

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

February 14, 2021

eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Sate my thirst, O God, as with rivers of water. Gather me under Thy wings as a hen doth her brood. Take me into Thy house as a father doth his children. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Introduction and Prayer" Leon Boëllmann
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 - "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts".....George Thalben-Ball
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Minister: Arise, shine; for our light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon us.

People: For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon us and his glory will appear over us.

Minister: Let us worship the Lord! *Isaiah 60:1-2*

* HYMN 189 - "O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair" DEO GRACIAS

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God - ly with Son a - love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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.**

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Rev. Seamon

ANTHEM - "Behold Now, Praise the Lord"Everett Titcomb
Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord, even in the courts of the house of our God. Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and praise the Lord. Behold now, praise the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord. Praise the Lord. *Psalm 134*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Mark 9:2-9

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

SERMON - FAITH, DOUBT, AND UNCERTAINTY.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Rev. Clayton

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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 – "Eternal Light" Jane Marshall
 Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, life up my eyes; eternal power, be my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal Life, raise me from death; eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior, come to me: Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.

Christopher Idle, from a prayer of Alcuin

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

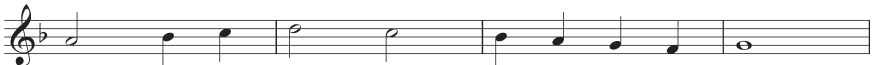
OUR FATHER, who art in heaven; Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done; On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts; As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

The Sending

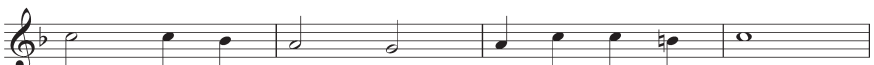
* HYMN 624 - "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"TOULON



1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou are the life, by which a - lone we live,
 3 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 4 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;



my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;



who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,



I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "Deo Gracias".....Stephen Gabrielsen

*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.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. and Mrs. Lee F. Turlington; William and Olivia Miller; and Craig Allen, Jr. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mallory Forbes Miree, Captain in the U.S. Air Force in 1964-65; father of Jennifer Miree Cope; and grandfather of Robert Paterson Cope and Charles Mallory Cope.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called for today, Sunday, February 14, 2021, to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service. The purposes of the meeting are: 1) RNC - Election of Officers, 2) Receive the 2020 financial reports, 3) Receive the report of the IPC Foundation, 4) Receive the 2020 report of the President of the Congregation, 5) Susan Clayton's Terms of Call. By order of the Session, Dr. Stephen Goyer, Moderator, and Steve Hunt, Clerk. Find the Zoom meeting link in this week's eUpdate, or sign-up at ipc-usa.org > connect to have the link sent to your email address.

"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.

JOIN IPC ON ASH WEDNESDAY: On February 17, you are invited to pick up an at-home Ash Wednesday kit, which includes ashes (with instructions for the imposition), communion elements (if desired), and a Lenten devotional booklet. A drive-through will be set up 11:30 am-12:30 pm and 5:00-6:00 pm at the 31st Street covered walkway to pick up the kit. Day School parents can pick up in the carpool line. The service will be held in-person and livestreamed at 6:30 pm. To attend in-person, please make a reservation and review our safety protocols at ipc-usa.org > worship > reservations. View a livestream of the service by searching for @IPCBirmingham on Facebook or YouTube.

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.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER: IPC's Boy Scout Troop 28 will hold their annual Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 16, with curbside delivery from 5:30 – 7 pm. The price per meal is \$8 and includes pancakes with syrup, patty sausage, fruit, and orange juice. Funds raised go towards troop activities like overnight camping trips, Scout camp in the summer, and Adventure trips for the older Scouts. Make your reservation online at ipc-usa.org/connect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

EASTER LILY MEMORIALS: Honor the memory of your loved ones by making an Easter lily donation in their name(s). Your contribution provides fresh flowers and greenery throughout the church on Easter morning, and the names of your loved ones will be printed in IPC's Easter worship bulletin. Look for envelopes in the Winter 2021 edition of The Window, pick up an envelope at the church, or fill out the online donation form at ipc-usa.org/connect. For more information, call Sandra Putman at 933-1830. **Your memorial must be received by Wednesday, March 10.**

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

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

IPC CHOIR: In memory of Merrill Eugene Compton, Jr.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Margie M. Blackwood, Mr. Donald M. "Mack" Boatwright, and Mrs. Cecilia L. "Ann" Heidman. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr.; and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Edith G. Bauman; Ms. Bernice T. "Bernie" Halbur; Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate..

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Shirley Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stammer.

BAPTISM TODAY

HENRY COWAN AVERITT, born August 3, 2020, son of Anne Knox Averitt and Austin Allbrook Averitt; brother of James Allbrook Averitt and Edward Knox Averitt; grandson of Ms. Jane Ragsdale Morton and Mr. and Mrs. James Richard Averitt.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor of Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolyte: Oliver Lyons

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