

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:** To learn more about joining IPC, please send an email to membership@ipc-usa.org or visit the *New to IPC* page on our website.

FLOWER DEDICATION: The flowers on the foyer table are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mark L. Miller.

“THE GOSPEL AT RISK? CONFESSING THE FAITH TODAY” is a four-week Sunday School series Oct. 11-Nov. 1 led by professors from Columbia Theological Seminary exploring the meaning and importance of our Creeds. Join us in room 305 at 10:00 a.m. to examine whether the gospel is at risk today and how generations of Christians dealt with that issue in their time through confessional statements.

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. You can pick up a Harvest for Hunger grocery bag at IPC, and the list of needed items is printed on the bag and available at ipc-usa.org. Please return filled bags by Sunday, Nov. 22, which is Harvest for Hunger Dedication Day. Thanks to all who kicked off the campaign this afternoon and helped bag sweet potatoes for neighbors facing food insecurity at IPC’s Annual Crop Drop.

BEER & HYMNS: Come to The Grocery (2823 Central Avenue in Homewood) on Monday, Oct. 19 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.

WHEN THE GENERATIONS MEET: CARING FOR AGING PARENTS: Adults caring for aging parents while also supporting children, work, or other family responsibilities are invited on Wednesday, Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. in GH1 to hear Dr. Beverly E. Thorn, Professor Emerita of Psychology at the University of Alabama, discuss aging, dementia care, end-of-life issues, and the challenges of caring across generations. Dinner and childcare are included with preregistration at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL FUN DAY on Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Children’s Fresh Air Farm to help welcome Summer Learning Program campers back to the Farm. Volunteer shifts are available between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to help make it a special day of fun for our campers. Let us know if you plan to attend at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

CHORAL SERVICE OF EVENSONG: Next Sunday, Oct. 25 at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary the IPC Choir will be offering a Choral Service of Evensong with violinist Daniel Szasz, concertmaster of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra. Evensong is the Service of Evening Prayer by song, sung at the onset of evening to mark the close of day with gratitude, and to compose the mind and renew the spirit for the coming week. We take this time to rest in the Heart of God, to give thanks for our lives and our blessings.

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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THE TABLE

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OCTOBER 18, 2026

THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

WELCOME TO THE TABLE

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Gathering Song "People Get Ready"

Welcome

Moment for Mission: Harvest for Hunger Campaign

Opening Hymn "A Thousand Hallelujahs"

Verse 1: Who else would rocks cry out to worship?
Whose glory taught the stars to shine?
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Chorus: With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory
The honor and the praise
Lord Jesus
This song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more

Verse 2: Who else would die for our redemption?
Whose resurrection means I'll rise?
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try

Repeat Chorus

Bridge: Praise to the Lord
To the lamb
To the King of Heaven
Praise for He rose
Now He reigns
We will sing forever
Praise to the Lord
To the lamb
To the King of Heaven
Praise for He rose
Now He reigns
We will sing forever

Repeat Chorus

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord, it is easy to lose sight of your promises amid the anger and hurt of the world. We want our children to be kind and gentle, yet we speak of others with contempt. We long for peace, yet make war with one another. We pray for a new world, yet contribute to the brokenness all around us. Forgive us, God. Heal what is broken in us, and teach us to live as hope-filled people again. In the name of Christ, 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: Revelation 21:1-6, 22-26

Sermon: "All Things New"

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: "Come and Fill Our Hearts (Taizé)"
- 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: "Only a Holy God"
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn "Be Thou My Vision"

Verse 1: Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Verse 2: Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Verse 3: Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Verse 4: High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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.