

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



PENTECOST

May 28, 2023

10:00 am

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Open Thy hand and shed Thy Spirit on me, O my God. Give me love, joy, peace, long-suffering. Impart to me that mind which was also in Christ Jesus.
from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - Variations on "Veni Creator Spiritus"..... Maurice Durufé
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.

INTROIT - "O Lux Beatissima" Howard Helvey
O lux beatissima, Reple cordis intima Tuorum fidelium. Sine tuo numine, Nihil est in homine, Nihil est innoxium.
O Light most blessed, Fill the inmost heart Of all thy faithful. Without your grace, There is nothing in us, Nothing that is not harmful.
from the Whitsuntide sequence Veni Sancte Spiritus

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Ms. Kraus

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

People: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

Minister: O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

People: When you send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

Minister: I will sing praise to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord! *Psalm 104*

* HYMN 289 - "On Pentecost They Gathered" MUNICH

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Have mercy on me, O God; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen. *Psalm 51*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Joel 2:28-32a (Pew Bible, p. OT848)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Nursery care is available for infants and children up to kindergarten age.

ANTHEM - "I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" Everett Titcomb

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again: Alleluia. And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia. . *adapted from John 14*

SECOND LESSON - Mark 1:21-28 (Pew Bible, p. NT35)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - POSSESSED Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 279 - "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" ST. AGNES

*APOSTLES' CREED Ms. Kraus

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 – "Come Down, O Love Divine" William Harris

Come down, O Love divine, Seek thou this soul of mine, And visit it with thine own ardour glowing: O Comforter draw near, Within my heart appear, And kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, Till earthly passions turn To dust and ashes in its heat consuming; And let thy glorious light Shine ever on my sight, And clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be, And lowliness become mine inner clothing: True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing. And so the yearning strong, With which the soul will long, Shall far outpass the pow'r of human telling; For none can guess its grace, Till he become the place Wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling. Amen. *Bianco da Siena*

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 263 - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - Toccata on "Veni Creator Spiritus"Maurice Duruflé

**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 or email Stacy Pulliam at 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 Veronica and James Cooper Halbleib. **THE FLOWERS** in the Children's Chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John Roberts Faucette. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Keener Tippins Blackmarr, Captain, U.S. Army, WWII; serving four years overseas in London, North Africa, and Italy in the JAG Corps; father of Anna Blackmarr James.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SUMMER SCHEDULE AT IPC STARTING TODAY: Worship with us each Sunday, May 28 – August 6:

- 9 am: Adult, Youth, and Children's Sunday School*
- 10 am: Morning Worship in the Sanctuary
- 5 pm: Table Worship in Highland Hall*

*There will be no Sunday School or Table Worship on holiday weekends: May 28 (today), July 2, and September 3.

CHURCH OFFICES ARE CLOSED tomorrow on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: IPC Children's Ministries is in great need of volunteers for our summer programming. Please check out our list of opportunities and sign-ups using the link in the eUpdate or the IPC Kids eUpdate. You can also find the list under ipc-usa.org/connect (click on News to the left). Let us be the church together by fulfilling our baptismal vows for our youngest disciples.

JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH for a great meal and fellowship at Bricktops on Highway 280. We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 on Tuesday, May 30. This is a self-pay event, but please register at ipc-usa.org/connect so that we will have an accurate headcount. Hope you will join us!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS end for the summer this Wednesday, May 31. Place your order online at ipc-usa.org/connect by noon on Tuesday, May 30. Wednesday night dinners will resume in the fall.

THE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is identifying qualified nominees for the Elder and Deacon classes of 2026, the vice president of the congregation (who will become president in 2025), trustees to serve on the IPC Foundation, and two congregants to serve as members at large on the RNC. Forms are available in the narthex and on the table next to the receptionists' desk. You may also complete your form online (www.ipc-usa.org/nominations.html) or e-mail your nominations to RNC@ipc-usa.org. The deadline for nominations to be submitted is June 1.

COLUMBARIUM NICHEs AVAILABLE: IPC is targeting completion of the Columbarium addition by early summer. The expansion includes 256 additional niches with 192 double and 64 single niches. You may select a niche online at ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, please contact Patricia Harper at pharper@ipc-usa.org.

MAKE A SPLASH FOR THE CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: Campers have been learning to swim at the Children's Fresh Air Farm since 1954. The Farm can continue to support children with water safety skills, outdoor exercise, and fellowship with caring teachers and friends with your support. To give online, text POOL to (205) 927-3100 and follow the step-by-step instructions.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES
SUMMER LEARNING AND SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

For the latest news and needs, sign up for our Community Ministries e-newsletter. To sign up or for questions about the opportunities below, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

ALABAMA BLACK BELT JOURNEY: Join IPC and Presbytery members on Saturday, June 24, for a day of fellowship, learning, serving, and worship with the United Presbyterians of Wilcox County. Participants must be at least 18 years old. To register (\$10) and view a schedule of the day's events, visit ipc-usa.org/connect (Sign Up Links). The deadline to register is Friday, June 16.

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM TUTORS: Serve as a tutor at the Children's Fresh Air Farm June 19 - July 25. You don't have to be a teacher or have any prior experience in order to make an impact. All materials will be provided. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

GLEANNING AT PEPPER PLACE MARKET: Volunteer with us at Pepper Place Farmers' Market this summer in partnership with Society of St. Andrew Gleaning Network to gather, weigh, and organize leftover produce. The produce goes to local nonprofits to feed our neighbors. This is a family-friendly volunteer opportunity! At least six (6) volunteers are needed each Saturday from 11 am - 1 pm. IPC dates are June 17, July 15, and July 29. Sign up for a slot and find more information at ipc-usa.org/connect.

FIRST LIGHT SUPPER VOLUNTEERS: Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light. We have only two more days to fill (June 23 and 24) so gather your group to serve! Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

IPC BLESSING BOXES: Thank you all for how you have continued to fill our shelves in the food pantry the past few weeks! As we begin the summer season, we ask that you keep IPC's Food Ministries in mind. You can take a pink pew card with you for your next grocery trip or check the latest needs in the Community Ministries e-newsletter. Hunger never takes a break!

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor
Ms. Courtney Kraus, Director of Children's Ministries
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolyte: Lindsey Ryan Scholl

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