

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 31, 2021

eleven o'clock

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God in heaven, make me strong as Christ was strong. May my strength be restrained and ordered by a sound mind. May love bind and lead captive any knowledge or power that may come to me.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Prelude on Psalm 34:6" ..... Herbert Howells  
*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..... Mrs. Goudreau

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Praise the Lord!

People: **We will give thanks to the LORD with our whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.**

All: **Let us praise the Lord!** *Psalm 111*

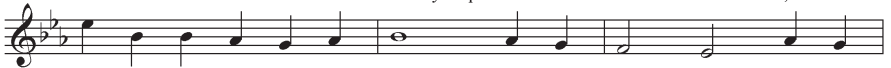
### \*HYMN 327 - "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. From all that dwell be-low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise:  
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery land the strains be - long: Al - le -  
3. E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal truth at - tends thy word:



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung through  
In cheer - ful sound all voic - es raise and  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore, fill



ev - ery land, in ev - ery tongue.  
fill the world with joy - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
suns shall rise and set no more.



lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: **Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. 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)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ..... Rev. Seamon

ANTHEM - "A Hymn for Thanksgiving" .....David H. Williams  
Janet Ort and Sally Reilly, *Sopranos*

Praise, O praise our God and King; Hymns of adoration sing; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure. Praise Him, that He made the sun Day by day his course to run; Praise Him, that He gave the rain To mature the swelling grain. He hath bid the fruitful field Crops of precious increase yield; For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure. Glory to our bounteous King! Glory let creation sing, Glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, Three in One! Amen.  
*Psalm 136*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Mark 1:21-28

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

SERMON - AUTHORITY ISSUES.....Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH .....Mrs. Goudreau

**We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. 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 – "If You But Trust in God".....  
 Georg Neumark, arr. by Sharon Wilson  
 Janet Ort and Sally Reilly, *Sopranos*

If you but trust in God to guide you and place your confidence in Him, you'll find Him always there beside you to give you hope and strength within; for those who trust God's changeless love build on the rock that will not move. Sing, pray, and keep His ways unswerving, offer your service faithfully, and trust His word; though undeserving, you'll find His promise true to be. God never will forsake in need the soul that trusts in Him indeed. *Georg Neumark*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER..... Rev. Seamon  
**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 182 - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"..... KINGSFOLD

1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest; lay -  
 2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give the  
 3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light; look -  
 down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast." I  
 liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink, and live." I  
 un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright." I  
 came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I  
 came to Je - sus and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my  
 looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and  
 found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
 thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done.

\* CHARGE

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE - "Festal Flourish" .....Gordon Jacob

\* 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](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org) and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or [cshaw@ipc-usa.org](mailto:cshaw@ipc-usa.org).

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in honor of the Clergy and Staff of IPC. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Law Lamar, U.S. Army, WWII, recipient of the Purple Heart; grandfather of Carl Albright; great-grandfather of Carl IV, David and Bibb Albright; and uncle of Mary Kay Klyce.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 14, 2021, to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service. The purposes of the meeting are: 1) RNC - Election of Officers, 2) Receive the 2020 financial reports, 3) Receive the report of the IPC Foundation, 4) Receive the 2020 report of the President of the Congregation, 5) Susan Clayton's Terms of Call. By order of the Session, Dr. Stephen Goyer, Moderator, and Steve Hunt, Clerk. Find the Zoom meeting link in this week's eUpdate, or sign-up at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) > connect to have the link sent to your email address.

"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](http://ipc-usa.org) > connect to receive class reminders, or find a link to the Zoom class each week in our Sunday morning email.

RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL: Today begins our 50th annual Religious Arts Festival, celebrating "Comfort, Connection, and Healing." Join us this afternoon at 4 pm on YouTube or Facebook @IPCBirmingham for a Service of Comfort and Healing led by retired Executive Associate Pastor Lucy Turner and members of the IPC Choir. Programs continue throughout the week. Download a brochure with all the details at [ipc-usa.org/worship/2021-religious-arts-festival](http://ipc-usa.org/worship/2021-religious-arts-festival) or check your mailbox. All programs are offered online so please invite family and friends near and far to join in. Limited in-person attendance is available for the Duo Guitar Concert at 7 pm on Friday, February 5, and the Chamber Music Concert at 4 pm on Sunday, February 7. Sign up for reservations at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL BANQUET: 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](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). Pick-up is 4:30-5:30 pm at the church on Thursday afternoon. Each meal costs \$15. **Today is the last day to make reservations for the banquet-in-a-box.** 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](mailto:rfairless@ipc-usa.org) or 205.933.3700.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

IPC FOUNDATION'S "COFFEE AND LEARN" will be held February 10 via Zoom at 10 am. Grab a cup of coffee and join us. UWCA VP Randy Betsch will provide overview of how the organization is currently meeting the needs of our community with rapid response throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Visit [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) to RSVP by Feb. 9.

2021 LENTEN GRACE GROUPS: New groups are forming to study *Sermon on the Mount* by Amy-Jill Levine for 6 weeks Feb. 14 - March 27. Sign up at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) to learn more or find a group for you.

### SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

ANGEL FUND: In memory of Donna Kliner Talbot; Jim Wheeler; Robert Marvin Sellers; David Blair Favrot; Thomas Blankenship Maddox Pankey; Charles Mixson Miller; Wilfred Rupert Bodden, Jr.; and Bernice Teresa Halbur. In honor of Sara Erwin.

FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Mrs Judy Haise.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate. (*Employee Christmas Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Edith G. Bauman; Mr. William F. Edmonds; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr.; and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.; Mr. Charles M. "Charlie" Miller, Sr.; Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr.; and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Charles S. Northen, III.

### BAPTISM TODAY

**HARRY WALKER SULLIVAN**, born July, 27, 2020, son of Anna Sullivan and John Warren Sullivan; brother of Charles Holt Sullivan; grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Carroll H. Sullivan.

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### Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor  
Mrs. Catherine Goudreau, Director of Children and Youth Ministries, CFAF  
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation  
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts  
Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

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