
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.

WINTER TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. For Adults, classes on the third floor include "Acts of the Apostles", a four-week course on "An Intro to Dante's Divine Comedy" with Frank Sutherland, "Letters from Peter," and "Confessing the Beatitudes" for Presbyterian Women. The Young Adults Class start a study on Romans beginning January 26. In the Garage at Highland Hall, the Bridges & Crossroads class is studying "Gratitude: Why Giving Thanks is the Key to Our Well-Being". Youth Sunday School (grades 7-12) meets in room 101. For Children, Toddler Atrium is in room G20, Atrium Level 1 (ages 3-5K) is in room 109, Atrium Level 2 (grades 1-3) is in room 108, and Atrium Level 3 (grades 4-6) is in room 107. For additional details, visit the Ministries tab at ipc-usa.org.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT dinner and programming for Adults is back for the Winter Term. Classes include Bible Study with the Pastor, The Upward Way with Bill Casey and Lant Davis, and Mahjong. Find more details about Wednesday Nights at IPC on the Ministries tab at ipc-usa.org.

SPRING CHILDREN'S MUSICAL REHEARSALS are on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. K5 - 6th Grade are invited to join us to practice for "It's Cool in the Furnace." Volunteers are also needed. Register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION for Vacation Bible School & Bibletimes Marketplace is open for members. VBS is for our preschool children, age 2-5 years, and BTMP is for our elementary kids and youth, grades K-12th. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to find the registration links.

IPC DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION opens tomorrow, January 13 for members. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to find the registration link.

IPC YOUTH: Youth Group resumes tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Garage at Highland Hall. Youth Midweek begins on Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. also in the Garage. Our Gatlinburg trip is January 17-20. Find additional information online or in the weekly youth email.

WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, on Sunday, January, 26. He will preach at both morning services in the Sanctuary.

2025 ANNUAL GIVING: We are so grateful for those who have given generously to support the mission of Jesus Christ at IPC. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, the time is now to join us in responding to Christ's call for our church. Find pledge cards at the reception desk, or make an online pledge by texting PLEDGE to (205) 927-3100 and following the prompts.

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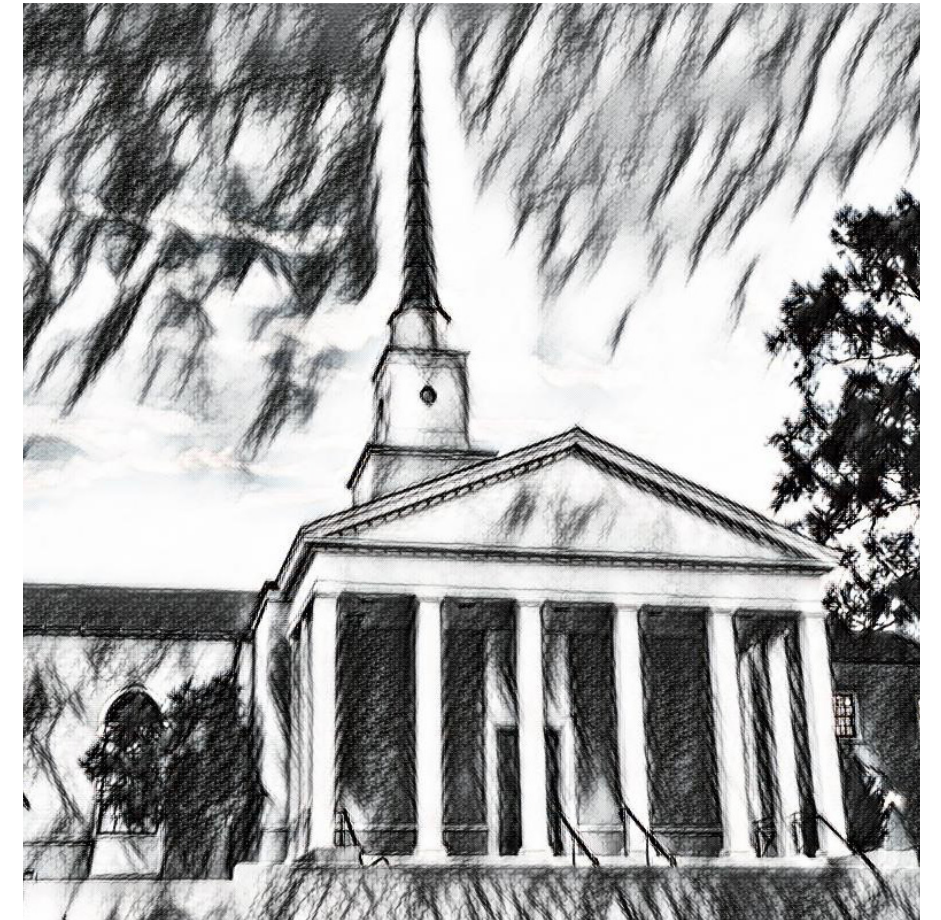
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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Susan A. Clayton	Associate Pastor, Congregational Care
Sarah Mason	Worship Leader
Brett Burcham	Acoustic Guitar
Eric Onimus	Bass Guitar
Leif Bondarenko	Drums
Carlos Pino	Electric Guitar
Fred Rogan	Electric Guitar
Jeff Lopez	Horns
Tommy Bowen	Horns
Oliver Middleton	Video & Lights

THE TABLE

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BAPTISM OF THE LORD



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This congregation is affiliated with The Presbyterian Church (USA)

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:

Holy God, you sent your Son to be baptized among sinners, to seek and save the lost. May we, who have been baptized in his name, never turn away from the world, but reach out in love to rescue the wayward; by the mercy of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today is the Baptism of Our Lord. At this festival of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but we celebrate our own: the baptism we share with Christ. Accordingly, this Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate the sacrament of baptism or the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant. It also foreshadows the season of Lent, as Jesus was immediately driven into the wilderness for 40 days after his own Baptism.

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: In the beginning, darkness covered the deep, and God said, "Let there be Light!"

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Leader: Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you."

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Leader: Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!

Leader: When Jesus was baptized by John in the Jordan, the Spirit rested on him and a voice said: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased!"

All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters! Praise the Lord!

Gathering Songs

"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
"Because He Lives"

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Eternal God, you have created us in your image, but like stones in a muddy stream we are covered with the leavings of what we have done and what others have done to us. Wash us clean in your grace, forgive our sin, heal our hearts, and restore in us the image of your glory, in the name and the Spirit of your Son, Jesus, the revealer of our salvation. 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: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Sermon: "By Water and the Spirit"

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

"Be Thou My Vision"

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: "The Blessing"
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"Angel Band"

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.*