

## 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](mailto:spulliam@ipc-usa.org). "Like" us on Facebook at @PCBirmingham.

**TODAY IS WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY:** Christian churches of many denominations across the globe will share The Lord's Supper today as a sign of Christ's prayer that we would be one, Body of Christ. At IPC this morning, we remember our mission partners across the globe, especially in Mwandi, Zambia; Chiapas, Mexico; Nkhoma, Malawi; Kigali, Rwanda; Nairobi, Kenya; Dominican Republic; Vinnytsia, Ukraine; and Lahore, Pakistan.

**EXTENDED ATRIUM:** Children in first through sixth grade will have extra exploration time in the Atrium this morning before joining their parents for communion during this worship service. Catechists will walk children into the Assembly Hall to either find their families or a seat at the children's worship stations.

**HURRICANE HELENE DISASTER RELIEF:** IPC will serve as a collection point next week for a community-wide supply drive. The following items can be dropped off with the Community Ministries department (ground floor) next week, Monday, October 7, through Thursday, October 10, from 8:30 am to 3 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](http://ipc-usa.org).

**JOIN A GRACE GROUP** this fall to grow in faith and fellowship. Meeting October 13- November 23, each group will study Prodigal God: Recovering the Heart of Christian Faith by Timothy Keller. Whether you are new to the church or a longtime member, there is a place for you. Register at [ipc-usa.org](http://ipc-usa.org) or you can find a sign-up sheet in the Parlor.

**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 and help pack 3,000 cucumber and cabbage seed packets to be distributed to community gardens across Alabama and the US. This event on Sunday, October 20, 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](http://ipc-usa.org). We need more than 100 volunteers and 16 team leaders!

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Drums  
Electric Guitar  
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Video & Lights  
Sound

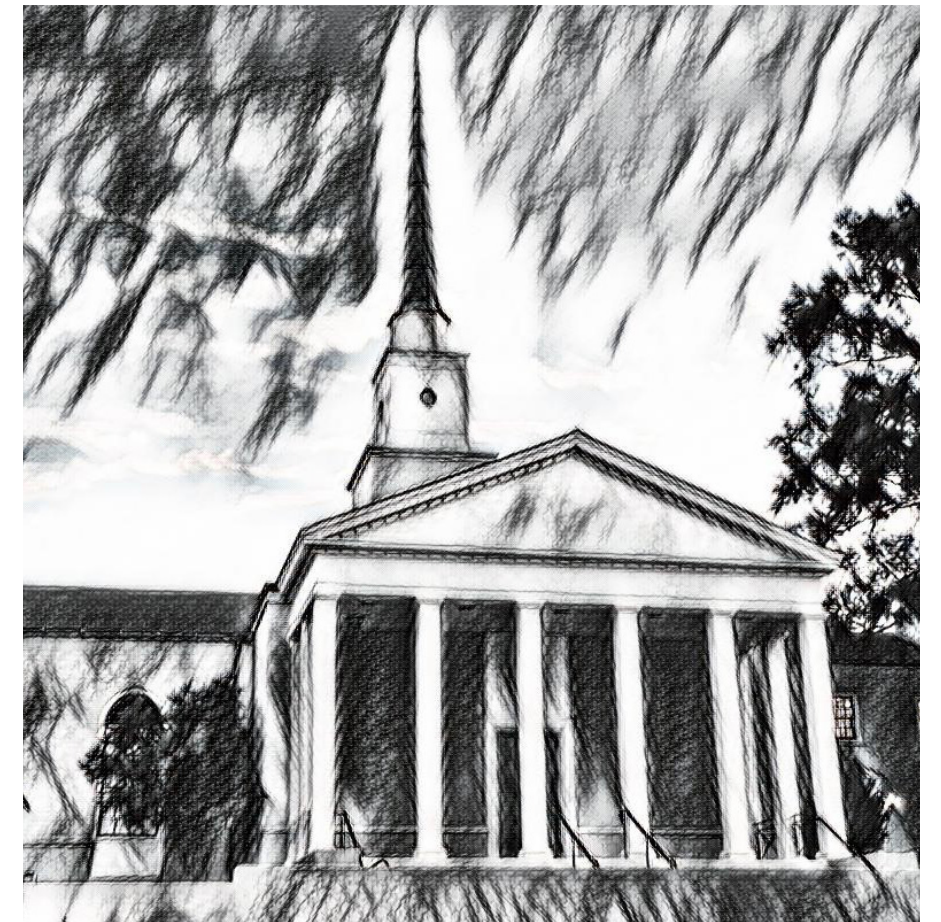


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# THE TABLE

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OCTOBER 6, 2024

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME

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:

Who stronger, O God, than he who rejoices in a risen Lord? Who mightier than he who through weakness has discovered strength in Christ? Who readier to stoop and help than he who has been bought with a price? Amen.

from Beginning the Day by Henry Edmonds

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.

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 205.933.3690 and spulliam@ipc-usa.org or Cindy Shaw at 205.933.3696 and cshaw@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: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

People: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt God’s name together.

Leader: When I sought the Lord, he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

People: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in the Lord our God.

Leader: Let us worship the Lord! Psalm 34:2-4,8

Gathering Songs

This Is Amazing Grace”  
“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image. Through Jesus 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

“Gloria Patri”

A Moment with the Children

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Philippians 3:1-14

Sermon: “Leaving the Past Behind”

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

“What A Beautiful Name”

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: “Lead Me To The Cross”

- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

“I’ll Fly Away”

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.