

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 19, 2025

8:45 am

11:00 am

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O God, Thou presidest over hearts everywhere. Thou rulest in huts and palaces. Plowmen and princes alike are subject unto Thee. We beseech Thee on behalf of kings and presidents and rulers of every degree everywhere. May high station bring them low before Thy face. May they rule as servants of all.
from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE Erik Satie
 "Gymnopédie No. 1"

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 George Thalben-Ball
 "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts"

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth full of thy glory.
 Glory be to thee, O Lord, most high. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Clayton

Minister: Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live. I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

People: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Minister: Who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.

People: The Lord sets the prisoners free and opens the eyes of the blind.

Minister: The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow.

People: The Lord will reign forever. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 299 HANOVER
 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others. We do not love you fully or love one another as you command. In your mercy, find us, forgive us, and cleanse us that we might be made new. 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

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

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

*THE PEACE

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

People: **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."

*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581) GREATOR EX

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Long

MOMENT FOR MISSION Grace House Ministries,
Pamela Phipps, Executive Director

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rev. Clayton

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 4:16-30 (Pew Bible, p. NT47)

Leader: 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 childcare.

ANTHEM John Stainer

“How beautiful upon the mountains”

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Isaiah 52:7

“God so Loved the World”

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 3:16-17

SERMON Rev. Long

“The Inauguration”

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 724 ANGEL’S STORY

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*APOSTLES' CREED..... Rev. 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

To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

- * The Offertory Statement
- * The Doxology (*HYMN 606*)..... OLD HUNDREDTH
 “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

**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.**

- * The Prayer of Dedication
- The Offertory Anthem.....René Clausen
 “Set Me As a Seal” from *A New Creation*

Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm, for love is strong as
strong as death. Many waters cannot quench love; neither can the floods drown it.
Song of Solomon 8:6a, 7a

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 265DUKE STREET
 “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

- *BENEDICTION..... Rev. Long

- *POSTLUDE Robert Wetzler
 “Voluntary on *Westminster Abbey*”

- *CONGREGATION STANDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO IPC! Please join us at the Welcome Table in the Parlor immediately following the service where we can tell you more about our church. We look forward to meeting you! For more information, please contact Stacy Pulliam at spulliam@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of E.T. and Clara Brown. **THE ROSE** in the Children's Chapel is given to the glory of God and in honor of the birth on February 17, 2024, of Roxanna Rose Brown, daughter of E.T. (IV) and Lindsey Brown, and granddaughter of E.T. (III) and Caroline Brown. **THE FLOWERS** in the Children's Chapel are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chelsea Logan Rickman. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Richard Anderson Bowron, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army; Battle of the Bulge, WWII and Korean Conflict; father of Mary Bowron Beasley; grandfather of Mary Stewart Beasley and Virginia Bowron Beasley.

TABLE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BACK AT 5:00 PM: Join us for the Table service in Highland Hall this evening.. Rev. Kevin J. Long will be preaching.

IPC YOUTH: Please offer prayers and well-wishes for a safe journey and a time of warm fellowship for our Youth who are in Gatlinburg, TN, this weekend for their annual retreat. Youth Midweek begins this Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Youth Room (Room 101) to begin preparing for Youth Sunday on March 16.

CHURCH OFFICES will be closed tomorrow on Monday, January 20, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

BEER & HYMNS IS CANCELLED on Monday, January 20. Watch for more details to gather with your IPC friends for our next event at Iron City on Monday, February 17. Thanks for understanding!

SUPPORT PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE'S response to the wildfires in southern California. If you would like to contribute, you can give directly through PDA online at pcusa.org. You can also write a check to IPC with "Wildfire Relief" in the memo line, and we will send it to PDA. You can drop off checks at the church, place them in the offering plate today, or mail to IPC at 3100 Highland Avenue S., Birmingham, AL 35205.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:

- We welcome **Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville**, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He will preach at both morning services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. and teach Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
- IPC celebrates the **Kirkin' o' the Tartans** during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. A bagpiper joins us to celebrate our Scottish and American heritage, and you can bring a tartan item (scarf, shawl, or small blanket) to lay on the front table for the blessing. Those who come in Scottish attire may also participate in a procession; please be ready in the Narthex before the service.
- Join us for **New Officer Ordination and Installation** during the 11:00 a.m. worship service to officially welcome the class of 2027 who will serve as elders and deacons in IPC's congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH IPC:

- We need **Substitute Tutors for our Stair 3.0 program**, helping 3rd-graders at Hayes K-8. Volunteers are needed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m to 4:15 p.m. The second semester begins January 21. For more information, please contact Evelyn Puckett epuckett@ipc-usa.org.
- Join us to serve dinner to women and children staying at **First Light**. You can volunteer with your family or as part of a group to provide meals each night the week of February 9 - 15. Sign up at ipc-usa.org.

54TH ANNUAL RELIGIOUS ARTS FESTIVAL: Make plans to attend our week-long festival January 31 through February 6. “Be Joyful in the Lord: A Celebration of Smiles, Kindness, and Community” will feature Piffaro: the Renaissance Band, a multi-media concert about Smiles, lectures on humor and comedy in Art and application to daily life, and an evening of Improv at the Festival Banquet. See www.ipcmusic.org for more information.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION for Vacation Bible School & Bibletimes Marketplace is open for members. VBS is for our preschool children, ages 2-5 years, and BTMP is for our elementary kids and youth, grades K-12th. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to find the registration links.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION is open for members. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to find the registration link.

2025 ANNUAL GIVING: We are so grateful for those who have given generously to support the mission of Jesus Christ at IPC. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, the time is now to join us in responding to Christ’s call for our church. Find pledge cards at the reception desk, or make an online pledge by texting PLEDGE to (205) 927-3100 and following the prompts.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (Horizon Fund) In memory of Mrs. Ellen “Pinkie” Ashley, Mr. Charles W. Brown, Mr. William F. Edmonds, Mrs. Joan Hamilton, Mrs. Lisa Kidd Hanna, Mrs. Martha McKee, and Mr. Fred C. Rogers. (Patio Fund) In memory of Mr. Bernis C. “Butch” Howard, Jr.

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed
The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach
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