

Independent Presbyterian Church

Birmingham, Alabama



BAPTISM OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025

8:45 am

11:00 am

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Father, close us in Thy house, hide us in Thy heart. May every temptation be but a chance to grow stronger and to lean more confidently on Thy breast. May every pain and every disappointment be turned by Thy presence into a means of richer grace and deeper understanding.
from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE J. S. Bach
"By the Waters of Babylon"

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
"The spirit of the Lord filleth the world"

The spirit of the Lord filleth the world. O come, O come let us adore Him. Alleluia.

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Seamon

Minister: Truly the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, on those who hope in his steadfast love.

People: To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Minister: Our soul waits for the Lord; he is our help and shield.

People: Our heart is glad in him, because we trust in his holy name.

Minister: Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

People: Let us worship the living God!

*HYMN 268 DIADEMATA
"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Unison: O God, by your mercy, strengthen those who are exposed to the rough storms of trouble and temptation. Help us stand against our own negligence and cowardice. Defend us against the treachery of our unfaithful hearts, and forgive us our sins. Help us, we implore you. Bring us safe to your haven of peace.

St. Augustine

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) GREATOREX

“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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00 a.m.)..... Billy McNutt Morrison

*APOSTLES’ CREED (11:00 a.m.)

**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 Rev. Seamon

SCRIPTURE LESSON - Luke 4:1-15 (Pew Bible, p. NT46)

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 childcare.

ANTHEM Grayston Ives

“Listen, Sweet Dove”

Listen, sweet dove, unto my song, And spread thy golden wings in me; Hatching my tender heart so long, Till it get wing and flie away with thee. Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow The earth did like a heav’n appear, The starres were coming down to know If they might mend their wages and serve here. The sunne which once did shine alone Hung down his head and wisht for night. When he beheld twelve sunnes for one Going about the world and giving light. Lord, though we change thou art the same, The same sweet God of love and light: Restore this day for thy great name, Unto his ancient and miraculous right. *George Herbert*

SERMON Rev. Long

“Jesus Take the Wheel”

The Response to the Word

*HYMN 707 HALL
“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

*APOSTLES’ CREED (8:45 a.m.)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Rev. Newton
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 Niccolò Antonio Zingarelli
“Go not far from me, O God” from a *Christus e Miserere*

Go not far from me, O God; cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise, that I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long. *Psalm 71:8-9, 12*

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 65 CWM RHONDDA
“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*BENEDICTION Rev. Long

*POSTLUDE J. S. Bach
“In Dulci Jubilo”

*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 Mrs. Charles S. Blair, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Bissell, and Mr. Clarence “Clancy” Bissell Blair, Jr. **THE FLOWERS** on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Kenneth Earl Little, Captain, U.S. Air Force, Judge Advocate General’s Corps; stationed in Augsburg, Germany, and Izmir, Turkey, in the 1950s; father of Stephen Penfield Little, Sr.; grandfather of Stephen Penfield Little, Jr.

TABLE WORSHIP SERVICE IS BACK AT 5:00 PM: Join us for the Table service in Highland Hall. Rev. Susan Clayton will be preaching this evening.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT dinner and programming for Adults is back for the Winter Term. Classes include Bible Study with the Pastor, The Upward Way with Bill Casey and Lant Davis, and Mahjong. Find more details on the Ministries tab at ipc-usa.org.

SPRING CHILDREN’S MUSICAL REHEARSALS are on Wednesday nights at 5:30 p.m. K5 - 6th Grade are invited to join us to practice for “It’s Cool in the Furnace.” Volunteers are also needed. Register at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

IPC YOUTH: Youth Group resumes tonight at 5:00 p.m. in the Garage at Highland Hall. Youth Midweek begins on Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. also in the Garage. Our Gatlinburg trip is January 17-20. Find additional information online or in the weekly youth email.

SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION for Vacation Bible School & Bibletimes Marketplace is open for members. VBS is for our preschool children, age 2-5 years, and BTMP is for our elementary kids and youth, grades K-12th. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to find the registration links.

DAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION opens tomorrow, January 13 for members. Visit the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org to find the registration link.

WE WELCOME GUEST PREACHER Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, on Sunday, January, 26. He will preach at both morning services in the Sanctuary.

2025 ANNUAL GIVING: We are so grateful for those who have given generously to support the mission of Jesus Christ at IPC. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, the time is now to join us in responding to Christ’s call for our church. Find pledge cards at the reception desk, or make an online pledge by texting PLEDGE to (205) 927-3100 and following the prompts.

BAPTISM TODAY

BILLY MCNUTT MORRISON, born on July 13, 2024, son of Molly and Clay Morrison, brother of Jack Morrison and Huck Morrison.

WINTER TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

All classes meet at 10 am.

Find additional details under the Ministries tab at ipc-usa.org.

ADULT CLASSES

Acts of the Apostles

Wonder Years & Seekers Classes, RM 305 & 306

An Intro to Dante's Divine Comedy with Frank Sutherland

4-weeks Only (Jan. 12 - Feb. 2), RM 308

Confessing the Beatitudes

Presbyterian Women, RM 304

“Gratitude: Why Giving Thanks is the Key to Our Well-Being”

Bridges & Crossroads, Highland Hall Garage

Letters from Peter

Reformed Class, RM 309

Romans, A Bible Based Study

Young Adults Class begins on January 26, RM 303

YOUTH CLASSES

Youth Sunday School

Grades 7-12, RM 101

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Toddler Atrium

RM G20

Atrium Level 1

Ages 3-5K, RM 109

Atrium Level 2

Grades 1-3, RM 108

Atrium Level 3

Grades 4-6, RM 107

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, Pastor

The Rev. David J. Seamon, Associate Pastor, Mission & Outreach

The Rev. D. Nicole Newton, Associate Pastor, Discipleship

Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts

Acolytes: (8:45 am) Mabel Fleenor, Layton Meriwether, Sam Meriwether

(11:00 am) Heidi Hollingsworth, Helen Ray, Shep Ray

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