

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 27, 2025

8:45 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

O mighty God, but not too mighty to be merciful; O God, high and lifted up, but not too exalted to be tender and true; give me joy in Thy presence, give me comfort in Thy love. *from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE Healey Willan
"On This Most Holy Day"

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
"O Praise God in his holiness"
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Leader: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich foods, a feast of well-aged wines.
People: **And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, and he will swallow up death forever.**
Leader: Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth.
People: **It will be said on that day: Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.**
All: **Let us praise the Lord!**

* HYMN 234 ST. KEVIN
"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: **Lord, we confess that we have often refused the gift of your Spirit. Content in our dimness we shrink from your Light. Comfortable in our coolness, we withdraw from your Fire. We would be moved, but carefully. We would feel, but mildly. We would see your face, but dimly. Forgive us for begrudging your appearance among us, or for accepting your word, only to ignore it. Forgive us and visit us again. We pray, now, in Jesus' name, not for warm thoughts, but for burning hearts. For there is much that we must see, and much that we must do. 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**

Minister: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.
People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

*** THE PEACE**

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Minister: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you."

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Rev. Clayton

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Seamon
Jeffrey Monroe Grantham III

*** APOSTLES' CREED (11:00 a.m.)**

**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.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 24:13-35 (Pew Bible, p. NT69)

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 David Hurd

"Love Bade Me Welcome"

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back, guiltie of dust and sinne. But quicke' d Love observing me grow slack from my first entrance in, drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning, if I lacked anything. A guest, I answer' d, worthy to be here: Love said, you shall be he. I, the unkinde, ungrateful? Ah, my deare, I cannot look on thee. Love took my hand and smiling did reply, who made the eyes but I? Truth, Lord but I have marr' d them: let my shame go where it doth deserve. And know you not, sayes Love, who bore the blame? My deare, then I will serve. You must sit down, sayes Love, and taste my meat: so I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

SERMON Rev. Clayton
“When Easter Comes Quietly”

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 233 LANCASHIRE
“The Day of Resurrection!”

*APOSTLES’ CREED (8:45 a.m.) Rev. Newton

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 arr. by Alice Parker
“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal”

Hark, I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore, As I near those swollen waters With their deep and solemn roar. Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb! Hallelujah, hallelujah, Glory to the great I AM! And my soul, though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day, Passes swiftly o’er those waters, To the city far away. Souls have crossed before me saintly, To that land of perfect rest; And I hear them singing faintly In the mansions of the blest.
attributed to F. R. Warren

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 246 TRURO
“Christ Is Alive!”

*BENEDICTION Rev. Clatyon

*POSTLUDE Healey Willan
Prelude on “Old Hundredth”

*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 Mr. and Mrs. William T. Warren, Jr. and Charles Katholi. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Herschel Talmadge Bergin, Submarine Fireman Second Class, U.S. Navy, WWII; father of Sherry Bergin Timberlake.

JOIN THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S (PW) SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS for a special "Interim" study titled *By Bread Alone*, based on Kendall Vanderslice's reflections on hunger, longing, and the goodness of God. This four-week class will take place on Sundays from April 27 to May 18 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 304. We invite you to come and engage in meaningful discussions and fellowship as we explore these thought-provoking themes together.

JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH CREW on Tuesday, April 29, for a great meal and fellowship at The Fish Market (612 22nd St. S., Birmingham, AL). We will meet at the restaurant at 11:30 a.m. This is a self-pay event but please register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page, so we will have an accurate headcount.

IPC PLAYGROUND CELEBRATION AND DEDICATION SERVICE: Join us for a special celebration and dedication of IPC's new playgrounds on Wednesday, April 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the large playground. The Dedication Service for the Cindy Coulter Playground will take place on the 31st Street playground at 6:00 p.m. Families are welcome and light snacks will be provided. We look forward to celebrating this wonderful addition for the children of IPC with you!

IPC CHOIR SPRING CONCERT: Save the date for an afternoon soirée of music on Sunday, May 18, at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Enjoy works by 19th-Century German composers Robert and Clara Schumann, and Johannes Brahms, starting with the well-known *How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place* from Brahms's Requiem. The concert will include Lieder by Robert Schumann, as well as a Romance for oboe. The event concludes with Schumann's rarely heard *Requiem*. This free concert promises to be a lovely afternoon of beautiful music!

TODAY'S BAPTISM

JEFFREY MONROE GRANTHAM III, born December 2, 2024, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Monroe Grantham, Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Monroe Grantham, Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eland Anthony, Jr., and great-grandson of Jacqueline Grantham and Virginia and Richard Anthony.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

GLOBAL MISSIONS/AFRICAN MISSIONS: In memory of Greg Jeane.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES: In memory of Rita Spencer, John Lyons, Greg Jeane, Adelaide Kendrick, and Julian McIntosh Ennis.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Betty Drennen, Rita Spencer, and Anne Hauck and in honor of Bud Keller.

IPC MUSIC & FINE ARTS: In memory of Greg Jeane and Fred Powell.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth T. "Betty" Drennen and Mrs. Martha C. Peeler. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mrs. Elizabeth T. "Betty" Drennen, Mr. William F. Edmonds, Mr. John M. Lyons, Dr. Digambar Mishra, Mrs. Martha C. Peeler, and Mrs. Virginia L. Reid.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Congreg. Care & Adult Ed

The Rev. D. Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor, Discipleship

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Acolytes: (8:45 a.m.) Heidi Hollingsworth, Layton Meriwether,
Sam Meriwether

(11:00 a.m.) Laura Donovan, Andrew Grover, Alexander Pledger

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