

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 13, 2024

8:45 am

11:00 am

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Give peace to our world, O God of nations. May we be members of one another. Rebuke our sectionalism and foolish pride. May Christ walk along the boundary lines of countries, healing our differences and binding all men's hearts together in an empire of righteousness.
from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE Edward Bunnett
"Largo"

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 George Thalben-ball
"Draw nigh to God"
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP(8:45 am) Elizabeth Faught
(11:00 am) Don Myers

Leader: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
People: **Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change and the mountains shake.**
Leader: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.
People: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**
Leader: Be still and know that the Lord is God!
People: **The Lord of hosts is with us. Let us worship the Living God!**
Psalm 46

* HYMN 307CWM RHONDDA
"God of Grace and God of Glory"

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you have called us to live as loving neighbors, but we have thought of ourselves instead. Instead of sharing our resources, we keep them for ourselves. Instead of supporting our neighbors around the world, our hearts have stayed home. Please forgive us. Although we are scattered in different places, speak different words, and descend from different races, we are all your children. Give us a common passion so that we may be one people, who actively serve under your guiding purpose. Amen.**
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

BAPTISMS

(8:45 am) Marguerite Conyers Hicks Rev. Seamon
(11:00 am) McDaniel Jennings Tackett and Tipton Willoughby Tackett
Rev. Seamon

* 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 (8:45 am) Elizabeth Faught
(11:00 am) Don Myers

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Philippians 3:17-21 (Pew Bible, p. NT198)

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 Charles Villiers Stanford

“Beati Quorum Via”

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are those who are undefiled in the way, and walk in the law of the Lord.
Psalm 119:1

SERMON..... Rev. Long
“Citizens of Heaven”

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 317MC KEE
“In Christ There Is No East or West”

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00 am)
Maggie and Dayne Cuttrell Helen Slagle
Joy and Tom Rue Jan and Mark Stephens
Jessica and Ryan Poor Annette Vazquez

HYMN 306SCHUMANN
“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”
**Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
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 Larry King
“Let Us Love in Deed and Truth”
If anyone has the world’s goods, and sees his neighbor in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him? Let us not love in word or speech, but in deed and in truth. By this we shall know that we are of the truth: we have confidence before our God, and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments, and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another. *based on 1st John 3:17-23*

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 649 AMAZING GRACE
“Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE Theodore Dubois
“Cantique”

*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.

THE FLOWERS in the chancel today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mr. Henry V. Graham; Miss Elinor Murdoch; Mr. and Mrs. Anson W. Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Donald N. Murdoch; Mr. Donald N. Murdoch, Jr.; Mr. A. Allen Murdoch. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Earl James Trafton, Jr., Lieutenant J.G., U.S. Navy; Korean War on the USS Canonicus in the Panama Canal Zone; father of Katherine Trafton Leaver.

FOCUS ON FAITH SUNDAY is October 20. We welcome Guest Speaker Brad H. Young, Ph.D., Founder and President of the Gospel Research Foundation and an internationally recognized authority on the comparative study of the Gospel and Rabbinic Parables. The schedule includes morning worship services with Dr. Young, and he will lead a Sunday School class at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Following 11 am worship, there will be a reception.

SEED PACKING PARTY: Join us at IPC's newest intergenerational event on Sunday, October 20 from 2 to 4 pm and help pack 3,000 cucumber and cabbage seed packets to be distributed to community gardens across Alabama and the US. This event kicks off our annual Harvest for Hunger campaign and replaces the Crop Drop event. Sign up today under the Connect tab at ipc-usa.org. We need more than 100 volunteers and 16 team leaders!

HARVEST FOR HUNGER is IPC's annual campaign to fill every available shelf in our Blessing Boxes and Weekend Buddy Bags room with food and hygiene items. Starting next Sunday, October 20, you can pick up a Harvest for Hunger grocery bag at IPC. The list of food and hygiene items is printed on the bag and will also be available on the website. Please return your filled bags by Sunday, November 19, which is Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day.

LIVING RIVER IS HOSTING FALL RIVER FEST: Come and join members of our Presbytery for a fun-filled day on Sunday, October 20 from 9 am to 4 pm. People of all ages are invited to participate in a midday worship service, fellowship, hiking, live music, a closing campfire, and more! Lunch and dinner will be provided, and donations are encouraged.

FALL FUN: As part of Kid's ROCK-TOBER, join us for a special, Halloween-fun filled Wednesday night, October 30, from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Grade school kids will eat dinner in the Great Hall and then head out to the Highland Hall green space for a bounce maze, face painting, pumpkin decorating, a prize wheel, and a popcorn bar. Please register for dinner in advance.

CELEBRATE GLOBAL MISSIONS with lunch following the 11 am worship services on Sunday, November 3. IPC Global Missions Teams will share about this year's journeys to Malawi, Chiapas, the Dominican Republic, Kenya, and Mwandi Mission Zambia. Mission travel plans for 2025 will be announced.

HURRICANE DISASTER RELIEF

YOU CAN HELP THOSE IMPACTED by Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton. Give directly to **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA)** online or write a check to IPC with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Checks can be placed in the offering plate this Sunday. IPC will continue to serve as a collection point for a community-wide supply drive. Donations made starting Monday will be primarily directed to those in need in Florida. The following items can be dropped off with the Community Ministries department (ground floor) Monday, October 14, through Wednesday, October 16, from 8:30 am to 4 pm each day: Bottled water, Cleaning supplies, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Batteries for flashlights, Flathead shovels, Heavy-duty garden rakes, Heavy-duty garbage bags, Diapers in both adult and child sizes, First aid supplies, Work gloves, Stuffed animals, Dolls, and Board games. No clothing will be accepted. Learn more about how to contribute at ipc-usa.org.

BAPTISMS TODAY

MARGUERITE CONYERS HICKS, born February 8, 2024, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Mercer and Mary Conyers Hicks, granddaughter of Mr. Mercer Hicks and Mrs. Donna Jernigan Drinkard, and great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed and Peggy Conyers.

MCDANIEL JENNINGS TACKETT, born February 25, 2017, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul and Jessica Tackett and brother of Chambers Tackett and Tipton Tackett.

TIPTON WILLOUGHBY TACKETT, born February 1, 2022, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul and Jessica Tackett and brother of Chambers Tackett and Mac Tackett.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

MUSIC & FINE ARTS: In memory of Margaret Parker Shaw.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Dr. John Allen Jones, III.

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

Stacy Pulliam, New Member & Assimilation Coordinator

Deacons: (8:45 am) Elizabeth Faught (11:00 am) Don Myers

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