

## 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.

**YOUR OFFERING IS APPRECIATED.** Offerings may be submitted online, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts!

**THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES** continues with the following 4:00 recitals: November 15, Isabelle Demers, Waco, Texas; November 22, David Enlow, New York, New York. All of the recitals are free. Reservations are required and available at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). Masks and social distancing are required.

**HARVEST FOR HUNGER:** Please help us serve those who are food insecure. Our food drive continues until November 22 (Dedication Day). We need food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers (\$45 each). Bags are available in the Parlor. To arrange drop-off, call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (memo: Harvest for Hunger). Please check our website at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect) for a list of suggested food items. Monetary donations can be made by clicking on "Give Online" (top right corner) and selecting "Food Pantry" in the dropdown menu. Thank you for helping us help our neighbors!

**ADVENT FLOWERS:** Honor loved ones with an Advent flower donation. Look for envelopes in The Window (Oct). An online donation form is now available at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13.

**THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE** continues until Monday, November 30. Place an order online at [www.ipc-usa.org/connect](http://www.ipc-usa.org/connect). You can also donate fruit to the Food Pantry (delivered automatically). Curbside pick-up is December 19 and 20 at Highland Hall. A choir representative will come to your car and help you with your order. Masks and social distancing are required.

**IPC CHOIR RADIO MYSTERY THEATRE:** It was a dark and stormy night. Detectives Les Intelligent and Fred Knott are called to investigate the disappearance of beloved choirmaster and organist Jeff McLelland (cue scream). Is Jeff all right? Do his cute pugs need new homes? What kind of fruit is the choir selling this year? Listen to the first of four episodes of this fictitious film noir on the church podcast <https://ipcusabhm.podbean.com>

## TALK WITH THE PREACHER

David is available for conversations by appointment. Please email [dseamon@ipc-usa.org](mailto:dseamon@ipc-usa.org) or call 205-933-3730 to arrange an appointment.

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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<b>Billy Gant</b>	Guitar/Vocals
<b>Beth Middleton</b>	Vocals
<b>Annie Norris</b>	Vocals
<b>Fred Rogan</b>	Steel Guitar
<b>Jason Westbrook</b>	Sound

Cover: *Burning Bush*, a 2011 photograph by Joe Schumacher of an arrangement of leaves from an *euonymus alatus* plant, commonly called the "burning bush" because of its fall colors. Image courtesy of the Vanderbilt Jean and Alexander Heard Divinity Library.

