

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 checking the appropriate column on the Friendship pad or call Cindy Shaw at the church office, 933-3696. "Like" us on Facebook at IPCBirmingham.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER FOOD DRIVE: Your donation makes a difference! Together, we give out annually over 31,000 food items and 1400 vouchers. Our guests can only afford to pay us in smiles and hugs, and they are generous! Ways to give: collection baskets by most entrances, cash donations via our website at ipc-usa.org/give, and order direct deliveries through Amazon or Shipt.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES continues with the following 4:00 recitals: November 17, Amanda Mole, Rochester, New York; November 24, Todd Wilson, Cleveland, Ohio. All of the recitals are free and open to the public.

TROOP 28 ANNUAL GREENERY SALE: Troop 28 is holding their annual greenery sale that benefits troop activities. Several options are available for purchase. If you would like to order any items via email, please contact jeannemonk@me.com by November 4. Greenery will be delivered to your house by a Scout within a week after Thanksgiving. Thank you for supporting this mission of IPC.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS: Celebrate loved ones by making a Christmas flower contribution in their memory or honor. Their names will be included in the Christmas Eve worship bulletin. Envelopes are enclosed in this bulletin and are also available at the receptionist desk. Contributions must be received by the church receptionist no later than Monday, November 18, to ensure names are printed in the bulletin. Contact: Sandra Putman, sputman@ipc-usa.org, 933-3703.

LIVING RIVER'S OPEN HOUSE/WORK DAY: All are invited to an Open House and/or Work Day at Living River on Saturday, November 23. Gates open at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Sign in at the office. Wear comfortable clothing and close-toed shoes, and bring your lunch, folding chairs, and bug spray. Attendees can hike, fish, play disc golf, tour the buildings, and more. Volunteers, wear old clothes and come prepared to stain decks and work on the small group lodge.

BRING YOUR QUESTIONS ABOUT PCUSA to Highland Hall on Sunday, November 24, at 10:00 a.m. Staff members; elders; and the Executive Presbyter of Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery, Dr. Jay Wilkins, will be present to answer them.

APPLY NOW FOR 2020 MISSION TRIPS! If you're interested in a mission trip next year, please submit an application! Trips include Chiapas over Spring Break and Zambia in August, Chiapas in early June (youth), and the US/Mexico border in October 2020 (young adults). Information about the trips and applications are available online. The deadline for the Spring Break trip is November 30. Contact Brian Lays at blays@ipc-usa.org or Susan Clayton at sclayton@ipc-usa.org for more information.

THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE continues until Sunday, December 1. Fruit order forms are available in the IPC narthex, at the receptionist's desk, or from any choir member. You may also place an order and pay online at <https://ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html>. The fruit will be available for pickup December 14 and 15 in Highland Hall.

TALK WITH THE PREACHER

David is available for conversations by appointment. Please email dseamon@ipc-usa.org or call 205-933-3730 to arrange an appointment.

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Cover: Detail from *The Pharisees and the Saducees Come to Tempt Jesus (Les pharisiens et les saducéens viennent pour tenter Jésus)*, 1886-1894. Opaque watercolor over graphite on gray wove paper. Painted by Jacques Joseph Tissot (James Tissot in English), a French painter who lived 1836-1902. He is best known for painting fashionable women in everyday life in Paris and London, but in his later life, he traveled to the Middle East to incorporate the landscapes and people into his Biblical paintings. In a time when his acquaintances such as Degas, Monet, and other French artists were exploring impressionism, pointillism, and heavy oil washes, Tissot gravitated toward realism both with his "less blurry" depictions and his more geographically accurate elements. If his style looks familiar, his paintings have heavily influenced later art and film, both religious and popular (for example, his depiction of the Ark of the Covenant in a different painting heavily influenced the design of the Ark in *Raiders of the Lost Ark*). Image courtesy of the Brooklyn Museum.



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THE TABLE

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NOVEMBER 10, 2019

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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:

“Christ of every suffering heart, bless our awakening as we begin to discern more and more your presence of life within

*The tortured
The abandoned
The persecuted
The imprisoned
The exploited
The betrayed
The violated
The abused
The silenced.”*

- Peter Millar, member of the Iona Community

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

The Table 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:

Complete the Welcome Register and pass it to the next person.

Join us in the foyer after Worship. Greeters are available who would love to welcome you and answer your questions.

Visit our website: ipc-usa.org/welcome.

GATHERING

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

+Gathering Hymn #698

“Take, O Take Me as I Am”

Welcome

Please pass the hospitality pads at this time.

Call to Worship (responsive)

One: God is our salvation, guiding us out of the darkness of the world.

All: Redeeming God, as trees stretch towards the sun, we seek your healing light.

One: God is our salvation, when we hunger for direction and meaning.

All: Sustaining God, as branches bear fruit, your word feeds our souls.

One: Come now, put down the burdens of your days.

All: God is our salvation. We rest in the garden of God's reconciling love.

+Hymn of Praise #630

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

LISTENING

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

Call to Confession

One: We know that God shows no partiality, but welcomes and redeems. Trusting in God's incredible love and boundless grace, let's confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

One: Gracious God,

All: We call upon you, for you will answer us. We confess that we have transgressed in our speech and have not always avoided the ways of the violent. Our steps have not always held to your paths. Work on us, forgive us, and heal us, dear God. Set us on your ways, embracing us once more in your steadfast love. Amen.

Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.

One: Forgive us, Lord, we pray. Teach us to trust your promise and to believe the good news of salvation:

All: Amen.

Assurance of Grace:

One: Friends, God's grace is fierce. Forgiveness is real. You are loved.

All: And through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

+Gloria Patri

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 20:27-38

Sermon: Hand-Me-Down Theology

RESPONDING

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

Silent Meditation

Invitation to Give and Serve

+At the Presentation: **The Doxology**

The congregation rises row by row as ushers pass to symbolize the offering of our whole selves to God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Dedication

Offertory Hymn #286

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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*)

- Song: *“Come to Me, O Weary Traveler”*

- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

+Hymn of Closing #649

“Amazing Grace”

+Benediction

*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