

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November 15, 2020

eight forty-five and eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, give us the feeling of children in their father's house. Wrap us round-about with Thy peace. May Thy presence be more real than pain. May Thy face drive tears away as the sunshine banishes rain.

from Beginning the Day by Dr. Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "Andantino" Denis Bédard
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

INTROIT - "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace"George Thalben-Ball
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

All: To you we lift up our eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Minister: Let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN 65 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"CWM RHONDDA



1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this bar - ren land.
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing stream doth flow.
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious fears sub - side.



I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me with thy power - ful hand.
Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my jour - ney through.
Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on Ca - naan's side.



Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no
Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to



more; shield; thee; feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Mrs. Goudreau (*eight forty-five*)
Mrs. Leaver (*eleven o'clock*)

Unison: Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough contempt.” Forgive us for our contempt against those with whom we do not agree, turning them into enemies to be scorned. Forgive us for the contempt we harbor against ourselves, refusing to believe your loving act in Jesus Christ is sufficient for forgiveness. Release us from the bondage of contempt and free us for life lived fully for others, for ourselves, and ultimately for You. In Christ’s name. Amen. *Psalm 123*

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.**

* GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

ANTHEM (*eleven o'clock*) - "O for a Closer Walk"arr. C.V. Stanford
O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heav'nly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb! Return, O holy Dove, return! Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast. So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.

William Cowper

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Judges 14:1-16

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

SERMON - SERVANT LEADERSHIP.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* 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.

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 – "Priez pour paix" Francis Poulenc
Nick Mathes, *Tenor*

*Priez pour paix Douce Vierge Marie Reyne des cieulx et du monde maîtresse
Faites prier par vostre courtoisie Saints et Saintes et prenez vostre adresse Vers
votre Fils Requerant sa haultesse Qu'il Lui plaise son peuple regarder Que
de son sang a voulu racheter En deboutant guerre qui tout desvoye De prières
ne vous Vueillez laisser Priez pour paix Priez pour paix Le vray trésor de joye.*
Pray for peace, sweet Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven and mistress of the world.
In your courtesy, have the saints pray too, and address your Son, begging His
Highness to deign to look on His people, whom He redeemed with His blood,
and to banish war which destroys all. Do not weary of our prayers. Pray for
peace, pray for peace, the true treasure of joy. Charles d'Orléans

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER.....Dr. Wilkins
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 432 - "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"REPTON

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion Lord, when once we heed your
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to
 3. We mar - vel how your saints be - came in hin - dranc - es more
 4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a -

call to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re -
 bear; if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can -
 sure: whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we
 lone, in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to

freshed, re - stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.
 not un - wind its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.
 wear your name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.
 look to you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored, done.

- * CHARGE
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - "Paraphrase on *Ein feste Burg*" Wilbur Held
- * 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 provide contact information to Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Warren Jackson St. John; Mr. and Mrs. Finis Ewing St. John; and Dr. and Mrs. Henry Charles Frech, Jr. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Anderson Bowron, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, Battle of the Bulge, WWII and Korean Conflict; father of Mary Bowron Beasley; grandfather of Mary Stewart Beasley and Virginia Bowron Beasley.

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THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

continues with the following 4:00 recitals: today, Isabelle Demers, Waco, Texas; November 22, Clive Driskill-Smith, Fort Worth, Texas. Please note that our final recitalist has changed due to travel restrictions encountered by our original recitalist David Enlow; we hope to welcome David another time. All of the recitals are free, but reservations are required due to limitations for in-person attendance. Online reservation forms are available at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER: Please help us serve those who are food insecure.

Our food drive continues until November 22 (Dedication Day). We need food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers (\$45 each). Bags are available in the Parlor. To arrange drop-off, call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (memo: Harvest for Hunger). Please check our website at www.ipc-usa.org/connect for a list of suggested food items. Monetary donations can be made by clicking on "Give Online" (top right corner) and selecting "Food Pantry" in the dropdown menu. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!

ADVENT FLOWERS: Honor loved ones by making an Advent flower donation

in their names. Look for envelopes in the October issue of The Window. An online donation form is available now at www.ipc-usa.org (click on Sign Up Links under Connect in the menu bar). The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline for submission has been extended to Monday, November 30.

THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE continues until Monday, November 30. You

can mail in the form or place an order online at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. An option to donate all or part of your fruit order to the Food Pantry is available (it will be delivered directly to the Food Pantry for your convenience). The fruit will be available for curbside pickup December 19 and 20 in Highland Hall. A choir representative will come to your car and help you complete your order. Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

IPC CHOIR RADIO MYSTERY THEATRE: Detectives Les Intelligent and Fred Knott continue to investigate the kidnapping of beloved choirmaster and organist Jeff McLelland and his lovely wife Amy (*cue ominous laughter*). Are Jeff and Amy all right? How do you speak pug Latin? Is there anyone on your Christmas list who hasn't received a choir CD yet? Listen to the second (and the first if you missed it!) of four episodes of this fictitious film noir on the church podcast <https://ipcusabhm.podbean.com>

ADVENT WREATH KIT: Join us in celebrating “Advent at Home” with an Advent Wreath Kit. We welcome all members to sign-up to receive one wreath per household. The kit includes instructions as well as weekly liturgies, and it can be picked up Nov. 22 or 23 at the covered walkway on 31st Street. Kits for families with children in 6th grade or younger may also be picked up Dec. 5 at Advent Workshop. Reserve your Advent Wreath Kit or sign-up to attend Advent Workshop at ipc-usa.org/connect.

71ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR: Please join us as we celebrate the season's message of hope. This year the tour will be virtual. We invite you inside four unique homes from the comfort of your home as you help raise money for ministries supporting Birmingham families. A limited number of Holiday House Tea in a Bag are available for you to purchase to host your own Holiday House tea. Tickets are on sale now at ipholidayhouse.com.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Mr. John Kidd, Mr. Allan Baker, and Mr. Conrad Fowler.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Nancy Bean.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. James R. “Bob” Bush, Dr. Ton D. DeVos, and Mrs. Janice C. Goodwin. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Mrs. Catherine Goudreau, Director of Children and Youth, CFAF
Mrs. Kathy Leaver, Director of the IPC Day School
Mr. Greg Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir
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