
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 checking the appropriate column on the Friendship pad or call Cindy Shaw at the church office, 933-3696. "Like" us on Facebook at IPCBirmingham.

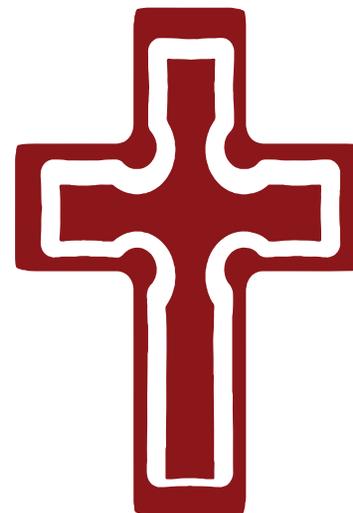
SECOND SUNDAY SUPPER will immediately follow the service tonight. There is a suggested donation of \$5.00 for supper. All are welcome!

A DEACON ROUNDTABLE EVENT titled "The Well Being of Our Aging Parents" will be held on **August 14 at 5:30 p.m. in the Great Hall**. The event will include dinner and discussion about different stages in the process of caring for our parents. Resource persons from Montgomery and Birmingham will be present to advise us and answer questions. We know that navigating the changing child-parent relationship can be challenging as parents grow older, and this event will address some of those challenges. All IPC members of all ages are invited and encouraged to bring friends, neighbors, and parents. Childcare will be provided; cost is \$5. RSVP online or contact blays@ipc-usa.org for information.

CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION: A meeting of the Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called for **Sunday, August 19, 2018**, 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 elect Elders for the class of 2021; to elect Deacons for the class of 2021; to elect a President and Vice-President of the congregation; to elect members of the IPC Foundation Board of Directors; to elect the Representative Nominating Committee class of 2021. No other business may be transacted at this meeting. By order of the Session: Dr. William J. Carl III, Moderator; Beverley T. Krannich, Clerk.

IPC EVENING SERVICE

AUGUST 12, 2018



PARTICIPANTS IN SERVICE

Rev. Lucy Turner	Executive Assoc. Pastor, Stewardship
Caleb Craft	Percussion
Anderson Gore	Guitar
Jeanette Hightower	Violin
Preston Lovinggood	Acoustic Guitar
Sarah Mason	Worship Leader
Kevin Peek	Sound

Independent Presbyterian Church

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SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

*Amid the rush where can I rest?
Amid the noise where can I be quiet?
Amid so much speaking how can I listen?
Among so many voices how can I hear the One Voice?
O God, Center and Soul of all, lead me back to Thee. Amen.*

(from a prayer by Henry M. Edmonds)

GATHERING IN

**Gathering Hymn #749: "Come! Live in the Light!"*

Opening Words/Call to Worship (responsive)

One: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

One: O magnify the Lord with me,

All: and let us exalt God's name together.

**Hymn #1: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"*

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as your faithful children. We have been angry with the world and nursed grudges against our adversaries. We have hoarded the fruits of our labors rather than share our bounty with the needy. We have not built up our neighbors with words of kindness but have indulged in evil gossip. We have not forgiven the wrongs others have done, even though we desire your forgiveness toward us in Jesus Christ. Heal us, O God, and give us the grace to love as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us. Amen.

Please observe a period of silence for personal reflection.

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Grace

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

**Gloria Patri*

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: John 6:35, 41-51

Sermon: "How High Is Your Reach?"

RESPONDING TO GOD'S VOICE

Affirmation of Faith (unison) from a Declaration of Faith

Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed direction for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort. We are charged to pray for ourselves and others with gratitude, boldness and persistence, confident that God hears and answers our prayers in ways best for all. Life in God's presence issues in life for others, for if we do not love sisters and brothers whom we see, we cannot love God whom we do not see.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

- The Offertory Statement

- Prayer of Dedication

- Anthem: "Lovely Needy People"

Celebration of the Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

- Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

- Words of Institution

- Communion of the People (*by Intinction*)

- Anthem: "These Bodies"

- Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Song: "Benediction Song"

Benediction

**Rise in Body or Spirit*