

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

June 13, 2021

eight forty-five o'clock
eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Thou, who evershadowest our life and sendest Thy purpose through every day, we bow in Thy presence. Grant Thy Spirit that our walk among men may be rightly ordered and that righteousness may take fire and burn with Thy praise. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Sonatine: I Andante - II Adagio"Vincent Persichetti
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.

GREETING Dr. Goyer
Minister: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The truth and all that is in it belongs to God.
People: God has created all things in heaven and on earth.
All: Let us give praise to God and worship his holy name.

INTROIT - "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace"George Thalben-Ball
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 65 - "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"
CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF CONFESSIONMr. Tyler

Unison: O God of mercy, we need your help. We stand proud, too sure about what we want to be true forgetting that you alone are the arbiter of truth. We cover our confusion with pat answers meant to hide our uncertainty. We parade around as those who have found it when in fact it is You who has found us. Forgive us for finding more comfort in your Word than challenge and confrontation. Afflict us with humility and bring the courage of the Holy Spirit. Open in us faith, hope, and love, trusting in the name of the one whose life shows us the way, Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.**

THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us stand and 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)

ANTHEM - "Jesus Christ the Apple Tree".....Colin Mawby

The tree of life my soul has seen, laden with fruit and always green the trees of nature fruitless be compared with Christ the apple tree. His beauty doth all things excel by faith I know, but ne'er can tell the glory which I now can see In Jesus Christ the apple tree. For happiness I long have sought; and pleasure dearly I have bought: I missed of all; but now I see 'tis found in Christ the apple tree. I'm weary with my former toil, here I will sit and rest a while: under the shadow I will be, of Jesus Christ the apple tree. This fruit doth make my soul to thrive, it keeps my dying faith; which makes my soul in haste to be with Jesus Christ the apple tree. *Anonymous*

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Frank Sutherland

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Dr. Goyer

MORNING LESSON - 1 Samuel 15

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN 12 - "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"ST. DENIO

SERMON - THE WILL OF GOD?Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* APOSTLES' CREEDRev. Seamon

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
- * The Prayer of Dedication
 - The Offertory Anthem – "Prayer of Saint Richard of Chichester"..... Malcolm Archer
 - Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which thou hast given us, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for us. O most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother, may we know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly. Amen.

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 53 - "O God, Who Gives Us Life" NOEL
- * CHARGE
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE - "Sonatine: III. Allegro molto" Vincent Persichetti

**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 and Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of United States Senator and Mrs. James Browning; Allen (Maryon Pittman), and Mr. James Bradford Pittman. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Berney Hill Walter, Sr., U.S. Navy stateside WWII; father of Lucy Walter Burr.

MUSIC NOTE: Sonatine for organ pedals alone, was composed in 1940 while Vincent Persichetti was both a student and professor at the Philadelphia Conservatory. It shows influence from the music of Hindemith and Copland. Persichetti later taught for over 40 years at the Juilliard School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

REPRESENTATIVES FROM KIRKWOOD BY THE RIVER, IPC Community Ministries, and Living River will be in the parlor between services handing out cookies and sharing information on the Presbyterian United Ministries Appeal of Birmingham (PMUAB) today. Your generous support and contributions made to PMUAB provide funding for Kirkwood's Life Care Fund, the IPC Social Services Fund, and the Living River Scholarship Fund.

SUMMER AT IPC: Join us each Sunday during summer term (June 6 – Aug. 8) for morning and evening worship services; coffee and fellowship hour; and in-person Sunday School for adults, youth, and children. You can find the full summer schedule online at ipc-usa.org/connect. On Sunday July 4, please note that there will be no Sunday school and only the 11 am worship service.

JOIN US FOR BEER & HYMNS Monday, June 21st, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Iron City Grill, 2208 6th Avenue South. We sing old-times hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages. Just bring yourself and maybe a few friends and the best singing voice you have!

IPC CONNECT is a new ministry of Congregational Care offering opportunities for IPC adults to connect to one another, God, and the wider world for fun, Christian fellowship, and exploration. Join us in June for two exciting events! Come together with fellow IPC friends for sunset cocktails and a light supper on Thursday, June 17, at 6:30 pm. Or purchase tickets to attend Million Dollar Quartet with a private reception at Virginia Samford Theatre on Thursday, June 27, at 7:30 pm. Find details and make reservations at ipc-usa.org/connect. Today is the deadline to sign up for these events. There are registration forms available at a table in the Parlor after worship.

HELP OUR HUNGRY NEIGHBORS. Highlands United Methodist Church is serving those in need in the community by providing toiletries and a sack lunch to each person who comes. IPC is helping Highlands United Methodist Church to provide 50 sacked lunches every Tuesday for the homeless. Sign up to serve in June and July at ipc-usa.org/connect/links.html

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: This Fall, rising 9th and 10th graders are encouraged the participate in Confirmation. Classes start on August 15 and end on November 14th. If your youth is interested in Confirmation, please contact Lea Anne at lhady@ipc-usa.org for registration or more information.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Betty A. Kesmodel. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mrs. Betty A. Kesmodel. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Mr. Howard Williams "Buck" Cater, Jr., and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

“Hunger Never Takes a Summer Vacation”

Get involved and help IPC Community Ministries provide extra support for our vulnerable, food insecure, and temporarily unhoused neighbors:

First Light Shelter for Homeless Women and Children: IPC is providing and serving supper for 30 women and children at First Light, June 20-26. We are in need of volunteers and supper for: Sunday, June 20 (yes, it's Father's Day); Friday, June 25th; and Saturday, June 26th. For more information and to sign up, please visit us at ipc-usa.org/connect (scroll down to "Volunteer Opportunities" and click on "First Light Dinners"). Elise Warren is Chairperson of our Homelessness and Housing Sub-committee, and she will also be glad to assist you with questions. Please call Community Ministries at (205) 933-3725 for more information.

IPC Blessing Boxes: Help us keep our “everyday items” stocked this summer. Our biggest needs: Canned Meats, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Water bottles and Gatorade (individual sizes), Fruit cups, Pop-top Canned fruit and Soups, toothbrushes/paste, deodorant, toilet paper, paper towels, laundry detergent (small), and pet food (small bags & cans for dogs and cats). You may drop donations in the baskets or bring them to the 31st Street entrance.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation

Mr. JD Tyler, Director of Youth Faith Formation

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolytes: (*eight forty-five*) Ernest Hugh Cowart, Jr., Sarah Elizabeth Cowart

(*eleven o'clock*) David Lamar Albright, David Blackburn Dixon,

James Franklin Dixon IV

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