

Independent Presbyterian Church

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA



Service for the Lord's Day

The Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

JUNE 14, 2026 | 10:00 A.M.

Welcome to IPC!



FOUNDED IN 1915, Independent Presbyterian Church has long held a commitment to glorifying the triune God through worship, the use of beauty and the arts, and serving our community in Jesus' name. From the beginning, our founders sought to establish a church reflecting God's love for humanity and humanity's love for God.

Today, we continue this legacy by cultivating meaningful worship, nurturing our congregation to grow as disciples of Jesus, and engaging in acts of service that reflect Christ's command to love God and love our neighbors. Whether you are a life-long follower of Jesus, a new believer, or still curious, know that all are welcome here.

If this is your first visit, we look forward to meeting you and sharing more about the life of our church. All are invited to the Welcome Table in the Parlor following the service. To learn more about IPC or membership, please email us at membership@ipc-usa.org or visit the New to IPC page on our website.

Children are always welcome to worship with us in the Sanctuary. Materials to build a Worship Bag are in the Parlor before each service. Please replace the items when the service ends.

We are so grateful that you are here. Please sign the friendship pad located in the pew racks, so we know you are worshiping with us today.

THE COVER features a 2018 acrylic painting of IPC's exterior by McKenzie Kirk Brannon (1960-2025), a beloved friend of IPC whose spirit and art touched the heart of Community Ministries for many years.

The Gathering for Worship

We gather as a Family of Faith and prepare our hearts to worship God.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, may our giving be so regular, so intelligent, so generous, so glad, that it shall become prayer. In the name of Him who gave all, even Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE

"If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"

J. S. Bach

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

"Draw nigh to God"

George Thalben-Ball

Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 116

Rev. Long

Minister: I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my supplications.

People: Because he has inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

Minister: What shall I return to the Lord for all his bounty to me?

People: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

Minister: I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

All: In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

❖ HYMN 299

"You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim"

HANOVER

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight injustice, but we sit idly by out of fear. Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

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

Minister: Friends, this is the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

❖ THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: 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) *"Glory Be to the Father"* GLORIA PATRI

**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. Clayton

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Rev. Long

Warren Prince Bledsoe

Elizabeth Haviland Bledsoe

❖ APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mr. Tittle

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 10:1-23

Pew Bible, N.T. pg. 8

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

ANTHEM

“Do Not Fear”

Fred Gramann

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; the rivers shall not cover you. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your own from the east and from the west; When you walk through the fire, it shall not burn you, nor shall you be consumed by the flame. I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel. You are precious in my sight, and I love you.

based on Isaiah 43:1-5

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.

SERMON

“With Nothing But Faith”

Rev. Clayton

The Response to the Word

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

❖ HYMN 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

❖ PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

To give online, text OFFERING to (205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

❖ THE DOXOLOGY (HYMN 606)

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

OLD HUNDREDTH

**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.**

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

❖ THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Followers of the Lamb”

arr. Philip R. Dietterich

O brethren ain't you happy, O sisters ain't you happy, ye followers of the Lamb? I'm glad I am a Christian; I mean to be obedient, ye followers of the Lamb. Sing on, dance on, ye followers of Emmanuel. O sing on, dance on, ye followers of the Lamb.

Shaker tune

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

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

❖ HYMN 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Dietrich Buxtehude

❖ *Rise in body or spirit.*

Flowers

The flowers in the chancel today are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Andrew Romjue.**

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The flowers on the War Memorial are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of **Mr. Christoffer Peter Bolvig, Jr.;**
USAF Reconnaissance, Korea; father of Christoffer Peter Bolvig III.

Today's Baptisms

Warren Prince Bledsoe, born April 18, 2023, son of Lauren and Bo Bledsoe
and brother of Elizabeth Haviland Bledsoe.

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Elizabeth Haviland Bledsoe, born October 5, 2025, daughter of Lauren and Bo Bledsoe
and sister of Warren Prince Bledsoe.

Announcements

Summer Sunday School

TODAY | *Through Sunday, August 30*
Adults and youth are invited to a
combined Sunday School class at 9:00 a.m.
On June 14 and from June 28-August 30,
Dr. Jeff Leonard will lead a series titled
“Ten Kings of Israel: The Good, the Bad,
and the Ugly of Israel’s Monarchy” in RM
305/306. Sunday, June 21 concludes the
special classes in celebration of our
Sanctuary's centennial. Join us in the

Sanctuary as we learn about IPC's rich
musical heritage. Childcare is available on
the Ground Floor.

