Ryan Scholl and Murphy Peterson, *Soloists*

Let us walk in the light of the One who is Christ. Let us walk in the light of his love. Let us shine, let us grow in the love he has shown. Let us walk in the light of his love. Join the song, ev'ryone, lift your voices as one. Join the song, ev'ryone, and give praise. Sing it loud, sing it clear so all people can hear. Join the song, ev'ryone, and give praise. Send us forth to bring peace, earth and heaven will meet, send us forth to bring peace to the world. Open hearts, open hands, reaching out to all lands, send us forth to bring peace to the world. *Thomas Keesecker*

SECOND LESSON - 1 Thessalonians 5:9-18 (Pew Bible, p. NT205).....  
(11:00) Gray Warburton

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - CALLED TO CONNECT .....  
Richard Monk, Charlotte Walthall, Ryan Scholl

The Response to the Word

\*HYMN 22 - "God of the Sparrow"..... ROEDER

\* APOSTLES' CREED ..... (8:45) Shep Ray  
(11:00) Laden Falls

**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.**

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS AND SENIOR ACOLYTES .....  
Ms. Daniels

**Leader:** As you go from this place, remember us, and we will remember you.

**People:** As you go from this place, pray for us, and we will pray for you.

**Seniors:** As we go from this place, we take many memories, and we long for your prayers.

**Leader:** We send you from this place to be the body of Christ in this world.

**People:** We send you from this place to be the church wherever you go.

**Seniors:** We are sent, equipped by love, to participate in the mission of God in all that we do.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS .....  
(8:45) Calli Hontzas  
(11:00) Laura Donovan

The Offertory Statement

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

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "A Future with Hope" .....Mark Burrows  
Ryan Scholl and Murphy Peterson, *Soloists*

Surely I know the plans I have for you. Plans for your welfare and not for harm to give you a future with hope. When you call on me, I will answer. I will hear your every prayer. When you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. I will be there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER.....  
(8:45) Olivia Vanlandingham  
(11:00) Murphy Peterson

**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 157 - "I Danced in the Morning".....LORD OF THE DANCE

\* CHARGE

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE - "Now all the woods are sleeping" ..... Johann Sebastian Bach

\**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 Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Woodall. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God; in loving memory of Clifford Spencer, Lt. Colonel, Air Force Reserves; and in honor of Rita Spencer, Lieutenant, Air Force; parents of Tom Spencer, Cliff Spencer, and Margaret Spencer Cobbs.

**CHILDREN'S MUSICAL TODAY:** IPC Children, ages 5K to 6th grade, will present the musical "*What's Up, Zak?*" during the 10 am Sunday School hour in Highland Hall. The familiar tale of Zacchaeus is relived as one rich but lonely tax collector climbs a tree for just one glimpse of Jesus.

**LENTEN FELLOWSHIP:** Enjoy Cookies in the Courtyard after the 11 am worship service each Sunday through April 2. On Wednesdays, join us for a noonday Chapel service followed by a light lunch in the Great Hall through April 5. Make reservations by noon each Tuesday at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

**CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY:** Join us in the sanctuary at 4 pm. Accompanied by string quartet, the IPC Camerata will present Howard Keever's *Evensong for a New Century*, a musical work commissioned for IPC's 2015 Centennial. The *Concerto for Organ and Strings* by Francis Poulenc and performed by Jeff McLelland and orchestra will follow.

**BEER AND HYMNS:** Come to Iron City Grill (2208 6th Ave S) tomorrow on Monday, March 20, at 7 pm for great food, great drinks, and great fun.

**HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES** with an Easter Memorial donation. Your contribution provides lilies and greenery for the Sanctuary and Highland Hall for IPC's Easter services. To ensure the names of your loved ones are included in the Easter bulletin, please visit us online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) or pick up an envelope from the Window or at the receptionist desk. **The deadline is tomorrow on Monday, March 20.**

**JOIN THE GUILD:** "Many hands make light work." The IPC Guild is an energetic group of 70 women who work together behind the scenes to care for the sanctuary and prepare for worship and sacred services. Members serve on two Guild committees of their preference each year and must attend a minimum of four monthly meetings held on the second Monday of the month. Guild membership is a fulfilling/rewarding experience working for the glory of God and serving the church in a very meaningful way. Pick up a Guild Interest form near the elevator and return it by March 31st. You may also find and submit the form on line at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

## SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. Ronald “Ray” Barnes, Mrs. Jane “Tina” Darnall, Mrs. Frances B. Shepherd, and Mrs. Sandra “Sandy” Weaver. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds, Mr. William W. “Bill” Horton, Mrs. Frances B. Shepherd, and Miss Lynn Stephens. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Frances B. Shepherd.

## GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS & SENIOR ACOLYTES

Martha Lyle Anderson	Gray Margaret Katherine Powell
Zoe Dunham Browning	Elsa Ruth Ray
Sarah Elizabeth Cowart❖	Magdalene Elise Robinson❖
Adelia Catherine Crawford	Norah Claire Roller❖
Garrett Gray	Lindsey Ryan Scholl❖
Jane Scott Haley	Hubert Montgomery Stiles, III
Halli Francis Hollingsworth❖	Lilly Turner
Alexander Brooks Horton	Charlotte Goodner Walthall❖
Hart James	Clara Clifton White
Catherine McNeill Lewis❖	Katherine Elise Witcher
Richard Hunley Monk IV❖	Logan Oliver Woodall

❖ 2022-2023 *Graduating Senior Acolyte*

❖ 2022-2023 *Graduating Senior Acolyte Captain*

## BAPTISM TODAY

**WILLIAM ELLIOTT MATTHEWS VII**, born August 12, 2022, son of Mrs. Lauren Matthews and Mr. William E. Matthews VI; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Matthews V, Mrs. Lisa McCullough, Mr. Eric Lunden.

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### Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

Ms. Grace Daniels, Youth Intern

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

**Acolytes:** (8:45) Oliver William Middleton, Andrew Lindstrom Murphree,  
Olivia Ann Vanlandingham

(11:00) Katherine Evans Austin, Mary Hanson Borders,  
Jessica Francis Long

**Ushers:** (8:45) Walter Charles Grover, Jessica Francis Long,  
Nathaniel Phillip Siegel, Gavin Andrew Vanlandingham

(11:00) Spencer Anne Cobbs, Ann Caldwell Monk, Shepherd Carldon Ray,  
William Alan Long

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