

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



Easter Day 2021



An Easter Welcome

We welcome members and visitors to this celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. As we worship with joy and thanksgiving, may we sense the presence of the risen Christ and the transformational power of the Holy Spirit. If you are visiting with us, we hope you will return again soon and find in this church family a spiritual home and refuge. Our good news and proclamation today and always is: Jesus Christ is risen and he is Lord!

Celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
(seven, nine, and eleven o'clock)

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy One, you come to us with power beyond all knowing. You lift all things out of the dust, you breathe love into every cell, you call us into communion with you, and you claim victory over death. Prepare my heart to sing your praises. Strengthen my will to follow you. Amen.

PRELUDE

"My Spirit Be Joyful"Johann Sebastian Bach
The service of worship begins with the prelude. Through the power and brilliance of the music may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quiet, his peace.

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Rev. Clayton

Minister: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Minister: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

* HYMN - "Jesus Christ is Risen Today".....EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heavenly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as God's love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Lyra Davidica and Charles Wesley

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: God of birth, God of joy, God of life, we come to you as a people hungry for good news. We have been so dead to miracles that we have missed the world’s rebirth. We have preoccupied ourselves with pleasure and have overlooked the joy you offer us. We have been so concerned with making a living that we have missed the Life you set among us. Forgive us, gracious God. Open our eyes and our hearts to receive your gift; open our lips and our hands to share it with all humanity, in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON *(All Singing)*

**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.

* GLORIA PATRI

WELCOME.....Dr. Goyer

ANTHEM - "Salvation Is Created" Pavel Tschesnokoff
Salvation is created in midst of the earth, O God, O our God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

* HYMN - "The Strife Is O'er".....LANCASHIRE

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!

The powers of death have done their worst
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days are quickly sped;
Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee,
From death's dread sting thy servants free,
That we may live, and sing to thee: Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Latin hymn, trans. Francis Pott

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATIONDr. Goyer

MORNING LESSON - John 20:1-18

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - EASTER WITNESS.....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 Old Hundredth Psalm Tune..... Ralph Vaughan Williams

(People and Choir)

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.

The Lord ye know, is God indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

(Choir)

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

(People and Choir)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

W. Kethe

- * The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem - "Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem"
Charles Villiers Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ, The Paschal victory
to hymn, In strains of holy joy. For Judah's Lion bursts His chains, crushing the
serpent's head; And cries aloud through death's domains To wake the imprisoned
dead. Devouring depths of hell their prey At His command restore; His ransom'd
hosts pursue their way Where Jerusalem goes before. Triumphant in His Glory
now To Him all pow'r is giv'n; To Him in one communion bow All saints in
earth and heav'n. His soldiers praise our King, His mercy we implore, Within
His palace bright to bring And keep us evermore. All glory to the Father be, All
glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee While endless ages run.
Alleluia. Amen.

Latin Hymn, St. Fulbert of Chartres

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER..... Dr. Wilkins

The Sending

* HYMN - "The Day of Resurrection!"LANCASHIRE

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil, that we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
And listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All Hail!" and hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful; let earth its song begin;
The round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.

John of Damascus

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE - "Hallelujah" George Frideric Handel
Hallelujah: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. The kingdom of this world is
become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and
ever. King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. *Revelation 19:6, 11:15, 19:16*

* POSTLUDE - "Finale from *Symphonie No. 1*" Louis Vierne

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S VISITORS! We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information on the Worship Register. We hope you will visit the Welcome Table in the outside cloister after the service, where our Welcome Team is eager to meet you over refreshments and share more information about life at IPC and church membership. Contact Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all past and present military personnel.

THE TRUMPET MUSIC for today's Easter services has been funded by a gift to the Music and Fine Arts Department to the Glory of God and in loving memory of O. Z. Hall.

AT THE CONCLUSION of the 7 and 9 o'clock services, the congregation is requested to leave promptly to facilitate preparation for the next service.

THERE ARE NO CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES today for adults, youth, or children.

† Easter Lily Memorials - 2021 †

THE LILIES with which the church is made beautiful today are, as they stand, symbols of the immortal life. As these flowers have sunk from sight and then at the bidding of their inner life sprung again into beauty and fragrance, so we believe the souls of men survive the winter of death and live once again. (*Written by Dr. Henry M. Edmonds, 1938.*) Below are names of some of our loved ones for whom the lilies were given to the glory of God and in loving memory.

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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

The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care

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

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. Brad Sargent and Dr. James Zingara, Trumpets

Mr. Gregory Gumina, Timpani

Acolytes: (7:00 a.m.) Carey Stabler Hereford

(9:00 a.m.) Charlotte Goodner Walthall, Helen Dade Walthall*

(11:00 a.m.) Ernest Hugh Cowart, Jr.*; Sarah Elizabeth Cowart;
James Barritt Spencer*

** Acolyte captains*



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