

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 spulliam@ipc-usa.org. "Like" us on Facebook at @PCBirmingham.

HOME ON HIGHLAND SUNDAY is TODAY, September 8. Join us to celebrate our family of faith and the home we share at IPC. At the conclusion of this service, you are invited to stay in Highland Hall for a church-wide lunch with storytelling. There is no cost for our guests and members can pay at the door.

GET READY FOR AN EXCITING FALL line-up at IPC. Sunday school classes start today and weekday programming is back. Visit ipc-usa.org to learn more or see our flyers in the Parlor. We hope you will find ways to connect with your IPC family and deepen your faith this season.

JOIN A GRACE GROUP this fall to grow in faith and fellowship October 13 through November 23. Each group will study *Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of Christian Faith* by Timothy Keller. Registration is now open. Registration is now open at ipc-usa.org or you can complete a form available today in church information areas.

DINNERS FOR EIGHT: Sign up to host or attend dinners twice a year in members' homes, restaurants, or anywhere else you can make a "table." Couples, singles, and members of all ages are invited to register before September 15. You can reach out to Fairy Sutherland at fairysutherland@gmail.com to sign up or inquire.

ORDER YOUR IPC YOUTH COOKBOOK filled with cherished recipes generously shared by members of our congregation. In-person sales and pick up continue in the Parlor through September 15. Proceeds help support scholarships for IPC Youth trips and retreats. For questions, contact Grace Daniels at gdaniels@ipc-usa.org.

SERVE AT FIRST LIGHT: Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light the week of September 15-21. Sign up under the Serve tab at ipc-usa.org.

JOIN THIS YEAR'S HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: We are helping build a home in Bessemer for the Baylor family alongside Birmingham-area churches in the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley. At least 15 IPC volunteers are needed on September 21 and November 16. Sign up under the Serve tab at ipc-usa.org. For questions, email Bannon Thorpe at thorpeb@gmail.com; or Melissa Patrick.

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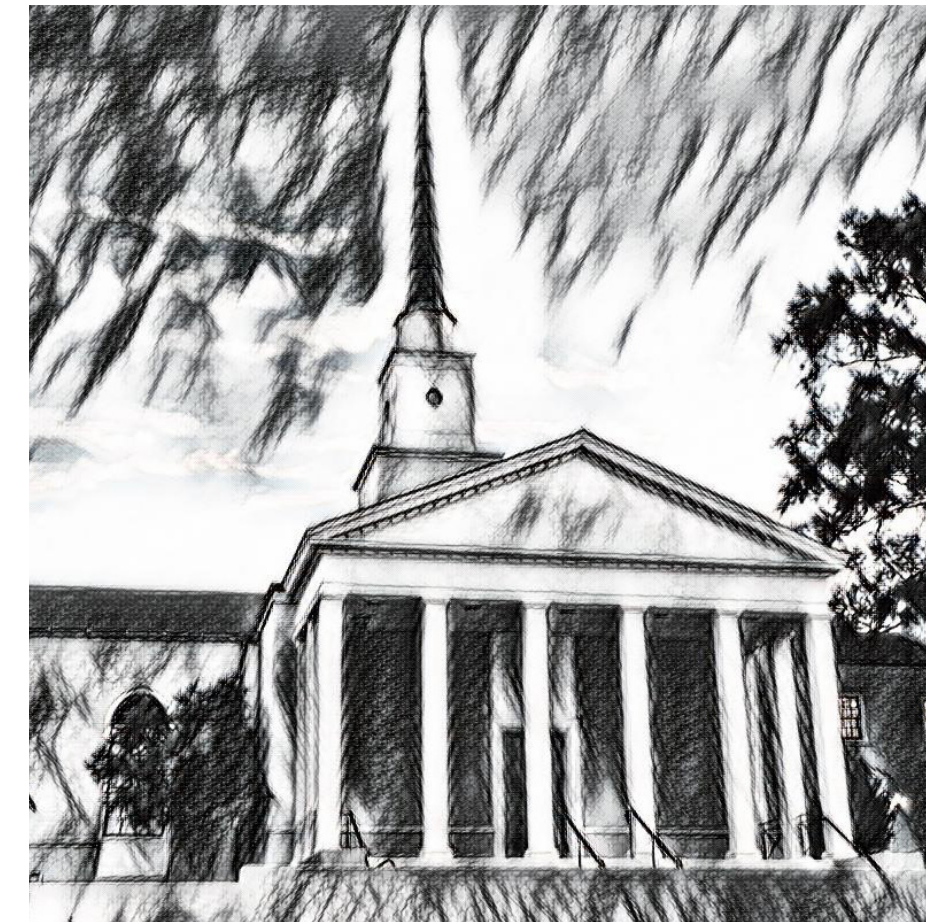
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Tommy Bowen
Oliver Middleton
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Pastor
Associate Pastor
Worship Leader
Acoustic Guitar
Bass Guitar
Electric Guitar
Horns
Video & Lights
Sound

THE TABLE

Independent Presbyterian Church



SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

HOME ON HIGHLAND SUNDAY

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME



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This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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:

Who stronger, O God, than he who rejoices in a risen Lord? Who mightier than he who through weakness has discovered strength in Christ? Who readier to stoop and help than he who has been bought with a price? 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: I will give praise to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds.

People: I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Leader: The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

People: Those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, enthroned in Zion, proclaim among the nations what he has done

People: Let us worship the Lord our God. *Psalm 9:1-2, 9-11*

Gathering Songs

*"A Thousand Hallelujahs"
"Open The Eyes Of My Heart"*

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Mercifully forgive us of our sins. Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see light, and in your service find perfect freedom. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen. *St. Augustine*

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"

A Moment with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 1:1-11

Sermon: "God Isn't Finished Yet"

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

"Holy Is The Lord"

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: "Fresh Wind"
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"Because He Lives"

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.*