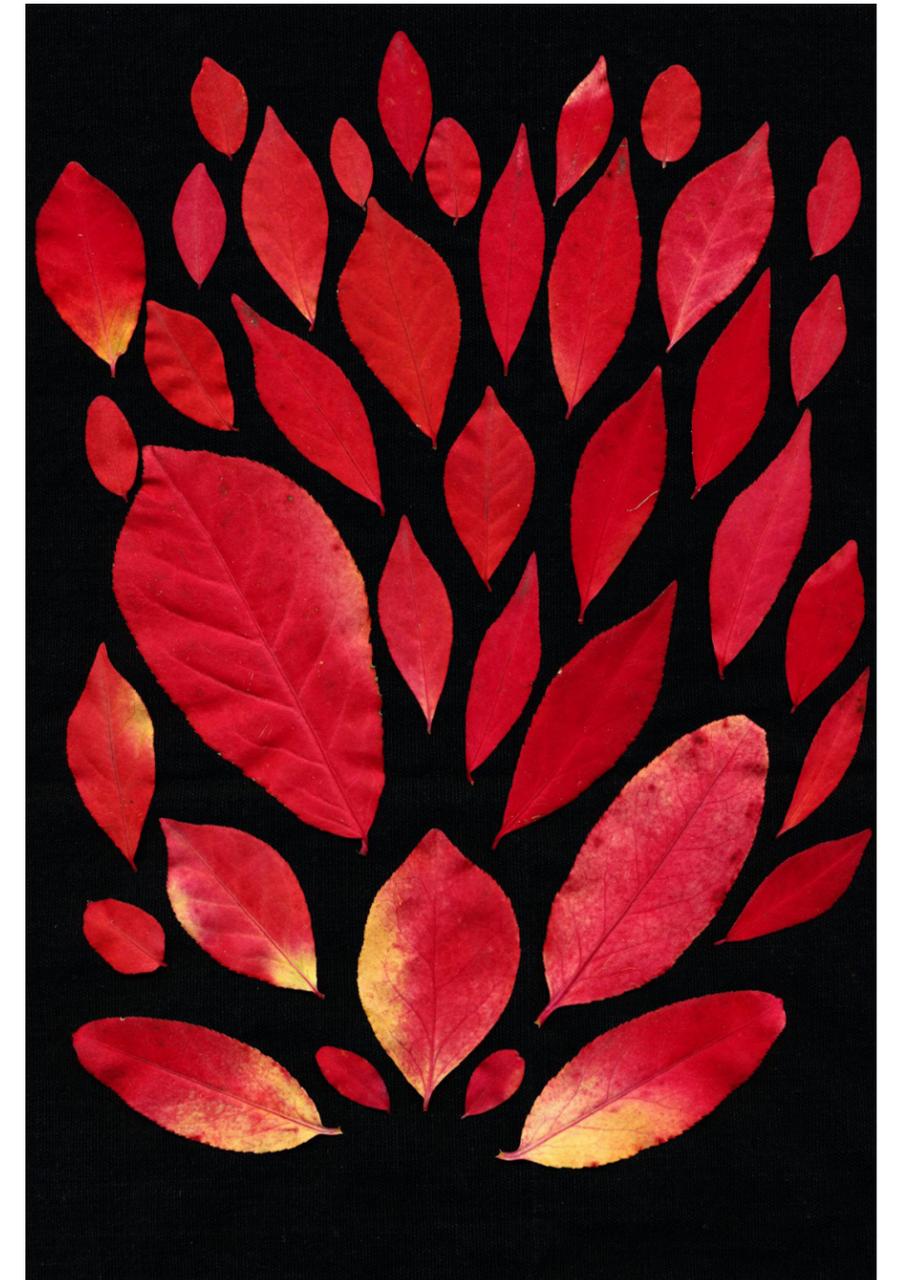


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# THE TABLE

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NOVEMBER 8, 2020

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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## WELCOME TO THE TABLE

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:

*“Make me one, O God, as Thou art one. Put down war in my members. Make me one with the outside world. Fit me in with all the movement of Thy universe. Help me to see our problems and our victories as one--one since Thou art one.”*

~ Dr. Henry Edmonds  
*Beginning the Day*

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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 after Pentecost, also known as Ordinary Time. It is signified by the color green which represents new life and growth. Ordinary Time is observed from Pentecost until the beginning of Advent.

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## IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

**Check-in at the kiosk in the foyer.** One of our deacons would be happy to assist you.

**Join us outside directly after Worship.** Greeters are available who would love to welcome you and answer any questions you might have.

**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

+ **Gathering Hymn #836**

*“Abide with Me”*

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,  
People: **the people whom he has chosen for his heritage.**

Leader: The Lord looks down from heaven; he sees all humankind

People: **From where he sits enthroned he watches all the inhabitants of the earth and observes all their deeds.**

All: **Let your steadfast love, O Lord be upon us, even as we hope in you.**

Leader: Let us worship the Lord. *Psalm 33:12-13; 22*

**Anthem:** *“Your Peace Will Make Us One”*

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## LISTENING

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

**Prayer of Confession (unison)**

O God of Abraham and Sarah, who observed the misery of your people in bondage in Egypt, who heard their cry, saw their oppression, and sent Moses to deliver them into the freedom of faithfulness found in covenant with you, we lift up our hearts in prayer. Where we take for granted your liberation and deliverance, remind us once again of who you are, and whose we are. Where we forget that nations and peoples can only find true freedom in covenant relationship with you, bring us back to follow your way. Where we give ourselves over to the idolatries of politics, entertainment, and emotionalism, turn us back to follow your will that we may come to see that without you we can only wander, lost in the bondage of our own self centered sense of liberty. In Christ's name. Amen.

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

**Assurance of Grace:**

One: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

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

**Passing of the Peace**

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: I invite you to pass the peace by standing by your seat and facing another person. Put both hands together on your heart then extend your open hands to them. You may want to say words like “Peace be with you” or you may just want to do it silently. As the person echoes that gesture back to you, you then bring your hands back to your heart again and slightly bow your head, essentially receiving the gift with gratitude.

+ **Gloria Patri**

**Moment for Mission**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson:** Exodus 3:1-12

**Sermon:** *Built Upon the Covenant*

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## RESPONDING

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

**Apostles' Creed (unison)**

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.

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

- Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer
- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People (*by Intinction*)
- Hymn 65: *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*
- Prayer after Communion

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## SENDING

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

+ **Hymn #542:**

*“God Be With You Till We Meet Again”*

+ **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.*

+ **Rise in Body or Spirit**