

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

PRELUDE - "Introduction and Menuet" from *Suite Gothique*
Leon Boëllmann

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.

INTROIT - "Blessed be his glorious name for ever" ..George Thalben-Ball

Blessed be his glorious name for ever; and let the whole earth be filled with his glory, Amen, Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Minister: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them your way.

All: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

Minister: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

All: Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who keep your decrees.

Minister: Let us worship the Lord our God! *Psalm 25*

*HYMN 236 - "The Strife Is O'er"..... VICTORY

*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

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, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

* GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 581)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Long

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (*eleven o'clock*)..... Rev. Seamon

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 53:1-6

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

During the singing of this anthem, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.

ANTHEM - Music to be sung by the IPC Choir in France

SECOND LESSON - Matthew 13:54-58; 15:29-31

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON - THERE IS MORE TO JESUS THAN YOU KNOW.....

Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 450 - "Be Thou My Vision"..... SLANE

* APOSTLES' CREEDRev. Self Patrick

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.

COMMISSIONING OF CHIAPAS MISSION TEAM (*eleven o'clock*).....

Rev. Long and Rev. Self Patrick

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* The Offertory Statement

* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....

OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – Music to be sung by the IPC Choir in France

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 248 - "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!" HYMN TO JOY

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Toccatà in D Minor".....Johann Sebastian Bach

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. If you are looking for a church to grow in your faith, you are welcome here at IPC! We invite you to join us at our next IPC WELCOME event to learn more – sign up online at www.ipc-usa.org or email Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org. We look forward to personally meeting you. **PLEASE LET US KNOW YOU WERE HERE** by signing the registers in the pews, then passing them down to others.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Merrill H. Stewart, Sr. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Donald Anthony Waitzman, Lieutenant, U.S. Army Air Corps; B-24 bombardier in the European theatre of operations, WWII; father of Diane Waitzman Beck; grandfather of Mallie Beck Rigs and Maggie Beck.

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.

FOCUS ON FAITH EVENT TODAY: Our Focus on Faith speaker Rev. Dr. Charles A. Wiley, Director for Major Gifts at Columbia Theological Seminary. Rev. Wiley will lecture on “U.S. Immigration and its Effect on Religion” during the 10 am Sunday School hour today in Highland Hall. A lunch with Rev. Wiley in the Great Hall Room 1 will follow the 11 am worship service. Register for lunch at ipc-usa.org/connect.

TABLE COOKOUT TONIGHT: Gather with us today after the 5 pm Table worship service for a supper in the Garage (Highland Hall) at 6 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

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 crew for a great meal and fellowship 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!

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 22: We will honor IPC's sixth graders and acknowledge their transition to Youth Group. The recognition will take place during the 11 am worship service in the Sanctuary on May 22. A luncheon for sixth graders and their families (by reservation) will be held in the Garage following the service.

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. Living River is the Presbyterian Church (USA) camp and retreat center for the Presbytery of Shepards and Lapsley and is separate 501 c3 non-profit organization.

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.



MONTREAT WOMEN'S CONNECTION CONFERENCE: Join us August 12–14 for *Claimed for More: Wholehearted Living When We Are All Out of Sorts* with keynote speaker Sarah Bessey. To register and sign up for housing, please contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org by June 1.

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.

ONGOING RECYCLING: Please bring your clean and dry #5 plastics to the large white sack behind the sanctuary building and help the earth while supporting women survivors of homelessness through Community on the Rise.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Joyce C. Allred; Mrs. Norma W. Echols; Mrs. Mary Ann Hill; Mrs. Mary E. Hodges; Mrs. Sammye S. McLean; Mr. William W. "Bill" Penn, Jr.; Mr. Patrick A. "Pat" Shelby; Mr. Paul D. Walton; and Mrs. Ruth E. Webb. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mr. Paul D. Walton. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

CHIAPAS MEXICO JOURNEY GROUP 2022

Kennon Walthall – Co-Leader
David Seamon – Co-Leader
Allison Seamon
Charlotte Walthall
Helen Walthall
Sheri Robinson
Maggie Robinson
Jim Shepherd

Katherine Shepherd
Lauri Soong
Katie Soong
Carol Smith
Emily Vanlandingham
Sean Vanlandingham
Olivia Vanlandingham
Gavin Vanlandingham

BAPTISM TODAY

MARGARET NAOMI FESSLER, born August 14, 2021, daughter of Margaret Kyle and Kyle Fessler; sister of Robert Dare Fessler; granddaughter of Judy and Bruce Matthews, Susan Morton and Mark Fessler; great-granddaughter of Jean Howells, Arthur Fessler.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
The Rev. Melissa Self Patrick, Director of Community Ministries
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir
Acolytes: (*eight forty-five*) Sarah Elizabeth Cowart,
Richard Hunley Monk IV, Norah Claire Roller
(*eleven o'clock*) Halli Francis Hollingsworth; Jessica Elizabeth Smith;
Reed Thomas Warburton, Jr.

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