
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 @IPCBirmingham.

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 on Wednesday, January 29 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!

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 26: We welcome guest preacher Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, on Sunday, January, 26. 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. During the 11:00 am service, IPC celebrates the Kirkin' o' the Tartans and holds New Officer Ordination and Installation to officially welcome the class of 2027 who will serve as elders and deacons in IPC's congregation.

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 at epuckett@ipc-usa.org.
- Join us in serving dinner to women and children staying at **First Light**. You can volunteer with your family or as part of a group to provide evening meals during the week of February 9 - 15. Sign up on the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org.

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. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to register.

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

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., 35205.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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Rev. D. Nicole Newton	Associate Pastor, Discipleship
Sarah Mason	Worship Leader
Brett Burcham	Acoustic Guitar
Eric Onimus	Bass Guitar
Leif Bondarenko	Drums
Jeff Lopez	Horns
Tommy Bowen	Horns
Jeanette Hightower	Violin
Oliver Middleton	Video & Lights

THE TABLE

Independent Presbyterian Church



JANUARY 19, 2025

THE SECOND 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:

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

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in Ordinary Time. Ordinary Time is observed between the end of Christmas and the beginning of Lent and again between the end of Easter and the beginning of Advent. Signified by the color green for new growth, it is the season in which we celebrate the life and teachings of Jesus Christ and what it means to be his disciple. The name of this season is derived from the word ordinal, meaning “to count.” We call this season Ordinary Time because we count and name the weeks in number order (i.e., Second, Third, etc.).

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 spulliam@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

Moment for Mission: Grace House Ministries, Pamela Phipps,
Executive Director

Call to Worship:

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!

Gathering Songs

*“How Great Thou Art”
“Lord I Need you”*

LISTENING

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

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.

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: Luke 4:16-30

Sermon: *“The Inauguration”*

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

“Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)”

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
- Communion Song: *“Who Else”*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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.*