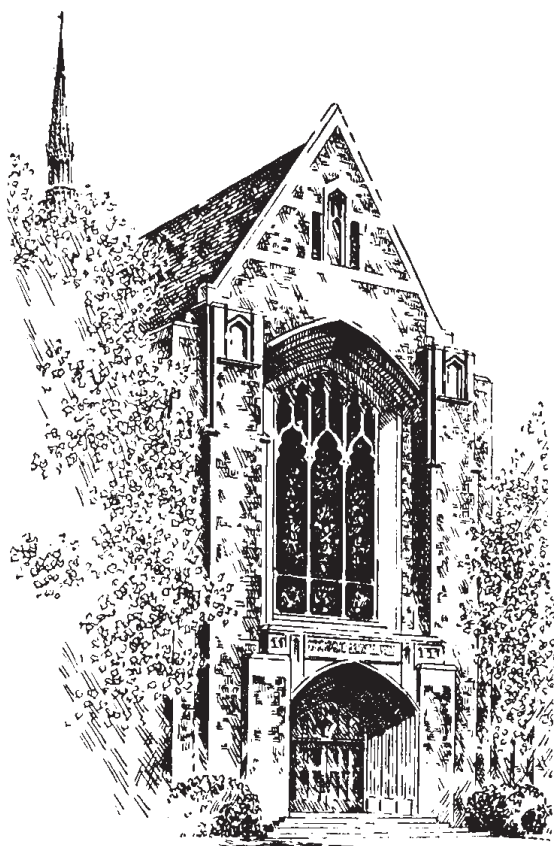


# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Music Dedication Sunday

August 28, 2022

ten o'clock

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O Master, we invite Thee into our homes. We crave Thy gentle rebukes, Thy sweet appreciations. Preside at our meals, sanctify our conversations. Shed glory on the relationships we sustain and on the common duties we perform. Let the glow of Thy face be in all our houses. Amen. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE - "Prelude on *Leoni*" ..... Pamela Decker  
*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.*

INTROIT - "O praise God in his holiness" .....George Thalben-Ball  
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Rev. Seamon  
Minister: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.  
**People: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.**  
Minister: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.  
**People: You have turned my mourning into dancing.**  
Minister: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.  
**People: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**  
*Psalms 30:4-5, 11-12*

\* HYMN 49 - "The God of Abraham Praise" ..... LEONI

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Jesus Christ 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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 51:1-6 (Pew Bible, p. OT681)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

*During the singing of this anthem, children kindergarten age and younger may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the Ground Floor for worship care.*

ANTHEM - "As torrents in summer".....Edward Elgar  
As torrents in summer, Half dried in their channels, Suddenly rise, though the  
Sky is still cloudless, For rain has been falling Far off at their fountains; So  
hearts that are fainting Grow full to o'erflowing, And they that behold it Marvel,  
and know not That God at their fountains, Far off has been raining!  
*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*

SECOND LESSON - Genesis 16:1-11 (Pew Bible, p. OT12)  
Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - MOTHER KNOWS BEST.....Rev. Long

The Response to the Word

\*HYMN 175 - "Seek Ye First" .....LAFFERTY

\*APOSTLES' CREED .....Rev. Clayton  
**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.**

## LITANY FOR THE DEDICATION OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY

Minister: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this congregation to a special ministry to which they are called. *(To the choir)* You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Choirs: I will.

Minister: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Choirs: I will.

Minister: I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Music in this church for the year 2022-2023.

**All: Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\* The Offertory Statement

\* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....  
OLD HUNDREDTH

\* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem – "Love On My Heart" ..... Roland E. Martin  
Love on my heart from heaven fell, Soft as the dew on flow'rs of spring, Sweet as the hidden drops that swell Their honey-throated chalice. Now never from him do I part, Hosanna evermore I cry: I taste his savour in my heart, And bid all praise him as do I. Without him nought-so-ever is, Nor was afore, nor e'er shall be: Nor any other joy than his Wish I for mine to comfort me.

*Robert Bridges*

## 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 475 - "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" .....NETTLETON

\* BENEDICTION..... Rev. Long

\* POSTLUDE - "March" .....Anonymous

\**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](http://www.ipc-usa.org) or email Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto: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 Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell F. Hall, Jr., and Dr. and Mrs. John N. Lukens. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alan Travis Drennen, Jr., Lieutenant, U.S. Army; WWII and Korean Conflict; husband of Rachel Kracke Drennen and father of Alan Travis Drennen III.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY:** On Sunday, Sept. 4, please join us for the 10 am worship service in the Sanctuary with the Lord's Supper. In observance of the holiday, Sunday School classes will not meet, and there will be no 5 pm Table evening worship service. Please note that church offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5.

