

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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE AT IPC: Worship with us each Sunday, June 2 – August 25:

- 9 am: Adult and Youth Sunday School, Children's Childcare
Adult and Youth Sunday School will combine in the Great Hall to learn about "Crimes and Misdemeanors: Revisiting Some of Scripture's Heroes and Villains" with Dr. Jeff Leonard. Childcare is available for children age 5- rising 6th grade in Room G20 on the Ground Floor.
 - 10 am: Traditional Service (Sanctuary) & Table Service (Highland Hall)
- Please note that there will be no Sunday School or Table Worship on holiday weekends: September 1.

DONATE crayons, colored pencils, coloring books, stickers, and Band-Aids for our IPC global mission journeys. Please bring items to Community Ministries. The next deadline is Monday, August 12, for the Mwandi trip. For questions, contact Nick Mathes at nmathes@ipc-usa.org.

RISING HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS AND SENIORS can apply today for the Youth Grant Team (YGT). During the 12-week course (Wednesday, September 4th - Sunday, November 17), the YGT will research grant applications from non-profit organizations and decide how to distribute the funds. More detailed information is available at ipc-usa.org/connect. Apply by Thursday, August 1.

HEAT WAVE DONATIONS: During the hot weather, help our neighbors by donating water or Gatorade directly to local shelters such as Jimmie Hale Mission (3420 2nd Ave N), One Roof (1515 6th Ave S), or Firehouse (6262nd Ave N). For questions, contact Nick Mathes at nmathes@ipc-usa.org.

UKRAINIAN FREEDOM FESTIVAL: Volunteers are needed Thursday (August 22) at 3 pm - 6 pm to set up the room, Friday (August 23) at 3 pm - 6 pm to decorate and bring in supplies, and Saturday (August 24) at 11 am - 2 pm to finish preparations. The festival is on Saturday at 2 pm - 4 pm. Clean-up is 4 pm - 5:30 pm. Sign up at ipc-usa.org/connect.

LOOKING AHEAD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL: Students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, day school totes, and briefcases to either worship service on Sunday, August 18, for the annual Blessing of the Backpacks. Youth will have their kick-off at Blackjack Farms. Parents can join us for dinner at Clubhouse on Highland on Wednesday, August 21, for a Summer Supper Soirée. Find out more about all of these events and sign up for dinner at ipc-usa.org/connect.

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Chaplain, Kirkwood by the River
Worship Leader
Acoustic Guitar
Bass Guitar
Electric Guitar
Horns
Lights
Sound

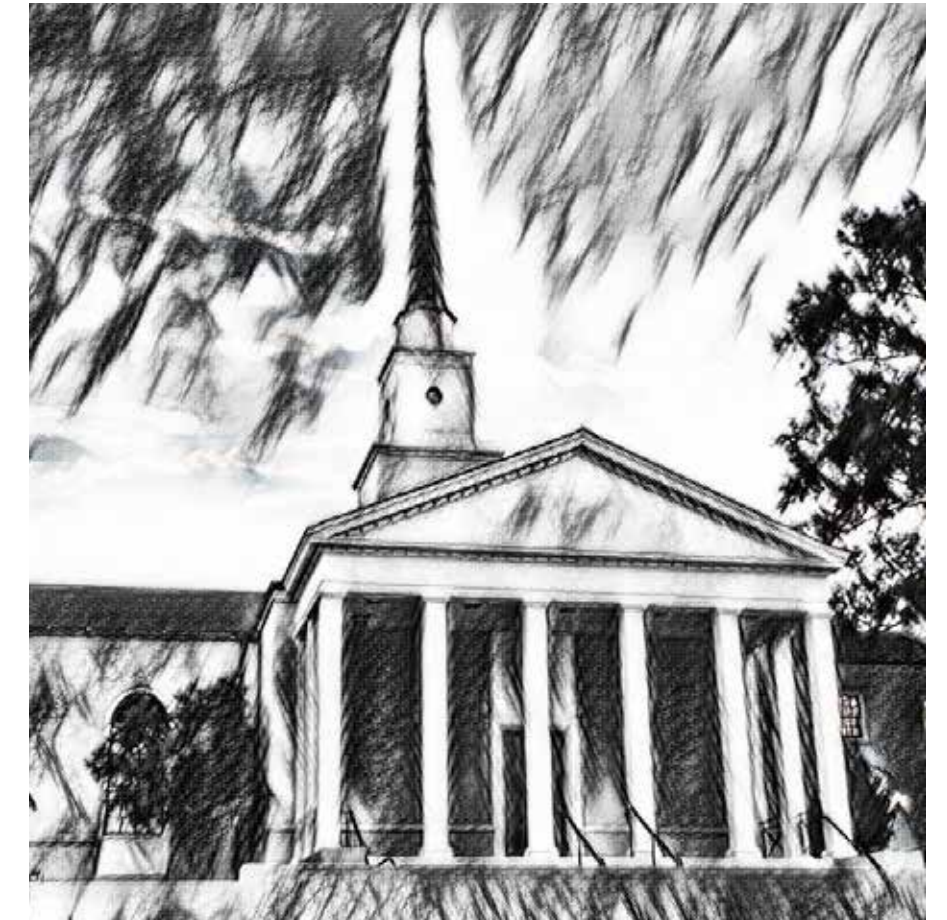


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THE TABLE

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JULY 28, 2024

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

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:

O God, free me from the dangers of trying to make myself what I ought to be. Deliver me from the artificiality and the anxiety of imitating Thee or following Thy instruction. Do Thou grow up in me, and may my words and acts and attitudes flow naturally from a life which is hid with Christ in God. Amen.

from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds

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.

IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST VISIT:

E-mail or call us: We would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. Please reach out to us by contacting Stacy Pulliam at 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

Visit our website: ipc-usa.org/welcome

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the foyer table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark L. Miller.

GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: O sing to the Lord a new song;
People: **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**
Leader: Sing, and give praise to God's name;
People: **tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.**
All: **Come! Let us worship the Lord with heart and voice!**

Gathering Songs

"His Mercy Is More"
"Living Waters"

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

Peace

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

Confessional Response

"Gloria Patri"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: I Peter 1:1-9

Sermon: I Have a Question: Can I Truly Forgive Someone?

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

"Will You Come and Follow Me"

Sharing of Gifts

In gratitude for the love and grace extended to us by God, we share our resources to support ministries of justice, mercy, and beauty. To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

- Prayers of the People and 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.

- Words of Institution
- Communion of the People
- Song: *"Lovely Needy People"*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

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.*