
LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY (*continued*)

“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 to the congregation..

REGISTER TO ATTEND AN IPC ROUNDTABLE: on Jan. 27 from 5-6 pm. The Deacons of IPC invite you to a virtual roundtable conversation with IPC Counselor Dr. Stewart Jackson. A discussion focused on adults and parents of college and youth, join us to discover ways to deal with your empty nest, isolation, anxiety, and other feelings brought on by the Covid-19 pandemic. Dr. Jackson invites responses to the question: “What is your biggest fear about your children leaving home for college/ military/gap year/ work?” Find the registration form online at ipc-usa.org/connect.

RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL: We’re celebrating 50 years of art, music, and liturgy and invite you to join us online for “Comfort, Connection, and Healing” January 31 - February 7. Offerings include tours of local Birmingham sacred places, a duo guitar concert by Nataša Klasinc-Lončar and Miroslav Lončar, a chamber music concert with Amy McLelland and local musicians, and more. All programs are offered online so please invite family and friends near and far to join in. For our virtual banquet on Thursday, February 4, Kim and her excellent staff will prepare “comfort food” boxed dinners to-go that include pot roast, cheesy grits, bread pudding, and more. Make reservations online for your “banquet-in-a-box” at ipc-usa.org/connect. Pick-up is 4:30-5:30 pm at the church on Thursday afternoon. Each meal costs \$15. Order by January 31. More details such as the full menu and banquet program information are included online. For questions, please contact Rosalynn Fairless at rfairless@ipc-usa.org or 205.933.3700.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER has resumed. Find the online form, this week’s menu, and other details to reserve your meal(s) at ipc-usa.org (click “Sign Up Links” under “Connect” in the menu bar at the top). Each meal is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children. Reservations are required by Tuesday at noon. Pick-up time is Wednesdays between 5:30 pm and 6:30 pm. Park in the designated spots at the church.

VISIT IPC’S SIGN UP PAGE to join us for upcoming volunteer opportunities. You can register to provide and serve dinner one evening at First Light Jan. 31 – Feb. 6 and find other service events online at ipc-usa.org/connect

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

Steve is available for conversations by appointment. Please email sgoyer@ipc-usa.org or call 205-933-3711 to arrange an appointment.

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THE TABLE

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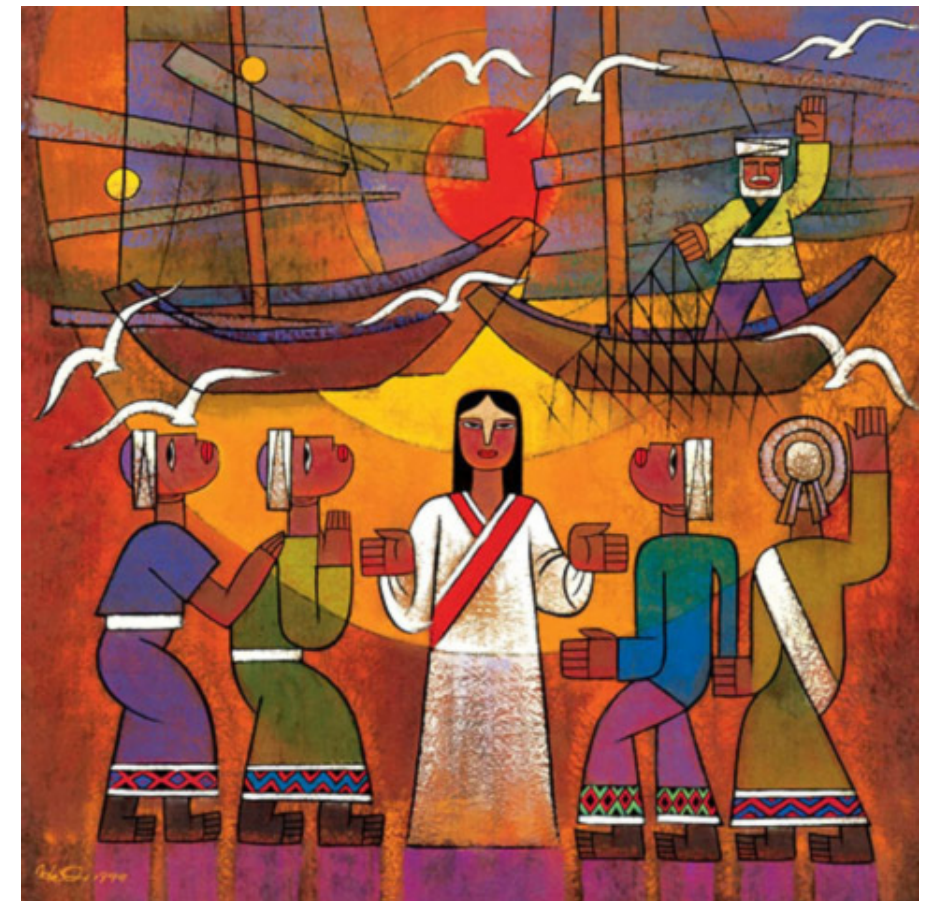


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JANUARY 24, 2021
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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:

*“To repent is to come to your senses.
It is not so much something you do as something that happens. True
repentance spends less time looking at the past
and saying, “I’m sorry,” than to the future and saying, “Wow!””*

~ Frederick Beuchner in Wishful Thinking

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season of Epiphany as signified by the color white, symbolizing joy in the light of Christ’s birth.

GATHERING

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

✚Gathering Hymn #14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies::
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Welcome & Call to Worship (responsive)
Creator of the cosmos, of eternity and time,
be with us in this time.
Savior of the world, healer of the nations,
be with us in this place.
Breath of all that lives, of people near and far,
stir within our lives.
Maker-Spirit-Son, God of here and now,
**be present in our worship, that we may find new ways to be
present in your world.**
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Anthem:

*Have mercy on us
Have mercy on us, O Lord
Have mercy, O Lord
Have mercy*

“Have Mercy”

Oh help my unbelief
Oh help my unbelief, O Lord
Have mercy, O Lord
Have mercy

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)
**Steadfast God, Our comfortable lives convince us
we do not need to follow Jesus.
Our work provides for our wants,
so we have no need for your grace.
Our friends are found through social media,
so we do not need your community.
Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure
that we do not need to share your grace with them.
Compassionate God, forgive us for dragging our feet
as Jesus’ disciples.
May we get up from our comfort zones
and step out in faith.
May we go to uncomfortable places to bring hope.
May we proclaim with our lips,
and even more with our lives,
that the kingdom of love is near,
brought by Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.

Assurance of Grace:
One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

✚*Gloria Patri*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons: Jonah 3:1-5, Mark 1:14-15

Sermon: “Repentance Time”

RESPONDING

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

Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper
- Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People (*by Intinction*)
- Anthem: *“Trinity Song”*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

✚Hymn #649:

“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*

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WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS! We would love to welcome you as a new member of our family of faith at IPC. Please contact us: Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 or spulliam@ipc-usa.org and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org. “Like” us on social media at IPCBirmingham.

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.