

# Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Home on Highland Sunday

September 8, 2024

8:45 am

11:00 am

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering for Worship

### PRAYER OF PREPARATION

In Thee, O God, are the only springs sweet enough to drink and deep enough to satisfy. In Thee is all good and in Thee must my soul rest. Give me to seek Thee first and find in Thee all that I would elsewhere seek and fail to find. Amen.

*from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds*

PRELUDE ..... Charles Marie Widor  
"Andante Sostenuto"

*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 ..... Susan Matsui  
"All is Summer"

Come, let us journey now as children of light, In the Lord's righteousness, Shadows fall away, Virtue is bright, Justice, truth before us. All illumined, when the light shines, Makes the darkness fade unknowing; Wake now, O Sleeper and rise from the dead for Christ, His light, is showing. *Adapt. Ephesians 5:8-14*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Hon. Privett

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*

\*HYMN 35 ..... LOBE DEN HERREN  
"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Unison: Forgive my sins, O Lord, the sins of my soul and the sins of my body, the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive me those sins which I know, and those which I know not. Forgive them all in thy mercy. Amen.** *Lancelot Andrews, d. 1626*

*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

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

\*THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: **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."*

\*GLORIA PATRI (HYMN 581) ..... GREATOR EX

“Glory Be to the Father”

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Rev. Long

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

8:45 am ..... Rev. Seamon

Holland Chesley Walls

11:00 am ..... Rev. Seamon

Madelyn Blair Hess

\*APOSTLES’ CREED

**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..... Hon. Privett

MORNING LESSON - Philippians 1:1-11(Pew Bible, p. NT196)

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 worship care.*

ANTHEM.....Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah*

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber. *Julius Schubring*

SERMON ..... Rev. Long

“God Isn’t Finished Yet”

## The Response to the Word

\*HYMN 370 ..... TERRA BEATA  
“This Is My Father’s World”

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS ..... Rev. Seamon  
*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 ..... Tarik O’Regan  
“We Remember Them” from *Triptych*

Janet Ort, Soprano

*This anthem is given to the glory of God in honor Ginni Robertson’s  
50 years of service to the IPC Choir.*

In the rising of the sun and its going down, we remember them. In the glowing of the wind and in the chill of winter, we remember them. In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring, we remember them. In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer, we remember them. In the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of autumn, we remember them. When we’re weary and in need of strength, we remember them. When we’re lost and sick at heart, we remember them. So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are part of us, As we remember them.  
*Roland B. Gittelsohn*

## 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 361 ..... AURELIA  
“O Christ, the Great Foundation”

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

(8:45 am) “Serenade” ..... Derek Bourgeois

(11:00 am) As a nod to IPC’s Scottish heritage, join our bagpipe processional from the Sanctuary to Highland Hall for our Home on Highland celebration, including a church-wide lunch, children’s activities, and storytelling.

\*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](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org).

**THE FLOWERS** in the church today are given to the glory of God in memory of Edith and Jim Quarles and Mary Ann and Bob Weatherly. **THE FLOWERS** in the Children's Chapel are given to the glory of God from the IPC Choir in honor of Ginni Robertson's 50 years of service to the choir. **THE FLOWERS** on the baptismal font are given to the glory of God in honor of Holland Chesley Walls. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of all who served in World War II including Lt. Col. John Lightner Feagin, U.S. Army; Major Arthur Henry Feagin, Jr., U.S. Army; Major Joel Daniel Feagin, U.S. Army; Captain Isaac Ball Feagin, Jr., U.S. Army; and Lieutenant junior grade Samuel Ball Feagin, U.S. Navy; family members of John Feagin. September 2 marked the 79th anniversary of the official end of World War II in 1945 when U.S. General Douglas MacArthur accepted Japan's formal surrender aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

**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 the 11 am service, you are invited to follow our bagpiper to 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](http://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. Starting the week of October 13 and running through November 23, each group will study *Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of Christian Faith* by Timothy Keller. Grace Groups is a small group study to delve deeper into scripture. Whether you are new to the church or a longtime member, there is a place for you. **Registration is now open** at [ipc-usa.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gdaniels@ipc-usa.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS *(continued)*

**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](http://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. IPC is the only volunteer group on these days. Sign up under the Serve tab at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org). For questions, email Bannon Thorpe at [thorpeb@gmail.com](mailto:thorpeb@gmail.com); or Melissa Patrick.

### BAPTISMS TODAY

**HOLLAND CHESLEY WALLS**, born May 31, 2024, son of Mr. & Mrs. Randy Holland Walls, Jr.; brother of Margaret Louisa Walls and Greer Holland Walls; and grandson of Mr. & Mrs. Randy Holland Walls, Sr. and Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Chesley Brown, Sr.

**MADelyn BLAIR HESS**, born September 7, 2023, daughter of Josh and Carolyne Hess, sister of Leonard Wilson Hess, and granddaughter of Alan and Vicki Hess and Dr. Charles and Missy Jones.

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#### Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor

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

Hon. Caryl Privett, President of the Congregation

The Treble Voices of The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Mr. Trent Bradford, Scottish Pipes

Acolyte: (8:45 am) Macey Robinson, Nathaniel Siegel, and Caleb Siegel

(11:00 am) Katelyn Long, Spencer Cobbs, and Joe Jones

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