
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. **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.

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” next Sunday, August 17 during the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary and the 5:00 p.m. Table worship service in Highland Hall.

RECOGNIZING DR. JEFF MCLELLAND: Join us for a reception in the parlor next Sunday, August 17 following the 10:00 a.m. worship service to honor Dr. Jeff McLelland’s 25 years of service as IPC’s Director of Music and Fine Arts.

BEER AND HYMNS: Join us on Monday, August 18, 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.

IPC YOUTH FALL KICKOFF: Join us Sunday, August 24, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Blackjack Farm for Martin’s barbecue, water activities, and games for 7th-12th graders. Youth can enjoy the evening for \$10 per youth, with a \$15 maximum per family. Register online by August 20; click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation. We look forward to welcoming new and returning students to celebrate the new school year!

FAMILY CATECHESIS NIGHT: Families with elementary-aged children are invited to join us for Family Catechesis Night Wednesday, August 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on the first floor. This special evening will be a time to enjoy a light supper and spend time together in the Atria. Whether your family attends Catechesis regularly or you’ve never experienced it before, you are welcome. Nursery care is available for children in preschool and younger. Sign up at ipc-usa.org; click on the Sign Up Links page under the Connect tab in the top navigation.

HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE: On Sunday, August 31, we will observe our Holiday Worship Schedule and gather for one morning worship service in the Sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday school and no Table worship service that morning.

TOGETHER AGAIN BREAKFAST: You’re invited to a special Welcome Breakfast on Sunday, September 7 at 10 am in the Great Hall during the Sunday school hour. All are welcome to come enjoy breakfast, coffee, and fellowship as we celebrate the first Sunday back on our regular schedule. Whether you’re new to IPC or looking to reconnect with your family of faith, this is a wonderful opportunity to gather and begin a new season together. Sunday School classes will not meet on September 7 and officially kick off the fall semester on September 14.

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. 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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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY’S SERVICE

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THE TABLE

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AUGUST 10, 2025

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

GATHERING

We *gather* as a community and prepare our hearts to worship God

Prelude

Gathering Song “Living Waters”

Welcome

Opening Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Verse 1: Come Thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Verse 2: Here I raise my Ebenezer
Here by Thy great help I’ve come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wandering from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

Verse 3: Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I’m constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee

Prone to wander, Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here’s my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

Here’s my heart
Oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy, in Jesus Christ you have brought light into the darkness. But we confess that we have chosen to remain in the darkness where we have made our home. You would give us life, but we have grown accustomed to death. You would give us love, but we have nurtured resentment too long. You would give us hope, but we are afraid hope will disappoint us once again. Forgive us, O God, for our lack of trust and obedience. Set us free from our sin that we might live for Christ. In his 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: “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 Acts 9:32-43

Sermon: “Alive”

RESPONDING

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

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: “ O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”
- 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 “How Great Thou Art”

Verse 1: Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

Chorus: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

Verse 2: And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Repeat Chorus

Verse 3: When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art

Repeat Chorus

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.*