

# THE UPDATE



INDEPENDENT  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## SEPTEMBER 2019

### CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

- 2 Labor Day. Church offices closed.
- 4 Wednesday Night dinner and classes resume. Dinner 5:15 pm, Great Hall. Classes 6:15- 7:15 pm.
- 5 Weekday classes begin.
- 8 2nd Sunday Supper, 6 pm, Highland Hall.
- 29 Congregational meeting, 12 pm, Sanctuary.  
Evensong, 4 pm, Sanctuary.

### CHILDREN'S EVENTS

- 4 Rehearsals for fall music event (K-12), "Bless the Lord," begin, 5:45 pm, First Floor. **See back.**
- 21 **Fourth Grade Bible retreat, UPDATED TIME 10 am- 4 pm, CFAF.\***
- 22 Fourth Grade Bible presentation, 11 am worship.

Questions? Stacy Pulliam, 933-3690

### YOUTH EVENTS

- 4 Westminster Choir starts, 5:45- 6:15 pm, Choir Room.  
Wednesday Night Topics class begins, 6:15- 7:15 pm, Youth Rooms.
- 8 Small groups kick off, 6- 7:30 pm, Highland Hall.
- 15 Small groups meet in homes, 6- 7:30 pm, Away.
- 22 Small groups meet in homes, 6- 7:30 pm, Away.

Questions? Isaac Toney, 933-3732

### FOR THE ADULTS

- 3 The Social Justice Book Club, 5:30 pm, Clubhouse on Highland.
- 8 **Called Session Meeting, 6:30 pm, UPDATED LOCATION Room 305/306.\***
- 9 Guild, 11 am, Chapel. Luncheon to follow in Great Hall. Cost: \$10 RSVP online or to Alynn LeBerte at aleberte@ipc-usa.org or 933-3711.  
Cancer Support Group, 12 pm, G 39.  
**STAIR begins. Interested in tutoring or providing snacks? Contact Evelyn Puckett, epuckett@stairbirmingham.org or 933-3684. \***

- 16 **Circle V, 10:30 am, UPDATED LOCATION Highland Hall.\***  
Beer & Hymns, 7 pm, The Grill at Iron City.

- 17 Session, 5:30 pm, Room 305/306.

- 19 Habit for Humanity build starts. Contact: Lisa Burton, burton4205@gmail.com. RSVP online.

- 24 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am, Mexico Lindo. RSVP to Connie Logan at clogan@ipc-usa.org or 933-3694.

**Please check the calendar posted at the top of [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) > connect > calendar for ministry team meetings and groups that meet more than once a month.**

**To learn more about groups, go to [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) > connect > groups**

### SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

#### PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL NOURISHMENT ON WEDNESDAYS

Beginning Wednesday, September 4, Wednesday night dinner will be served in the Great Hall from 5:15- 6 pm. Classes will also be offered for the entire family.

Adults can participate in Centering Prayer, Bible Study with Bill Casey, Dr. Carl's Greek reading, MOMs (Ministry of Mothers) on first Wednesdays, The Poetry of Mary Oliver with Stanley Rich, and Strengths and Service. Centering Prayer meets from 5:15- 5:40 pm. Other classes meet from 6:15- 7:15 pm.

Westminster Choir will also meet on Wednesday nights followed by a youth topics class. Children are invited to join the fall music event. Learn more about it on the back. **For class details, go to [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) > learn.**

## HIGHLIGHTS

### WEEKDAY CLASSES

#### Starting September 4

Join a weekday or Wednesday night class. Find your class online at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org)>learn. Brochures also available.

### SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER

#### Sunday, September 8 at 6 pm

We're saving a seat for you! Enjoy dinner in Highland Hall on second Sundays. No RSVPs required. Suggested donation: \$5

### EVENSONG

#### Sunday, September 29, 4 pm

Organ recital with IPC Music & Fine Arts director Dr. Jeff McLelland follows. Childcare available.



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## SAVE THE DATE

### CHILDREN'S FALL CONCERT EVENT

**REHEARSALS WEDNESDAYS, 5:45- 7:15 PM, FIRST FLOOR**  
**PERFORMANCE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, 4 PM**

Lions, tigers, and bears... and so much more! Children and youth (K- 12) have the opportunity to join "Bless the Lord." The children will take on roles of animals, including hedgehogs, badgers and butterflies. Rehearsals begin for Westminster Choir and children on Wednesday, September 4. The performance will be Sunday, October 13 at 4 pm and will include all IPC choirs.

"Benedicite" or "Bless the Lord" is a choir composition by Andrew Carter. It was commissioned for the 1989 Singing Day in Edinburgh by the British Federation of Young Choirs. Carter, an English composer and church musician in York, was inspired by the restoration of roof bosses at York Minster, which depict around 60 images of creatures. The music is written to convey a child-like perspective of the wonders of Creation.



### NEW YOUTH DIRECTOR

#### ISAAC TONEY

Welcome Isaac to IPC! The Athens, Georgia native began his own faith formation at First Presbyterian Church in Athens where he was an active participant in the youth ministry and youth choir. He holds degrees from Centre College, a PC(USA) affiliated college in Kentucky, and a M. Div. from the Candler School of Theology at Emory University.

"I fell in love with youth and the way God was moving in their lives," said Isaac. "Youth ministry is a place for rest and intentional relationships for youth to see and be seen by God and one another."

Isaac is passionate about creating places for youth to ask honest questions and wrestle with the answers. His philosophy of youth ministry involves intentional spaces where youth learn to be leaders, particularly in the worshipping life of the church beyond Youth Sunday.

Interested in also becoming involved in Youth Ministry? Contact Isaac at 933- 3732 or [itoney@ipc-usa.org](mailto:itoney@ipc-usa.org).

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