
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. **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.

BARBARA NOOJIN WALTHALL BIBLE STUDY SERIES: IPC welcomes guest preacher Rev. Dr. Anna M. V. Bowden, Associate Professor of New Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. This evening's service features a video replay of her morning sermon. You can also watch the replay of her Sunday School class "Women in the New Testament" on IPC's YouTube channel by searching @IPCBirmingham. This series is supported by the Barbara Noojin Walthall Bible Study Fund, maintained by the IPC Foundation as part of the Focus on Faith Committee.

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.

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 on the Sign Up Links page.

THE CHIAPAS MISSION TEAM is collecting supplies for their upcoming journey March 21–March 28. Please consider supporting this mission by donating new supplies from the list below (quantities needed are included) or you can send monetary donations to the church by Sunday, March 15: Paint brushes (22), Paint rollers (22), Paint roller frames (12), Work gloves (22), Twin sheets (5 sets), King sheets (2 sets), Children's Puzzles (12), 8 pack Crayola crayons (120), Coloring Books (20), Basketballs (6), Soccer balls (6), and Hand inflator pumps for balls (3).

SUNDAY, MARCH 15: Join us for our annual Youth Sunday as IPC youth (grades 7–12) lead the congregation in all three worship services. We will also recognize our high school seniors and acolytes during the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary and hold a senior celebration lunch in the Great Hall at Noon. During the Sunday School hour at 10:00 a.m., children in 5K through 6th grade will present the Spring KidsROCK Musical, *In the Image*, in Highland Hall.

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

THE LITURGICAL YEAR

IPC follows the liturgical calendar to mark the seasons of our life together. We are currently in the season of Lent as signified by the color purple, which symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

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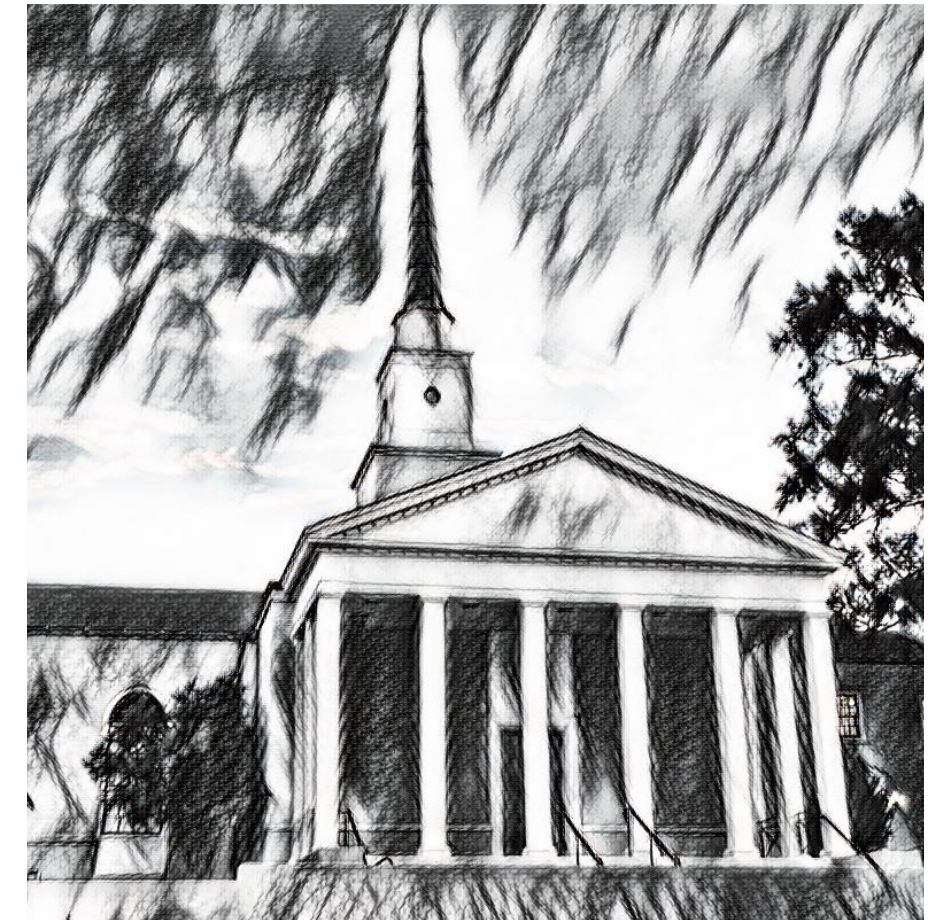
PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. David Seamon, Associate
Pastor
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Carlos Pino, Electric Guitar
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THE TABLE

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MARCH 1, 2026

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT



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WELCOME TO THE TABLE

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Gathering Song

"I'll Fly Away"

Welcome

Opening 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

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy and Gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and our failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find the solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good you create in the world. Help us to set aside all of our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. 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: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: "Models of Discipleship"

*As part of Barbara Noojin Walthall Bible Study Series,
the sermon in this evening's service is a video replay of this
morning's guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Anna M. V. Bowden.*

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: *"He Leadeth Me"*
- 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: *"Praises"*
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Verse 1: **'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus,
Just to take Him at His Word;
Just to rest upon His promise,
Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord!"**

Chorus: **Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him!
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er;
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus!
Oh, for grace to trust Him more!**

Verse 2: **I'm so glad I learned to trust Him
Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that He is with me,
Will be with me to the end.**

(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.*