
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. "Like" us on Facebook at @IPCBirmingham.

LENTEN CHAPEL & LUNCH: Join us each Wednesday (March 12-April 16) for a noonday worship service followed by a light lunch. **Reserve your lunch for this week by noon on April 1.** Find the reservation form and discover more about Lent at IPC at ipc-usa.org.

WESTERN CAROLINA MISSION TRIP: Make plans to serve with us from June 8-14, where we'll assist with light construction and rebuilding homes affected by Hurricane Helene. Please complete the interest form on the Sign Up Links page at ipc-usa.org by April 10 or contact Rev. David Seamon at dseamon@ipc-usa.org for more information.

JOIN US FOR A FAMILY SOCK HOP on Friday, April 11, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Highland Hall. IPC Children's Ministries will host a fun-filled evening with dinner, games and costumes.

CHILDREN'S EGG HUNT: Join us for an Egg Hunt in Rushton Park after the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, April 13. (Toddlers in the IPC Courtyard) We will have cookies and lemonade for everyone to enjoy and eggs to hunt for all the kids!

IPC YOUTH ANNUAL TOPGOLF: All Youth and 6th graders are invited to attend our welcome event at Topgolf in Birmingham on Sunday, April 13. For questions, contact Cammie Ashworth at cashworth@ipc-usa.org.

NOW & FOREVER ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF DINNER: You are invited to a very special evening featuring Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell. Guests will enjoy a seated dinner with wine while learning how IPC's mission can thrive for generations to come. Join us Friday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the IPC Great Hall. Kindly confirm your attendance by April 14 at IPCForever.org. Due to limited seating, please reserve your spot as soon as possible.

HOLY WEEK SERVICIES: Sunday, April 13 - Sunday, April 20

- Palm Sunday, April 13, Worship services at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; 5:00 p.m. in Highland Hall
- Maundy Thursday, April 17, Worship Service at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
- Good Friday Friday, April 18, Worship Service at 12 p.m. (Noon) in the Sanctuary
- Easter Sunday, April 20, Worship Services at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary; 5:00 p.m. in Highland Hall

THE REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATING COMMITTEE is identifying qualified nominees to serve as church officers. The online nomination form is available at ipc-usa.org or you can email nominations to RNC@ipc-usa.org. The deadline to submit is April 21.

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PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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| Rev. D. Nicole Newton | Associate Pastor |
| Sarah Mason | Worship Leader |
| Brett Burcham | Acoustic Guitar |
| Eric Onimus | Bass Guitar |
| Leif Bondarenko | Drums |
| Carlos Pino | Electric Guitar |
| Jeff Lopez | Horns |
| Tommy Bowen | Horns |
| Oliver Middleton | Video & Lights |
| Hayden Thomas | Sound |

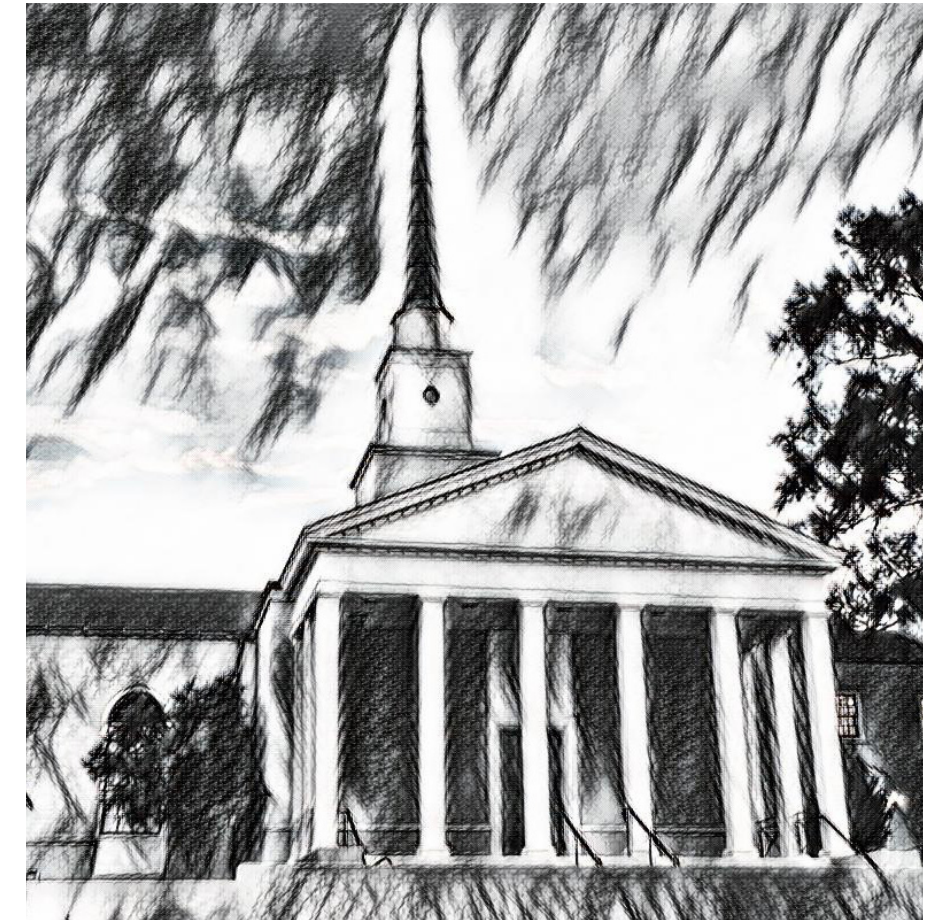


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THE TABLE

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MARCH 30, 2025

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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:

*Be Thou, O God, the presiding presence in my life. Keep the throne.
Lead me. Surround me. Uphold me. Dwell in me. Possess me.
Without Thee, I miss my way, I wander, I faint, I forget the meaning
of myself and of life. 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 of Lent as signified by the color purple, which symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice.

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 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.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

Leader: The foolish say, 'there is no God.'
People: **We come seeking the presence of the God who loves us.**
Leader: The scoffers ask, 'why do you seek after God?'
People: **We come because God's grace has spilled over in our lives.**
Leader: The hopeless think, 'no one cares about me.'
People: **We come because Jesus has found us and brought us home.**
All: **Come, let us worship God.**

Gathering Songs

*"Mighty to Save"
"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"*

LISTENING

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

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Too often we say we are faithful, Holy One, only to fail at acting faithfully when given the chance. We turn away from the cries of people we have judged to be worthless, assuming their troubles are of their own making and therefore none of our responsibility. We scoff at those we have deemed less than, believing that they have nothing to teach us or share with us. Forgive us for our faithless and foolhardy ways, Lord, and restore us to your goodness. Make us brave enough to hear the cries all around us, and bold enough to respond to them with your love. 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"

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Sermon: "Where the Lost Things Go"

RESPONDING

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

Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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: "Who Else"
- Prayer after Communion

SENDING

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

Closing Hymn

"Angel Band"

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.*