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Service for the Lord's Day

ten o'clock

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father, it is Thy will we seek. For Thy will is larger and better and richer than ours. We would not draw Thee down to us but lift ourselves up to Thee. We would not convert Thee to our wills, but convert ourselves to Thine. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Soul, Deck Thyself with Gladness"arr. Donald Busarow
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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Self Patrick

Minister: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love;

People: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

Minister: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

People: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

All: Let us worship the Lord our God!

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us the courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. 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.

*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. Clayton

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

*HYMN 817 - "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" DUNLAP'S CREEK

SERMON - FAITH THAT TRUSTS WHERE VISION FAILS.....
Rev. Clayton

The Response to the Word

*NICENE CREED.....Rev. Self Patrick

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....
OLD HUNDRETH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem –

“Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace” Howard Helvey
 Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace; where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, let there be pardon; where there is doubt, let there be faith; where there is anguish, let there be hope; where there is darkness, let there be light; where there is sadness, let there be joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pard'ning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen. *based on a prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi*

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Long

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister: The Lord be with you.
- People: And also with you.**
- Minister: Lift up your hearts.
- People: We lift them up to the Lord.**
- Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (*All Singing*) arr. Richard Proulx

*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (*All Singing*) arr. Richard Proulx

*Christ has died, Christ is ris-en, Christ will come a - gain.

The minister continues in prayer.

AMEN (*All Singing*) arr. Richard Proulx

*A - men, — a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

“Priez pour paix” Francis Poulenc
Priez pour paix Douce Vierge Marie Reyne des cieulx et du monde maîtresse Faictes prier par vostre courtoisie Saints et Saintes et prenez vostre adresse Vers vostre 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 Voeillez lasser 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*

“Let Us Break Bread Together”arr. Richard Walters
Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun, O Lord have mercy on me. *African American spiritual*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 730 - "I Sing a Song of the Saints of God" GRAND ISLE

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTIONRev. Clayton

*POSTLUDE - "March Royale"Jean Baptiste Lully

*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.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hoss Morse, a veteran of WWII, the Korean War and the CIA and patrolled the South China Sea after WWII; father of Wayne Morse.

CALLING ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS: IPC needs acolytes to serve in worship. New and returning acolytes can register and learn more at ipc-usa.org/connect.

IPC CHOIR: Have you ever considered singing in the IPC Choir? Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 and will resume on August 10. Please contact Dr. Jeff McLelland for more information!

FIRST LIGHT: Provide and serve dinner for the women and children staying at First Light during August 21-27. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect. For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

IN RESPONSE TO NEED: IPC provides disaster relief assistance to those impacted by the flooding, loss of life, and major destruction in Kentucky as well as to our ministry partners in the Black Belt region of our Presbytery. Scan the QR code to the right to learn more about what IPC is doing to help and how you can support our neighbors.



SAVE THE DATE for our Family of Faith Kick-Off on Sunday, August 14. During the 9 am Sunday School hour, Children's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and Youth Sunday School begin their first Sunday of the fall term. An open house for Adults will be held in several areas of the church to provide information about Sunday and weekday Adult Christian Education opportunities as well as upcoming fellowship and service events.

One worship service will be held at 10 am. Rev. Kevin J. Long will kick off a new sermon series called "Family Matters," and the IPC Choir will return to worship. All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, day school totes, and briefcases to participate in the "Blessing of the Backpacks."

Immediately following the morning worship service, please join us for a congregational picnic in Highland Hall. The picnic includes hot dogs and hamburgers, live music from the Table worship service band, popcorn, inflatables, and face painting for the kids. Best of all, there will be air conditioning! Please note, the 5 pm worship service will not be held on August 14.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE EXTENDED: Following our Family of Faith Kickoff on Aug. 14, we will continue our current summer worship schedule through Labor Day, offering a 10 am service in the Sanctuary and a 5 pm service in Highland Hall. Sunday School classes meet at 9 am each week except Sunday, Sept. 4, in observance of Labor Day.

FOOD FOR IPC MINISTRIES: Help us continue refilling our Blessing Boxes, Weekend Buddy Bags, and Food Pantry this summer. Items can be dropped off or sent via delivery service Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, to IPC Community Ministries' entrance on 31st Street South beside the covered walkway. Call (205) 933-3726 to let us know when you'll arrive, and we will meet you or your delivery service at the entrance. You can also give designated financial contributions. For food and hygiene items, please pick up a pew card to see our current needs. We also have an updated Amazon wishlist at ipc-usa.org/connect, or for a direct web address, use <https://qrco.de/IPCwishlist>. For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

NEW YOUNG ADULT OPPORTUNITIES: IPC young adults can join a new weekly Bible study beginning Sunday, August 14, from 3:00 – 4:30 pm in the Birmingham area. Young Adults are also invited to YA Happy Hour on Sunday, August 28, at 6 pm at Monday Night Brewing (14 12th St S, 35233).

PLAN TO ATTEND THE UKRAINIAN FREEDOM FESTIVAL and welcome our Birmingham Ukrainian friends on Saturday, August 20, from 2:00-4:00 pm in Highland Hall. Events include music from members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra and Ukrainian musicians as well as food tastings of traditional Ukrainian recipes. We will have video visits with Pastor Fred Ankai-Taylor, members of Rada, and the Ukrainian embassy. Birmingham Sister Cities, Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership, and Inspiritus will be present too.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds.
(*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

Participants in Today's Services

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

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries

Mr. Gregory Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir

Nick Mathes, Member of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolyte: John Bailey Walthall

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