

## 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 contacting Stacy Pulliam at the church office, 933-3731. "Like" us on Facebook at IPCBirmingham.

**LENTEN CHAPEL AND LUNCH:** Join us for a noontime Chapel service followed by a light lunch in the Great Hall every Wednesday through April 5. Make reservations by noon each Tuesday at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

**BEER AND HYMNS:** Come to Iron City Grill (2208 6th Ave S) tomorrow on Monday, March 20, at 7 pm for great food, great drinks, and great fun.

**HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES** with an Easter Memorial donation. Your contribution provides lilies and greenery for the Sanctuary and Highland Hall for IPC's Easter services. To ensure the names of your loved ones are included in the Easter bulletin, please visit us online at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) or pick up an envelope from the Window or at the receptionist desk. **The deadline is tomorrow on Monday, March 20.**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL/BIBLETIMES MARKETPLACE:** Registration is now open to IPC members. VBS is May 22-25 at IPC for completed 2's-5K. BTMP is June 6-10 at the Children's Fresh Air Farm for completed K-5th. Youth (completed 6th-12th grade) can sign up to be a Tribal Assistant. Find more details and register at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org).

**LUNCH BUNCH** will meet Tuesday, March 28, for a great meal and fellowship at Bistro V (521 Montgomery Hwy, Vestavia Hills 35216). We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 am. This is a self-pay event, but please register at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect) so that we have an accurate headcount.

**JOIN THE GUILD:** "Many hands make light work." The IPC Guild is an energetic group of 70 women who work together behind the scenes to care for the sanctuary and prepare for worship and sacred services. Members serve on two Guild committees of their preference each year and must attend a minimum of four monthly meetings held on the second Monday of the month. Guild membership is a fulfilling/rewarding experience working for the glory of God and serving the church in a very meaningful way. Pick up a Guild Interest form near the elevator and return it by March 31st. You may also find and submit the form on line at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect).

## CONNECT WITH IPC'S PASTORAL & PROGRAM STAFF

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**Sarah Mason**  
**Randell Cooper**  
**Elliott Gray**  
**Tommy Bowen**  
**Fred Rogan**  
**Em Wooley**  
**Spencer Cobbs**  
**Laura Donovan**  
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Sermon  
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Sermon, Communion Assistant  
Pastor  
Youth Intern  
Worship Leader  
Bass  
Drums  
Horns  
Steel Guitar  
Vocals  
Worship Leader  
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Worship Leader, Communion Assistant  
Moment for Mission  
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# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



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This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

MARCH 19, 2023

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT  
YOUTH SUNDAY

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## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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Open · Affirming · Welcoming  
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:

*O God, make life a happy pilgrimage for us. May we not be afraid  
to rejoice. Crown us with the laughter of little children.*

*from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds*

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## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Lent as signified by the color purple, which symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

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## IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

**E-mail or call us:** We would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. Please reach out to us by contacting Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

**Visit our website:** [ipc-usa.org/welcome](http://ipc-usa.org/welcome)

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## GATHERING

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

### *Prelude*

### *Welcome*

**Moment for Mission: Youth Grant Team**.....Logan Woodall

**Call to Worship**.....Spencer Cobbs

Leader: Praise the Lord.

People: **Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.**

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts. Praise him, sun and moon;

People: **I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.**

*Psalm 148 and Psalm 18*

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### *Gathering Songs*

*“Rising Sun”*

*“Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”*

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## LISTENING

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

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**.....Andrew Grover

O Lord, we confess that we often find ourselves drifting away from your presence in our lives. As we wander from your Word, we cling to our jealous tendencies, turning towards stereotypes and worldly judgments. We acknowledge that we have idols that put our wants before you. Forgive us when we stray, and remind us of your abundant mercies. Help us to hear your call for unity in our daily lives. Lead us to create connections with others through you, and help us find your loving light through others. Amen..

*Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.*

**Declaration of Pardon**.....Laura Donovan

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### *Peace*

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

All: **And also with you.**

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

*Please exchange the peace with the words,  
“The peace of Christ be with you.”*

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### *Confessional Response*

*“Gloria Patri”*

**Prayer for Illumination**.....Jessica Long

**Scripture Lessons: Philippians 2:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 5:9-18**.....  
Gavin Vanlandingham

**Sermon: Called to Connect**.....

Richard Monk, Charlotte Walthall, Ryan Scholl

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## RESPONDING

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

### *Hymn*

*“King of Kings”*

**Sharing of Gifts**.....Olivia Vanlandingham

*In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty.*

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### *Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper*

- Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer.....

Murphy Peterson

**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.**

- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Song: *“Reckless Love”*
- Prayer after Communion

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## SENDING

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

### *Closing Hymn*

*“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”*

### *Benediction*

### *Postlude*

*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.*