

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.

TABLE COOKOUT: Gather with us after this evening's service for a supper in the Garage (Highland Hall) at 6 pm.

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.

JOIN US FOR BEER & HYMNS tomorrow on Monday, May 16, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Iron City Grill, 2208 6th Avenue South. We sing old-time hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages.

JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH on Tuesday, May 17, at the famous Irondale Cafe (The Original Whistlestop Cafe at 1906 1st Avenue North, Irondale, AL 35210). We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. 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!

LIVING RIVER (2000 Living River Parkway Montevallo, AL 35115) invites IPC for an Open-Camp Afternoon on Sunday, May 22, 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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE AT IPC:

- Worship with us each Sunday May 29 – Aug. 7.
- 9 am Sunday School, Classes meet weekly except May 29 or 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.



THANK YOU for your ongoing support of our IPC Food Ministries. The Blessing Boxes receive many visitors, and we remain in need of food and hygiene items. Please see the pew cards for a list of needed items. We are also in need of financial contributions to support our ongoing Social Services financial assistance and recently updated food box ministry, which serves 50 families weekly with healthy produce, milk, eggs, bread, and non-perishable staples.

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John Scalici	Drums
William Yarbrough	Guitar
Fred Rogan	Steel Guitar
Tommy Bowen	Trumpet
Shawny Thomas	Vocals
Nick Mathes	Sound

Cover: A stained glass window of Jesus healing the blind, the lame, the sick, and more. Location and artist unknown.

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THE TABLE

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MAY 15, 2022
THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

Open · Affirming · Welcoming
Worship is at the center of the life of The Table.
As you prepare yourself for worship,
we invite you to reflect quietly on these words:

“What is it, O God, that keeps me from seeing Thee? What speck or poor sodden thing shuts away the flaming sun, that is Thyself? May I lay all pleasure down that does not show Thy face. May I relinquish all wealth that dims Thy shining. May I put aside every ambition that veils my vision and my passion for Thee.”

from “Beginning the Day” by Henry Edmonds

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Easter as signified by the color white. Easter isn’t just a Sunday — it’s a season. One day out of 365 is hardly sufficient to celebrate the great mystery of our faith — that Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. Accordingly, the season of Easter lasts seven weeks (a “week of weeks”), spanning the 50 days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday and encompassing the festival of the Ascension of the Lord. The season of Easter is intended to be a joyful time for celebrating the presence of the risen Christ in the church.

Of course, Easter really isn’t just a season either. In the fullest sense, Easter is a new way of life — in which we are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11), called to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4).

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

GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

Prelude

Welcome

+Call to Worship

Leader: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them your way.
People: **Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.**
Leader: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.
People: **Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep your decrees.**
Leader: Let us worship the Lord our God! *Psalm 25*

+*Gathering Songs* *“10,000 Reasons”*
“Glorious Day”

LISTENING

We *listen* for the word of God through confession, passing the peace, Scripture, and preaching

+Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, how far are you removed from my vision, though I am so near to yours. Everywhere you are wholly present, yet I do not see you. You are within me and about me, yet I do not feel you. Forgive the sin that closes my eyes and numbs my heart to your salvation. Amen. *St. Anselm, d. 1109*

Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.

+Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

+Peace

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.

*Please exchange the peace with the words,
“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

+*Confessional Response* *“Gloria Patri”*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Matthew 13:54-58; 15:29-31

Sermon: There Is More to Jesus Than You Know

RESPONDING

We *respond* to the hearing of God’s word through reflection, prayer, offering and communion

+*Hymn* *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Sharing of Gifts

In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty.

Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

- 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: “Resurrender”
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

We are *sent* out into the world to love God and our neighbors

+*Closing Hymn* *“Amazing Grace”*

+Benediction

Postlude

*Our service is over, let our service begin.
fed by mystery, forgiven of sin.
Now our faith made real, when brokenness we heal.
our service is over, let our service begin.*

+*Rise in Body or Spirit*