

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 10, 2022

ten o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Be Thou, O God, the presiding presence in my life. Keep the throne.
Lead me. Surround me. Uphold me. Dwell in me. Possess me. Without
Thee, I miss my way, I wander, I faint, I forget the meaning of myself
and of life. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Chant de Paix" (Song of Peace)Jean Langlais
*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.*

CALL TO WORSHIPRev. Clayton

Minister: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach
them your way.
People: **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.
People: **Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those
who keep your decrees.**
Minister: Let us worship the Lord our God! *Psalm 25*

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

*** PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Unison: **O God, we have filled our lives with so much noise that we
can no longer hear your still small voice. We are distracted
because we choose to avoid the truth. We are busy because
we do not pray. We are lost because we do not follow our
Savior Jesus Christ. By your boundless mercy, find us,
forgive us, and bring us home to you. In Jesus' name we
pray. 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, 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

MOMENT FOR MISSION.....Pastor Frederick Ankai-Taylor
Church of the Risen Christ
Vinnitsya, Ukraine

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Psalm 46
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM - "Teach Me, O Lord"Thomas Attwood
Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.
Psalm 119:33

SECOND LESSON - John 12:20-26
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - DYING TO FOLLOW JESUS..... Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

* HYMN 724 - "O Jesus, I Have Promised"ANGEL'S STORY

* 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 – "Eternal Light" Jane Marshall
Eternal light, shine in my heart; eternal hope, lift up my eyes; eternal power, be
my support; eternal wisdom, make me wise. Eternal Life, raise me from death;
eternal brightness, help me see; eternal Spirit, give me breath; eternal Savior,
come to me: Until by your most costly grace, invited by your holy word, at last
I come before your face to know you, my eternal God.
Christopher Idle, from a prayer of Alcuin

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 749 - "Come! Live in the Light!" WE ARE CALLED

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "Trumpet Tune"Johann K. F. Fischer

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! We are so thankful that you have joined us today for Worship Services. 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 meeting you.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Noojin Walthall. **THE ROSE** in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth on June 23, 2022, of James Mark Adams III, son of Maeve and Mark Adams; grandson of Cass and Mark Adams. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of 1st Lt. Samuel J. Fisher, Jr., Pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps; July 8, 1944, over France.

VIRTUAL BOOK REVIEW: Please join us for the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley's virtual book review on *Gather at the Table* by Thomas DeWolf and Sharon Morgan. The Anti-Racism Committee of the Presbytery will conduct four book review sessions via Zoom beginning Thursday, July 14, at 6 pm. The book is divided into 4 sections with a section being discussed at each meeting scheduled on July 14, July 28, Aug. 11, and Aug. 15. Visit ipc-usa.org to register and join the Zoom meeting.

GLEAN WITH IPC at Pepper Place Farmer's Market on Saturday, July 16, 11am - 1pm. Sign-up online at ipc-usa.org/connect. It's easy, fun, and a great way to help our food-insecure neighbors. Last week's IPC volunteers loaded a large pick-up truck bed full of fresh produce donated by local farmers and took it to the Firehouse Shelter where they turned it into delicious meals for their guests who are homeless.

2022 YOUTH GRANT TEAM: All interested rising juniors and seniors who attend IPC are encouraged to participate in the life of the church through the Youth Grant Team (YGT). Spots for the YGT are limited, and students will be selected based on their application (apply by July 17), level of commitment and availability, as well as their involvement in the student ministry and other ministries of IPC. Visit ipc-usa.org/connect to learn more about YGT and how to apply!

BEER & HYMNS: Join us Monday, July 18th, at 7 pm at Iron City Grill (2208 6th Avenue South). We sing old-timey hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages. Bring yourself, a few friends, and the best singing voice you have to join members of IPC and the community.

LUNCH & LEARN: Come for lunch on Tuesday, July 19, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, in the Great Hall dining room to learn more about ALIRP. Lynda Wilson, President of the Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership (ALIRP), will present the mission and current initiatives of the ALIRP. The ALIRP is a non-profit 501c3 charitable organization with a mission of supporting refugees and asylum-seekers locally and globally through direct assistance, advocacy, and education. The organization currently provides direct support to 20 asylum-seeking families comprised of 61 individuals and has more than 70 active volunteers and two paid staff members, who are AmeriCorps/VISTA Service Members. The ALIRP has received generous support from the IPC Foundation and welcomes IPC members as volunteers. Register for lunch (\$10) at ipc-usa.org/connect.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

FOOD FOR IPC MINISTRIES: Help us continue refilling our Blessing Boxes, Weekend Buddy Bags, and Food Pantry this summer. Items can be dropped off or sent via delivery service Monday-Friday, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm, to IPC Community Ministries' entrance on 31st Street South beside the covered walkway. Call (205) 933-3726 to let us know when you'll arrive, and we will meet you or your delivery service at the entrance. You can also give designated financial contributions which enable us to maximize our support for vulnerable families. For food and hygiene items, please pick up a pew card to see our current needs (emphasis on single bottles or powder packets of Gatorade/Powerade because it's so darn hot!). We also have an updated Amazon wishlist at ipc-usa.org/connect, or for a direct web address, use <https://qrco.de/IPCwishlist>. For questions, contact Sarah Scruggs at sscruggs@ipc-usa.org or (205) 933-3725.

SAVE THE DATE for the Ukrainian Freedom Festival on August 20th, 2 pm – 4 pm, in Highland Hall. IPC will host this event in collaboration with Birmingham Ukrainian community members, Scotty Colson (Alabama's Honorary Consul for Ukraine), Inspiritus (State of Alabama's official Ukrainian Refugee Resettlement partner organization), Alabama Interfaith Refugee Partnership, U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, and Sister Cities. Members of the Alabama Symphony along with local Ukrainian musicians will provide entertainment. Other features include traditional Ukrainian food tastings and special guests including a Zoom with Pastor Fred Ankai-Taylor of Church of the Risen Christ in Vinnytsia and members of the Ukrainian Embassy and Rada (Parliament). The event is free and open to the public. Donations are encouraged to support local efforts as well as Pastor Fred's church. More information on giving donations is coming soon.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

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

Mr. Gregory Roberson, Guest Organist and Member of the IPC Choir

Members of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolyte: Heidi Dale Hollingsworth

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