

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 22, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

The sun calls and the buried seeds of another summer spring out of the earth. Wild flowers are on all the hills. May it be so with my soul. In me are smothered aspirations after God, virtues trampled and crowded out by rubbish and the heaviness of my rude walking. Rise, O Sun of righteousness, and call the flowers into bloom.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - Variations on "Adoro te Devote"..... Gerald Near
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 - "Alleluia".....George Thalben-Ball
Alleluia. The Lord is ris'n indeed. O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Clayton

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

All: **Bless the Lord, O my soul, who forgives all our iniquities.**

Minister: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: **He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

Minister: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.

All: **Let us worship the Lord!** *Psalm 103*

* **HYMN 246** - "Christ Is Alive!".....TRURO

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **O God of mercy, we confess the blindness that is not even aware of sinning; the pride that dares not admit it is wrong; the self that can see nothing but its own will; the self-righteousness that knows no fault, save in others; the callousness that has ceased to care; the defiance that does not regret its own sins; the evasion that constantly makes excuses; the heart that is too hardened to repent. Grant, O Lord, that we may be forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, 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 (*eleven o'clock*).....Rev. Clayton
RECOGNITION OF SIXTH GRADERS (*eleven o'clock*)
Ms. Stewart, Mrs. Ashworth

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 1

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 - "Motet for the Annunciation".....Frank Ferko

Today is the fountainhead of our salvation, and the revelation of an eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin, and Gabriel announces this grace: Therefore let us exclaim with him to the Mother of God, Rejoice, O Woman full of grace, the Lord is with you! *Troparion of the Feast of the Annunciation*

"Brother James's Air" arr. Gordon Jacob

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie in pastures green, He leadeth me The quiet waters by. My soul He doth restore again And me to walk doth make Within the Paths of Blessedness, E'en for His own Name's sake. Yea, though I pass thro' shadowed vale, Yet will I fear no ill; For Thou art with me, And Thy Rod and Staff me comfort still. My table Thou hast furnished In presence of my foes; My head with oil Thou dost anoint, And my cup overflows. Goodness and mercy all my days Will surely follow me; And in my Father's heart alway My dwelling place shall be.

Psalm 23 (Scottish Psalter)

SECOND LESSON - Matthew 13:24-30

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

SERMON - PULLING WEEDS.....Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

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

* APOSTLES' CREEDRev. Self Patrick
**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

* The Offertory Statement

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

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "O Sorrow Deep!"David Hurd
O sorrow deep! Who would not weep with heartfelt pain and sighing! God the
Father's only Son in the tomb is lying. The Paschal Lamb, like Isaac's ram,
in blood was offered for us, pouring out his life that he might to life restore
us. Blest shall they be eternally who ponder in their weeping that the glorious
Prince of Life should in death be sleeping. O Jesus blest, my help and rest, with
tears I pray thee, hear me: Now, and even unto death dearest Lord be near me.

Traditional, tr. composite

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 625 - "O Lord My God"HOW GREAT THOU ART

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - Allegro on "Ein Feste Burg"Andrew Clarke

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for
Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith,
you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC
WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org
or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to
personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE**
by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John Roberts Faucette and in honor of the baptism of his great-grandson, Andrew Franklin Smith. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Michael Self, Petty Officer, U.S. Navy; served on the USS Puget Sound; stepson of Jo Self.

LIVING RIVER (2000 Living River Parkway Montevallo, AL 35115) invites IPC for an Open-Camp Afternoon today from 2 pm - 4 pm. Come enjoy a dedication of new and beloved camp features (IPC Chapel, Labyrinth, and Low Ropes Course), recognition of all Living River's donors, and light refreshments. Reservations not required.

CHOIR MUSIC FOR FRANCE: Next Sunday, May 29, during morning worship the IPC Choir will sing many of the anthems that will be performed on the Choir Tour to France in June. Please come ten minutes early to hear the choral prelude and plan to stay for the rousing choral postlude!

SUMMER SCHEDULE AT IPC STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 29:

Worship with us each Sunday May 29 – Aug. 7.

- 9 am Sunday School, Classes meet weekly except May 29 and July 3
- 10 am Morning Worship, Sanctuary
- 5 pm Table Worship, Highland Hall

View all of IPC's summer events by visiting <https://qrco.de/summeratipc> or scanning the QR code to the right.



MISSION JOURNEY SUPPLY DRIVE, MAY 15-29: Donations are needed for IPC's upcoming mission journey to Chiapas, Mexico, as the group prepares to travel June 4-11. To help, please bring the following to the Community Ministries offices (31st St South entrance): Work Gloves, Latex Gloves, Soccer Balls (uninflated), Paint Rollers (no handles needed), Paint Brushes, Children's Clothes (t-shirts and shorts), Bath Towels (bright colors), and Twin Bed Sheets (bright colors). The Chiapas Mission Journey is a newer global mission of IPC helping plant churches in Chiapas, Mexico. The team works with missionaries Salvador and Irma de la Torre on construction and relationship-building projects.

SNACKS FOR IPC'S SUMMER SCHOLARS: This year during the IPC Summer Learning Program at the Children's Fresh Air Farm, we are expecting 115 campers-our largest group of campers in program history! As part of camp, students receive free breakfast, lunch, and a snack daily. We partner with a wonderful company that provides a nutritious breakfast and lunch for our campers, but we need your support providing a healthy snack. We've created an Amazon wishlist for shelf-stable items we use for daily snacks. We pair these items with fresh fruit, veggies, cheese, yogurt, and other items that have to be purchased weekly. Please consider helping by purchasing items. You can select the "wishlist mailing address" to have items shipped straight to the Fresh Air Farm (501 Park Ave. Hoover, AL). Find the wishlist link at ipc-usa.org/connect > Sign Up Links.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

FOOD MINISTRIES: As we feel the pinch at the grocery store and gas station, our friends and neighbors challenged by poverty suffer even more. The Community Ministries Team bears witness to this every day. For example, last week we received 300 calls for assistance in minutes. Your financial contributions maximize our support for vulnerable families. And your food and hygiene donations for the Blessing Boxes and Weekend Buddy Bags are invaluable. Please see the pew cards for needed items. For questions, contact Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at (205) 933-3709.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: *(Chapel Fund)* In memory of Mr. Paul D. Walton. *(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.

SIXTH GRADERS RECEIVING RECOGNITION

Celebrating their years in Children’s Ministry and transition into the Youth Program

Kate Austin	Kirby Hontzas	Shepherd Ray
Addison Beck	Vann Inscoe	Joseph Scholl
Caitlin Caley	Mia Catherine Kessler	Wyatt Turner
Russell Chambliss	Harper Lassiter	Gavin Vanlandingham
Grace Crescenzi	Ann Caldwell Monk	Mary Knox Walter
Emma Franks	Wyatt Pearce	Gray Warburton
Andrew Goodrich	Xan Powell	Davis White
Thomas Hill	Anne Pringle	

BAPTISM TODAY

ANDREW FRANKLIN SMITH, born February 10, 2022, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Franklin Smith; grandson of Dr. and Mrs. John Edwards, Ms. Julie Smith, Mr. Buddy Smith; great-grandson of Mrs. Betsy Faucette, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Littleton, Ms. Becky Smith.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries

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

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: *(eight forty-five)* Calliope Lane Hontzas, Oliver Clayton Lyons,
Richard Hunley Monk IV

(eleven o'clock) Spencer Anne Cobbs, Norah Claire Roller,
Charlotte Goodner Walthall

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