

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 21, 2021

eleven o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

The pews marked "Reserved" are available for seating. Please follow the blue tape designations in each pew as much as possible. Thank you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Teach me, my Father, the ministry of gratitude. May I remember to be glad. Help me to brighten my life and lighten my load by praise. May repining for what I have not be lost in rejoicing for what I have. Give me a song to drive away my sigh.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - "For Me to Live Is Jesus" Johann Pachelbel
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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dr. Goyer

* SILENT PROCESSION

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Minister: Jesus, Light of the world,
All: Give us eyes to see as you see!
Minister: Once we lived in darkness, but now
All: As children of light, we are called to what is good and right and true.
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Inspired by John 9

* HYMN - "Lord of All Hopefulness" SLANE

1. Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy, whose
2. Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith, whose
3. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all grace, your
4. Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm, whose

trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy: be
strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe: be
hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace: be
voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm: be

there at our wak - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our la - bors and give us, we pray, your
there at our hom - ing and give us, we pray, your
there at our sleep - ing and give us, we pray, your

bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: **Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace. You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness, we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We do not listen to your word. We are lifeless when we ought to dance, and speechless when we ought to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow your holy way. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISMRev. Clayton

ANTHEM - "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" ..William Bradley Roberts
Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need thy tender care: in thy pleasant pastures feed us: for our use thy folds prepare. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast bought us, thine we are. Early let us seek thy favor, early let us learn thy will: do thou, Lord, our only Savior, with thy love our bosoms fill. Blessed Jesus! Blessed Jesus! Thou hast loved us: love us still. *Dorothy Ann Thrupp*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Matthew 6:19-34

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - THE DOS AND DON'TS OF DISCIPLESHIP...Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGSRev. Clayton
Please continue to remember to support the church. Even during this time when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online by clicking [here](#), by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.

* The Offertory Statement

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

OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind"

Felix Mendelssohn

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then the lame shall leap as a deer, and the mute shall sing songs of joy. All the ransomed of the Lord shall return, coming to Zion with singing. Everlasting joy upon them, sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Rise! Rise and shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has arisen upon you. And nations shall come to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Adapted from Isaiah 35:5, 6, 10; 60:1, 3

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 679 - "Let the Whole Creation Cry" SALZBURG



1 Let the whole cre - a - tion cry, "Glo - ry to the Lord on high."
2 Men and wom - en, young and old, raise the an - them loud and bold;



Heaven and earth, a - wake and sing, "Praise to our al - might-y King."
join with chil-dren's songs of praise; wor-ship God through length of days.



Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove, ev - er bright and fair in love;
From the north to south-ern pole let the might - y cho - rus roll:



sun and moon, up - lift your voice; night and stars, in God re - joice!
"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One, glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

* CHARGE

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE - "O how blessed are you, the righteous"Johannes Brahms

* *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 Dr. and Mrs. Paul S. Woodall. THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Henderson Lanier, Lieutenant, U.S. Army, WWII; father of Barney Lanier and Martha Grizzle.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION immediately after worship next Sunday, March 28, for the purpose of ratifying a Pastor Nominating Committee to initiate calling David Seamon as a PCUSA Pastor of Independent Presbyterian Church.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT: We rejoice in the birth on March 17, 2021, of Dorothy Palma Sorabella, daughter of Katie Sorabella and Rob Sorabella, sister of Madeline Sorabella and Julie Sorabella.

“ASK THE PASTOR” SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES has been added for the Winter Term. Join us at 10 am each Sunday to connect and reacquaint with your community of Faith, share prayer concerns, and ask questions of IPC's pastors. Register online at ipc-usa.org > connect to receive class reminders, or find a link to the Zoom class each week in our Sunday morning email.

CELEBRATE THE SEASON of Lent and Easter at IPC. Visit ipc-usa.org to find virtual and in-person opportunities to worship more fully during Holy Week including: Palm Sunday, March 28, at 11 am and 5 pm; Maundy Thursday, April 1, at 7 pm; Good Friday, April 2, at noon; and Easter Sunday, April 4, at 7 am, 9 am, 11 am, and 5 pm. All services are available in-person; reservations are required. The 5 pm services are held in Highland Hall and all others in the sanctuary. Livestream is available for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and all 11 am services. To find our services via livestream, search @IPCBirmingham on YouTube and Facebook.

REGISTRATION FOR VBS AND BTMP is now open for members. Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held May 17-20 in the Day School classrooms for ages: 2s, 3s, 4s, and 5s. Bibletimes Marketplace (BTMP) will be held June 7-11 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm for children who have completed K5-5th grade. Completed 6-12th graders are eligible to be Tribal Assistants. Registration forms are available at ipc-usa.org > connect.

EASTER EGG HUNT: We invite friends and families to our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3, at Highland Hall from 9 -11 am. Make a reservation at ipc-usa.org/connect to enjoy a fun morning of egg hunts, Atrium work, Bunny Brunch, and Easter Bunny photos.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

OBSERVE THE SEDER TRADITION from home this year using IPC's Seder Kit. The Passover meal, or Seder, is one of the most important celebrations in the Jewish faith. Join us as we explore what this traditional celebration means to our Christianity. Reserve dinner and/or a kit to pick up curbside at ipc.usa-org/connect.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

ANGEL FUND: In memory of Helen Normann Bolvig.

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Judy Haise.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Helen Normann Bolvig.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Helen N. Bolvig; Mrs. Marian T. Loris; and Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Mr. James W. "Jimmy" Shepherd, Sr. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr., and Mr. Robert G. "Bob" Tate.

SOCIAL SERVICES: In memory of Helen Normann Bolvig and Judy Haise.

BAPTISM TODAY

WILLIAM BURR WEATHERLY III, born September 22, 2020, son of Mallory Weatherly and Burr Weatherly; grandson of Leslie Lane and Chris Lane, Carroll Magro and Dave Magro, and Sid Weatherly and Burr Weatherly; great-grandson of Mary Anne Weatherly and Bob Weatherly.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Interim Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Adult & Comm. Ministries
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Faith Formation
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
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