

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

March 28, 2021

eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

The pews marked "Reserved" are available for seating. Please follow the blue tape designations in each pew as much as possible. Thank you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, in your tender love for us you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon himself our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross. As we remember the great humility by which he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE - March on "Lift Up Your Heads" Alexandre Guilmant
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

GREETINGRev. Clayton

Minister: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

All: Hosanna in the highest!

Minister: Let us worship the Lord.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 - "All Glory, Laud, and Honor" VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King, to
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - sa - nas ring!

1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da-vid's roy - al Son, who
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our
3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who

in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week, turn our hearts toward Jerusalem and the way of Jesus Christ. Forgive us when we think ourselves so deserving, privileged, and righteous that we deny our own call to pick up our cross and follow Jesus, who took the form of a servant and was obedient even to death on the cross. Help us to so share in his humble service that we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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)

ANTHEM - "Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates" William Mathias
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty in battle. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.
Psalm 24: 7-10

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 21:1-12

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

SERMON - FROM ONE MOUNT TO THE NEXT.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREED Dr. Wilkins
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

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 – "Motet for Passion Sunday" Frank Ferko
Passing from one celebration to another, from palms and branches let us now make haste, O faithful, to the solemn and saving celebration of Christ's Passion. Let us see Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake, and let us sing to Him with thankfulness a fitting hymn: Fountain of tender mercy and haven of salvation, O Lord, glory to you!

from Vespers of Palm Sunday, Byzantine Rite

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 221 - "O Sacred Head, O Wounded"PASSION CHORALE

1. O sa - cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed
 2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners'
 3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est

down; now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly
 gain: mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly
 friend, for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out

crown; O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was
 pain. Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy
 end? O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing

thine! Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 place; look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 be, Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "Jesus, Priceless Treasure"Johann Sebastian Bach

* 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 on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth Bryan Horton, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, WWII and the Korean Conflict; awarded two Navy Crosses and the Distinguished Flying Cross; father of Susan Horton Eiland; grandfather of Susanna Horton Eiland and Morgan Bryan Eiland.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION immediately after worship today for the purpose of ratifying a Pastor Nominating Committee to initiate calling David Seamon as a PCUSA Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church.

AN AFTERNOON OF FAURÉ: Join the IPC Choir, guest baritone Daniel Seigel, and a small orchestra this afternoon at 4 p.m. for their spring concert, a presentation of choral works by French composer Gabriel Fauré. The program includes *Cantique de Jean Racine*, *Tantum Ergo*, and the *Requiem*. Tune in via livestream on YouTube or Facebook by searching for @IPCBirmingham.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON of Lent and Easter at IPC. Visit ipc-usa.org to find virtual and in-person opportunities to worship more fully during Holy Week including: Palm Sunday (today) at 5 pm; Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm; Good Friday, April 2, at noon; and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. All services are available in-person; reservations are required. The 5 pm services are held in Highland Hall and all others in the sanctuary. Livestream is available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and all 11 am services. To find our services via livestream, search @IPCBirmingham on YouTube and Facebook.

REGISTRATION FOR VBS AND BTMP is now open for members. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held May 17-20 in the Day School classrooms for ages: 2s, 3s, 4s, and 5s. Bibletimes Marketplace (BTMP) will be held June 7-11 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm for children who have completed K5-5th grade. Completed 6-12th graders are eligible to be Tribal Assistants. Registration forms are available at ipc-usa.org > connect.

OBSERVE THE SEDER TRADITION from home this year using IPC's Seder Kit. The Passover meal, or Seder, is one of the most important celebrations in the Jewish faith. Join us as we explore what this traditional celebration means to our Christianity. Reserve dinner and/or a kit to pick up curbside at ipc-usa.org/connect.

EASTER EGG HUNT: We invite friends and families to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at Highland Hall from 9 -11 am. Make a reservation at ipc-usa.org/connect to enjoy a fun morning of egg hunts, Atrium work, Bunny Brunch, and Easter Bunny photos.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

IPC: In memory of Judy Sasse Haise.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. Frank L. “Bud” VanDeman, Sr. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mr. James W. “Jimmy” Shepherd, Sr. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr., and Mr. Robert G. “Bob” Tate.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Reb Beck III and Helen Normann Bolvig.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

For the purpose of ratifying a Pastor Nominating Committee to initiate calling David Seamon as a PCUSA Associate Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church

Scott Adams
Anne Knox Averitt
Kent Hartzog
Julie Rediker
Jay Turner
Emily Vanlandingham
Ellen Walker

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolyte: Caroline Bergin Lewis

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