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## 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 to Stacy Pulliam at [spulliam@ipc-usa.org](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). **Visit our website:** [ipc-usa.org/welcome](http://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.

**BEER & HYMNS:** Come to The Grocery (2823 Central Avenue in Homewood) on Monday, Feb. 16 for some old-timey hymns (and a few new ones) in a relaxed setting with good food and great company. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. Music starts at 7:00 p.m.

**JOIN US FOR IPC'S ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** on Wednesday, Feb. 18 at Noon and 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary with the imposition of ashes and communion. Join us for dinner at 5:00 p.m. by reservation at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org).

**ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** A meeting is called for Feb. 22 to be convened with the opening prayer at the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. The business meeting will begin immediately following the worship service. The purposes of the meeting are to: receive the 2025 and 2026 financial reports, receive the 2025 report of the IPC Foundation, receive the 2025 report of the IPC Now & Forever Campaign, approve changes to pastoral terms of call, receive the 2025 report of the President of the Congregation, and conduct any other business that may properly come before the Congregation.

**BOOK CLUB:** Join Rev. Nicole Newton on Feb. 23 at 5:30 p.m. in RM 303 for the first gathering of Books & Becoming, a monthly book club exploring how reading shapes faith, identity, and the way we live together. Meeting on the fourth Monday of each month, the group will start reading *My Body Is Not a Prayer Request: Disability Justice in the Church* by Amy Kenny.

**JOIN THE LUNCH BUNCH** at North Italia on Feb. 24 at 11:30 a.m. for good food and fellowship. This is a self-pay event. Please register at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) on the Sign Up Links page, so we will have an accurate headcount.

**LENTEN CHAPEL & LUNCH:** Join us on Wednesdays during Lent (Feb. 25–April 1) for a noonday worship service in the Chapel, followed by a light lunch in the Great Hall. Reservations are only required if you plan to stay for lunch. Reserve lunch by Tuesday at noon each week at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) on the Sign Up Links page.

**WOVEN & WONDER:** Join us on Thursday, March 5 for two distinct sessions allowing us to grow in faith together with author and faith-formation leader Meredith Miller. The morning session (10:00–11:30 a.m.) is designed for church leaders, educators, and ministry volunteers, while the evening session (5:00–7:00 p.m.) includes a reception, book signing, and a talk for parents, grandparents, and all who walk alongside children. Sign up at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org).

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## THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. Today is Transfiguration Sunday. “Transfiguration” refers to a change in form or appearance. At the Transfiguration of the Lord, we celebrate the revelation of divine glory in the human life of Jesus Christ. Jesus’ radiant appearance on the mountaintop evokes the consuming fire of the glory of the Lord on Mt. Sinai. Standing with Moses and Elijah, Jesus represents the fulfillment of the law and the prophets. The transfiguration looks back at Jesus’ incarnation and baptism, as God again claims him as the beloved Son. This event also looks forward to his death and resurrection, as one who is lifted up on the cross will reveal the glorious victory of God. The liturgical color of this day is white.

