

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.

BEER AND HYMNS: Come to Big Iron City on Monday, November 21, at 7 pm for great food, great drinks, and great fun.

ORDERS FOR CHRISTMAS CITRUS FRUIT will be accepted until Sunday, November 27. All proceeds support the IPC Choir. Fruit order forms are available around the church and from any choir member. You may also order online at ipc-usa.org/connect. The fruit will be available for pickup December 17 and 18 in Highland Hall.

THE IPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S annual Holiday Lunch will be Tuesday, November 29, at 11 am in the Great Hall. Our speaker will be Mark Thompson, co-owner of Shoppe and General on Clairmont Avenue. Single tickets are \$25, or purchase an entire table for \$200. Visit ipc-usa.org to purchase.

WEDNESDAY CHAPEL & LUNCH begins Nov. 30. Throughout the Advent Season, join us each Wednesday for a noonday Chapel Service followed by a light lunch in the Great Hall. Register and pay for your lunch at ipc-usa.org/connect.

REGISTER FOR ADVENT WORKSHOP on Saturday, December 3, in Highland Hall. Come and go as you need anytime 9 am to 12 pm, and enjoy crafts, holiday movies, and fellowship. Christmas pajamas are welcome. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 28 GREENERY SALE: Troop 28 is partnering with Mickman Brothers. Find wreaths, centerpieces, and more online at giftitforward.com. Enter the Troop Fundraising Code: TROOPBAL101 and the Referring Name: TROOP 28 in the big green box on the webpage where prompted. Place your order, and your items will be delivered directly to you with free shipping. Orders can be placed until Dec. 9. For questions, please contact Matt Lyons at (612) 670-8494.

FIRST LIGHT: Provide and serve dinner December 10. To help, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

THE 73RD ANNUAL IPC HOLIDAY HOUSE TOUR will be Saturday, Dec. 10. Celebrate Christmas with the release of our virtual home tour. You are also invited to experience an afternoon Christmas Tea in the Great Hall and tour the festively decorated Sanctuary and Parlor. Tickets can be purchased now at ipcholidayhouse.com.

ADVENT FLOWERS: Honor loved ones by making an Advent flower donation. Your contribution provides for fresh flowers and greenery throughout the church during Advent and Christmas. Look for envelopes in The Window, or donate online at ipc-usa.org/connect. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas Eve bulletin. The deadline for submission is Sunday, Dec. 11.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Worship Leader
Steel Guitar
Trumpet
Violin
Sound

Cover: The East Window from St. Denys Church, England.

“The east window is by Christopher Whall from 1897. The window depicts the central figure of Christ holding the globe of world in which are marked the seven stars, the churches. He is surrounded by Angels. The left-hand light depicts the Redeemer, followed by the Good Shepherd (in pink), the Lamb of God (under Christ), fourth The Judge, and finally the Conqueror of Sin and Death. In the background are Saints and Angels. Depicted in the bottom part of the window is the ram caught in the thicket and the lost sheep. Also shown are the sheep and goats, and the slain Dragon. The tracery depicts the Heavenly City from the Revelation. The window contains rich colours, including bright 'gold pink'.

Whall, a leading figure in the Arts and Crafts movement, entreated us to like the window, and, referring to typical Victorian Stained Glass, quoted, 'I know that in these days we are so cloyed with the even richness of plum pudding, laid on with a trowel with which the trade has spoilt our mental digestions that this is a thing which requires some pleading for.'”

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THE TABLE

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NOVEMBER 20, 2022

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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:

Heavenly Father,
Open my eyes
to see as you see and weep as you weep
Open my heart
to love the broken and care for those without hope
Open my hands
to hold what I have lightly and to share cheerfully
Open my mouth
to speak for the voiceless and to shout for mercy
Open my ears
to the gentle whispers of your Spirit and to obey what you say
Open up my life
to the call of your voice and the needy cries of the dying
Amen

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the Season after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the color green which represents new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God;

People: a great ruler over heaven and earth! Psalm 95

Gathering Songs

Blessed Be Your Name

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations: We confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

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 25:31-46

Testimony: Theodore Longlois

RESPONDING

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

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.

Offertory

This Is How I Thank the Lord

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: Only Grace

- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

I Saw the Light

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.