**IPC RESUMES ITS REGULAR WORSHIP SCHEDULE** on Sunday, September 11. Join us for Sunday School at 10 am, morning worship at 8:45 am or 11 am, and our Table evening worship service at 5 pm.

**THE IPC EVENSONG SERIES** begins today at 4 pm. This service will be led by the IPC Camerata with music spanning the 16th – 21st centuries. Guest musician Lisa Wienhold will be featured in music for flute and organ. Please come and rest in the Heart of God.

**YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY:** All young adults are invited to join this new small group. We meet every Sunday from 3 - 4:30 pm. For more information, please contact Mary Stewart Beasley at [msbeasley6033@gmail.com](mailto:msbeasley6033@gmail.com).

**REGISTER FOR IPC DATE NIGHT** on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm at [ipc-usa.org/connect](http://ipc-usa.org/connect). Date Night is designed to be a nudge for the couples at IPC. A nudge to have a conversation. A nudge to laugh. A nudge to think. A nudge to break out of normal routines. Drop off your kids on the first Wednesday night of the month: (Sept. 7, Oct. 5, and Nov. 2) while you and your partner enjoy a couple of hours together. Older children (grades K5-6th) will enjoy a Kid's Fun Night while younger children (babies-4 years) go to childcare. Cultivated date night kits are provided, or use the time to recharge in any way you need.

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD LEVEL 1 TRAINING:** IPC is hosting a training for Catechesis Level 1 (ages 3-6) starting on September 7. The training involves lessons on scripture, liturgy of the church, child development, and the Montessori method. Training will take place in Room 107 on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:30 pm and a few Saturdays throughout the year and is free for IPC members. Please contact Maegan McRoberts at (205) 933-3743 or [mmicroberts@ipc-usa.org](mailto:mmicroberts@ipc-usa.org) to participate or learn more.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS** *(continued)*

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY VOLUNTEERS:** The house build begins Thursday, Sept. 8, at 8 am for Tonnesha Banks at 873 77th Street South (East Lake community). IPC dates are September 8, 17, and 23 and October 7, 21, and 29. Each volunteer must register at [hfghb.volunteermatrix.com](http://hfghb.volunteermatrix.com). Volunteers must be 14+ years old, and anyone under age 18 must have a parent/guardian signature on the waiver in order to volunteer and/or to operate power tools. For questions, contact Bannon Thorpe at [thorpeb@gmail.com](mailto:thorpeb@gmail.com) or Rev. Melissa Self Patrick at (205) 933-3709.

**DINNERS FOR EIGHT:** Sign up by Sept. 10 to join IPC members for Dinners for Eight. Couples and singles are invited to dine in members' homes three times a year. To register or ask questions, please contact Fairy Sutherland at [fairysutherland@gmail.com](mailto:fairysutherland@gmail.com) or (205) 541-3714.

**BLESSING BOXES VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!** You're invited to volunteer with Community Ministries to help sort and stock items received for IPC Blessing Boxes. The Blessing Boxes are frequently used Monday-Friday by our neighbors who choose from pantry staples and hygiene items. Sign up to stock in the morning or afternoon to keep the boxes supplied with the generous donations from the congregation. E-mail Sarah Scruggs at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org) for the sign-up link.

**WEEKEND BUDDY BAGS:** We need your help to provide 160 Weekend Buddy Bags to the students at Hayes K-8 School! The counselor has requested a higher number of bags as food insecurity continues to grow at Hayes. E-mail Sarah Scruggs at [sscruggs@ipc-usa.org](mailto:sscruggs@ipc-usa.org) to sign your group up to sponsor a month of Weekend Buddy Bags for October, November, or December.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT IPC START** on Sept. 14. All are invited to connect with our Family of Faith. Dinner options prepared by Kim in IPC's kitchen return. Adults can join our new weekly Sabbath class or attend IPC's Bible Study with the Pastor, which has moved to Wednesday nights. Choir meets at 7 pm in the music suite to rehearse. We welcome all Youth (grades 7-12) for Midweek Meetup, and all Children (grades K-6th) can join us for Bible study, crafts, and music. Nursery care is available for preschool and under. Learn more about Wednesday nights at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org).

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### **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

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

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolyte: Richard Hunley Monk IV

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