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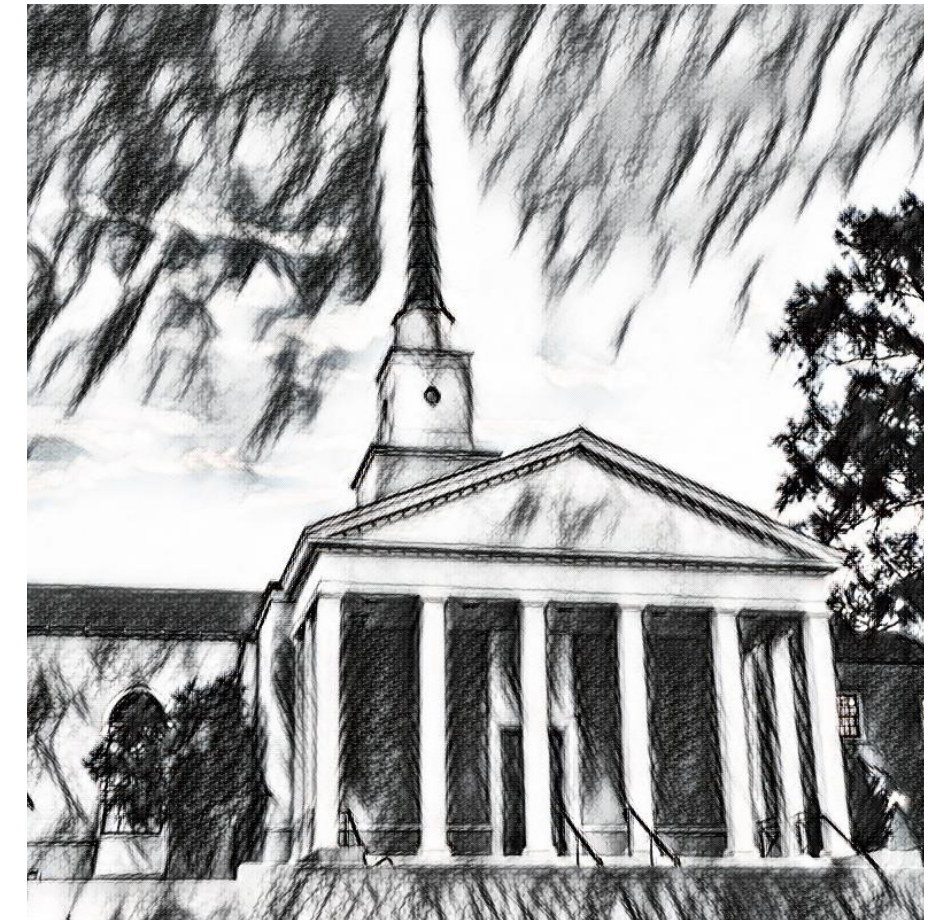
## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

**Rev. Kevin Long, Pastor**  
**Rev. Susan Clayton, Associate Pastor**  
**Sarah Mason, Worship Leader**  
**Brett Burcham, Acoustic Guitar**  
**Eric Onimus, Bass Guitar**

**Carlos Pino, Electric Guitar**  
**Jeff Lopez, Horns**  
**Fred Rogan, Steel Guitar**  
**Tommy Bowen, Horns**  
**Hayden Thomas, Sound**

# THE TABLE

## Independent Presbyterian Church



FEBRUARY 15, 2026

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



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### Independent Presbyterian Church

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# WELCOME TO THE TABLE

## GATHERING

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

### Prelude

*Gathering Song* “There Is a Fountain”

### Welcome

*Opening Hymn* “Holy Is the Lord”

Verse 1: We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He  
And together we sing

Chorus: Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty  
The earth is filled with His glory  
The earth is filled with His glory

Verse 2: We stand and lift up our hands  
For the joy of the Lord is our strength  
We bow down and worship Him now  
How great, how awesome is He  
And together we sing  
And everyone sing

(Repeat Chorus)

Refrain: Yeah, it’s rising up all around  
It’s the anthem of the Lord’s renown  
It’s rising up all around  
It’s the anthem of the Lord’s renown  
Together we sing  
And everyone sing

(Repeat Chorus)

Tag/Outro: Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy, Holy  
Holy, Holy is the Lord Almighty  
Holy Holy

## LISTENING

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

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Mercifully forgive us of our sins. Grant us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see light, and in your service find perfect freedom. 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* John 3:1-15

*Sermon: “Born Again”*

## RESPONDING

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

### Invitation to Discipleship

### 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: “I Will Come to You (You are Mine)”
- 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: “Spirit of the Living God (Assad)”
- Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

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

*Closing Hymn* “Blessed Assurance”

Verse 1: Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation, purchased of God  
Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

Chorus: This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long  
This is my story, this is my song  
Praising my Savior all the day long

Verse 2: Perfect submission, perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

(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.