

## LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

**WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS!** If this is your first visit, we would love to say hello and welcome you to our church family. **Contact us:** Please reach out by contacting Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). **Visit our website:** [ipc-usa.org/welcome](http://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.

**BEER AND HYMNS:** Join us on Monday, July 21, at The Grocery (2823 Central Ave., in Homewood). The Beer & Hymns music starts at 7:00 p.m. and is exactly what it sounds like. We sing old-timey hymns (plus a few new ones) while enjoying good food and beverages.

**THE SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM** is wrapping up, and we're looking forward to celebrating a summer of hard work and fun with our students and families. You're invited to join us for SLP Graduation on Thursday, July 24 at 10 am in Highland Hall. There's still time to support IPC's mission at the Children's Fresh Air Farm by volunteering, donating snacks, or making a financial contribution. Contact Catherine Sager at (205) 933-3725 or [csager@ipc-usa.org](mailto:csager@ipc-usa.org).

**FIRST LIGHT:** Volunteer with your family or a group to provide evening meals for the women and children staying at First Light. IPC will be providing evening meals each night for the week of July 27 - August 2. Sign up at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org); click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

**FAMILY CATECHESIS CAMP:** Join us July 29–31 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. for a three-night series exploring Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Families will enjoy a light supper, time in the Atria, and end the evening with fellowship on the playground. This camp is designed for families with elementary-aged children, and nursery care is available upon request for children in preschool and younger. Sign up at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org); click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

**YOUTH GRANT TEAM:** Applications are open for the 2025 Youth Grant Team. Rising 11th and 12th graders can apply, with the deadline of August 1. Consider this opportunity to engage in meaningful philanthropy and make a difference in our community. Questions: Please contact Cammie Ashworth at [cashworth@ipc-usa.org](mailto:cashworth@ipc-usa.org).

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** All students and teachers are invited to bring their backpacks, day school totes, and briefcases to participate in the "Blessing of the Backpacks" on Sunday, August 17 during the 10 am worship service in the Sanctuary and the 5 pm Table worship service in Highland Hall.

**HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION:** With your help, we can keep the Food Pantry stocked to support our friends and neighbors in need this summer. Contact Catherine Sager at [csager@ipc-usa.org](mailto:csager@ipc-usa.org) with any questions or for the list of most needed items.

## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our lifetogether. 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.

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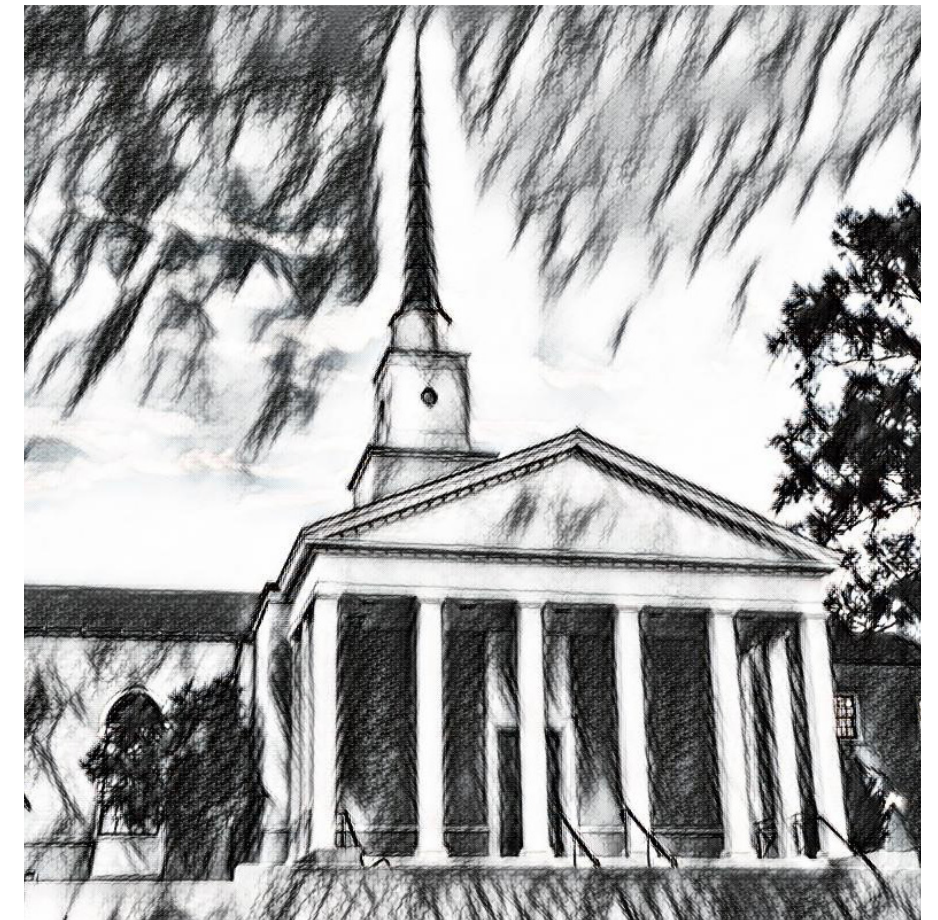
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# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



JULY 20, 2025  
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

Welcome to the Table	
GATHERING	
We <i>gather</i> as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God	
Prelude	
Gathering Song	“All Creatures of Our God and King”
Welcome	
Opening Hymn	“Be Thou My Vision”
Verse 1:	Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light
Verse 2:	Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one
Verse 3:	Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise Thou mine inheritance, now and always Thou and Thou only first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art
Verse 4:	High King of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O ruler of all
LISTENING	
We <i>listen</i> for the word of God through confession, passing the peace, Scripture, and preaching	
Prayer of Confession (unison)	
Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted by many things. We have not loved you with our whole heart and strength. We have not paid close attention to your Word. We have allowed those of us who are poor to be neglected and those of us who are weak to be oppressed. We have been impatient in worship and insincere in our dealings with others. We have turned our faces from signs of injustice and held our tongues rather than speaking out. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us the power of repenting and starting again. Make us steadfast in faith and dedicated to living out your Gospel. We pray in Jesus’ name. 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.”	
Holy Interruption	
Confessional Response: “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”	
Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.	
Prayer for Illumination	
Scripture Lesson	Luke 10:38-42
Sermon: “Only One Thing?”	
RESPONDING	
We <i>respond</i> to the hearing of God’s word through reflection, prayer, offering, and communion	
Invitation to Discipleship	
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.	
- Offering Song: “Have Mercy” - 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: “New Wine” - Prayer after Communion	

SENDING	
We are <i>sent</i> out into the world to love God and our neighbors	
Closing Hymn	
Verse 1:	What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!
Verse 2:	Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged, Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Verse 3:	Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer; Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer; In His arms He’ll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.
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.	