

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.

BEER AND HYMNS: Join us on Monday, March 17 at our **NEW! location, The Grocery at 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.

LENTEN CHAPEL & LUNCH: Join us each Wednesday through April 16 for a noonday worship service followed by a light lunch. **Reserve your lunch for this week by noon on March 18.** Find the reservation form and discover more about Lent at IPC at ipc-usa.org.

THE PATRICIA BYRNE MEMORIAL CONCERT SERIES on Tuesday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m., presents the internationally acclaimed organist Ken Cowan and 42 members of the Alabama Symphony performing organ concertos Rheinberger and Jongen, and the hauntingly beautiful Adagio by Tomaso Albinoni.

THE CHIAPAS MISSION TEAM is collecting supplies for their trip March 22-29, where they will construct a church and run programs for local children. Please consider donating new supplies or visit our Amazon wish list at ipc-usa.org on the Sign-Up Links page. Bring supplies to the Community Ministries office on the ground floor off 31st Street. **Supplies needed by March 20:** Paint brushes (16), paint rollers (16), paint roller frames (8), work gloves (12), queen sheets (5 sets), king sheets (2 sets), children’s puzzles (12), 8-pack Crayola crayons (120), coloring books (20), basketballs (6), soccer balls (3), and hand-held, portable ball pumps (3).

JOIN US FOR “NATURE NURTURE: Our Way to a Homegrown Habitat” running Wednesday nights at 6:00 pm in Room 302 through April 2. Discover what is growing in the Highland Avenue medians and how you, too, can nurture plots of beautiful flora and fauna native to Alabama, led by Certified Master Gardener Gail Pless.

HONOR THE MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONES with an Easter Memorial donation. To ensure the names of your loved ones are included in the Easter bulletin, please submit your contribution by Sunday, April 6. You can pick up a contribution envelope today from the lobby. Find our online donation form on the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org.

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Brett Burcham	Acoustic Guitar
Eric Onimus	Bass Guitar
Leif Bondarenko	Drums
Oliver Middleton	Video & Lights
Hayden Thomas	Sound

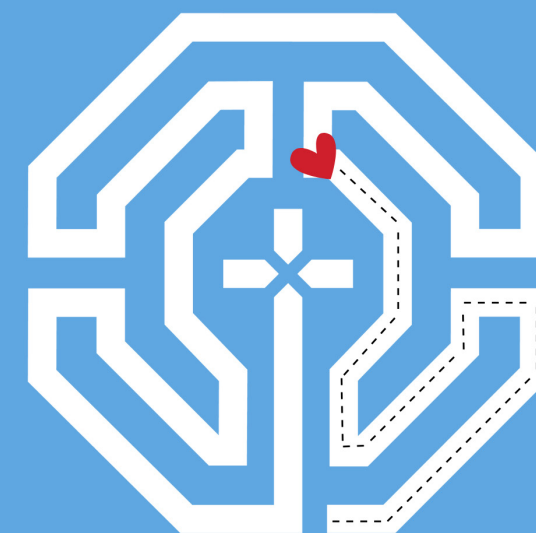


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THE TABLE

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Let Love Lead
Youth Sunday

MARCH 16, 2025

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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:

Gracious God, we pray that you help guide us today as we sing and hear your word. Give us the strength to silence our minds and open our ears to hear you. Thank you for gifting us the opportunity to worship you, O God. Amen.

by Jessica Long, IPC Youth

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Lent as signified by the color purple, which symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

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

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to this place bearing worries and anxieties.
All: **Lead us towards peace.**
Leader: We come to this place seeking community.
All: **Lead us towards fellowship.**
Leader: We come to this place ready to hear your voice.
All: **Lead us towards love. Let us worship God.**

Gathering Songs *“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*
“We Are One in the Spirit”

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Dear Lord, we confess our jealousy masks our compassion. Our anger influences our actions, and our stress and anxiety pull us away from peace. We acknowledge that our selfish tendencies lead us off Your path. Forgive us for the times we’ve misused our words. Sometimes, we get so caught up in our own problems that we forget to let You lead. Help us to be more patient, more kind, and more aware of Your presence. Guide us, O God, through life’s highs and lows, and help us trust in You through it all. Let Your love surround us in our struggles and remind us that we are never alone. In Your name 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: 1 John 4: 7-21

Sermon: “Let Love Lead”

RESPONDING

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

Hymn *“Spirit of the Living God”*

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: *“Revelation Song”*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn *“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”*

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.