

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS! We would love to welcome you as a new member of our family of faith at IPC. Please indicate your interest by contacting Stacy Pulliam at the church office, 933-3731. "Like" us on Facebook at IPCBirmingham.

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL & LUNCH: Throughout the Advent Season, join us each Wednesday for a noonday Chapel Service followed by a light lunch in the Great Hall. Register and pay for your lunch at ipc-usa.org/connect.

IPC CONNECT: Join us for lunch at Niki's West on Tuesday, Dec. 6. The bus leaves IPC at 11 am. We will arrive at the restaurant at 11:30 am. This event is self-pay, but please register at ipc-usa.org/connect so that we have an accurate headcount and know how many are riding the bus.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 28 GREENERY SALE: Troop 28 is partnering with Mickman Brothers. Find wreaths and more online at giftitforward.com. Enter the Troop Fundraising Code: TROOPBAL101 and the Referring Name: TROOP 28 where prompted. Your items will be delivered directly to you with free shipping. Orders can be placed until Dec. 9. For questions, please contact Matt Lyons at (612) 670-8494.

THE 73RD ANNUAL IPC HOLIDAY HOUSE VIRTUAL TOUR will be Saturday, Dec. 10. You are also invited to experience an afternoon Christmas Tea in the Great Hall and tour the festively decorated Sanctuary and Parlor. Purchase tickets at ipcholidayhouse.com.

ADVENT FLOWERS: Honor loved ones with an Advent flower donation. Look for envelopes in The Window, or donate online at ipc-usa.org/connect. Names will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The deadline for submission is Sunday, Dec. 11.

IPC CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Enjoy seasonal music with the choir and a guest brass ensemble next Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 pm in the Sanctuary.

STOCKINGS FOR SUMMER SCHOLARS: Sign up to fill a stocking (limit: \$25) at ipc-usa.org/connect. Drop items off at the reception desk by Dec. 12. Please label each bag with the age and gender of the child. Thank you for your help in bringing Christmas cheer to our Summer Learning and LIFT OFF participants and siblings!

SUPPORT CHURCH MINISTRIES by purchasing Giving Tree cards (Community Ministries), Christmas ornaments (Youth), and choir CDs and stained glass roundels (Choir) from the receptionist desk during weekday church office hours. Items are also available at tables in the Parlor between morning services on Sundays. Purchase by Dec. 18.

BEER AND CAROLS: Come to Iron City Grill (2208 6th Ave S) on Monday, December 19, at 6 pm - 8 pm to celebrate the holiday season.

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Trumpet
Sound



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THE TABLE

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Advent at IPC

DECEMBER 4, 2022

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

<div>WELCOME TO THE TABLE</div> <div>Open · Affirming · Welcoming</div> <div>Worship is at the center of the life of The Table.</div> <div>As you prepare yourself for worship, we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:</div> <div><i>"Grant us the gift of Thy Spirit, O great God. May He be to us the Spirit of truth, for we would know. May He be to us the Spirit of power, for we would do. And may our prayer be so full of willingness that even now we shall receive Him."</i></div> <div><i>from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds</i></div>
THE LITURGICAL YEAR
The Table follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season of Advent, which starts the liturgical year. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and ends on Christmas Eve. It is signified by the color violet which represents hope as well as prayer, penance, and sacrifice. It is a time of preparation and longing for the coming of Christ in the humble flesh, in our daily hearts, and in glory forevermore.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:
E-mail or call us: We would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. Please reach out to us by contacting Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.
Visit our website: ipc-usa.org/welcome

<div>GATHERING</div> <div>We <i>gather</i> as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God</div> <div><i>Prelude</i></div> <div><i>Welcome</i></div> <div><i>Lighting of the Advent Candle</i></div> <div><div><i>Gathering Songs</i></div><div><i>"Oh Lord, How Shall I Meet You?"</i> <i>"A Thousand Hallelujahs"</i></div></div>
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<div>LISTENING</div> <div>We <i>listen</i> for the word of God through confession, passing the peace, Scripture, and preaching</div> <div><i>Prayer of Confession (unison)</i> O Lord, you have called us to prepare for your arrival. But we confess that we have been content with lesser things. Rather than preparing for hope, we have remained mired in our fear. Rather than preparing for joy, we have already crowded our lives with frantic schedules and discouraging expectations. Forgive us for living as if you will not come. Free us to receive your advent. In the name of the coming Savior we pray. Amen.</div> <div><i>Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.</i></div> <div><i>Declaration of Pardon</i> Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel. All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!</div> <div><i>Peace</i> Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. All: And also with you. Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.</div> <div><i>Please exchange the peace with the words,</i> <i>"The peace of Christ be with you."</i></div>
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<i>Confessional Response</i>	<i>"Gloria Patri"</i>
<i>Prayer for Illumination</i>	
<i>Scripture Lesson: 1 Kings 17:8-16</i>	
<i>Sermon: Harbingers of the Savior: Elijah</i>	

<div>RESPONDING</div> <div>We <i>respond</i> to the hearing of God's word through reflection, prayer, offering and communion</div> <div><i>Hymn</i></div> <div><i>"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"</i></div> <div><i>Sharing of Gifts</i> <i>In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty.</i></div> <div><i>Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper</i> - Prayers of the People and 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. - Words of Institution - Communion of the People - Song: <i>"Only a Holy God"</i> - Prayer after Communion</div>
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<div>SENDING</div> <div>We are <i>sent</i> out into the world to love God and our neighbors</div> <div><i>Closing Hymn</i></div> <div><i>"What Child Is This?"</i></div> <div><i>Benediction</i></div> <div><i>Postlude</i> <i>Our service is over, let our service begin.</i> <i>fed by mystery, forgiven of sin.</i> <i>Now our faith made real, when brokenness we heal.</i> <i>our service is over, let our service begin.</i></div>
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