Beer & Hymns

*Monday, June 15 | 7:00 p.m. | The
Grocery, 2823 Central Ave., Homewood*
Sing old-time hymns (and a few new
ones) in a relaxed setting with good
food and great company. Doors open at
6:00 p.m. All are welcome!

IPC Youth Mission & Lake Days

Wednesday, June 17-Friday, June 19, 2026

Join us for three days of service, community, and summer fun! We will spend two days traveling to Talladega to learn about and serve the Presbyterian Home for Children. We will wrap up the week with our annual Lake Day. Youth are welcome to sign up for all three days, just the mission trip days, or just Lake Day. Find the registration form at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page.

Juneteenth is Friday, June 19

IPC offices will be closed on Friday, June 19 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.

PMUA Sunday

Special Offering on Sunday, June 21

Next Sunday, IPC recognizes Presbyterian Ministries United Appeal (PMUA). Each summer, we come together as a church to support PMUA and provide funding for Kirkwood by the River's Life Care Fund, the Living River Scholarship Fund, and the IPC Social Services Fund. Help shine the light of Christ and give to aid not one—but THREE organizations as they live out their ministry to support those in need. Ushers will collect donations during next Sunday's offering, or you may give online by texting PMUA to (205) 927-3100 anytime and following the instructions.

School Supply Drive

Help teachers in Camden, AL stock their classrooms. Find the supply wish list at ipc-usa.org on the Sign Up Links page. This youth-led project supports IPC Youth's partnership with Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Group in Camden, AL.

Women's Montreat Conference

August 14-16 | Montreat, North Carolina

Registration is now open for Montreat Women's Conference, featuring keynote speaker Kristin Kobes Du Mez, author of the New York Times bestseller *Jesus and John Wayne*. Women from IPC are invited to attend and stay at Georgia Miller's family home. Participants staying at the house should register as commuters. For more information or to let her know you plan to attend, contact Georgia Miller at georgiamerlyn@gmail.com or (205) 903-3668.

Support the Farm this Summer

As the Summer Learning Program begins later this week, we invite you to support IPC's mission at the Children's Fresh Air Farm. Visit ipc-usa.org to sign up to tutor or donate snacks! Questions: Please contact Marion Dukes at (205) 623-2187 or mdukes@ipc-usa.org.

Prayer List

Copies of IPC's current prayer list are available in the Parlor and Narthex. Our Intercessory Prayer Group meets each Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel to pray by name for those on the list. To submit a prayer request for a loved one, yourself, or any prayer need, please contact Connie Logan at clogan@ipc-usa.org.

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Scan to give in a secure,
convenient format online.



Text to Give:

To give online, text GIVE to
(205) 927-3100 and follow the steps.

Thank You for Your Gifts:

Questions on how to give can be
directed to Margaret Lane H. Wolff at
mhollingsworth@ipc-usa.org.

Watch Online

We invite you to worship with us
from wherever you are.
Join the 10:00 a.m. livestream at
[YouTube.com/@IPCBirmingham](https://www.YouTube.com/@IPCBirmingham)

Visiting IPC?

To learn more about joining IPC, email
us at membership@ipc-usa.org or visit the
New to IPC page on our website.

This Week at IPC

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

- 9:00 A.M. Adult & Youth Sunday School, Sanctuary
 - 9:00 A.M. Childcare, Ground Floor
 - 10:00 A.M. Combined Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
 - 5:00 P.M. Table Worship, Highland Hall
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MONDAY, JUNE 15

- 1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308/309
 - 5:30 P.M. Yoga, RM 301
 - 6:00 P.M. Boy Scouts, Scout Hut
 - 7:00 P.M. Beer & Hymns, The Grocery
 - 7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307
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TUESDAY, JUNE 16

- 9:30 A.M. Bridge, RM 309
 - 11:00 A.M. Intercessory Prayer, Chapel
 - 1:30 P.M. Centering Prayer, RM 304
 - 3:00 P.M. Chair Yoga, RM 304
 - 5:30 P.M. Session Meeting, Garage
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION DAY

- 9:00 A.M. Yoga, RM 301
 - 10:30 A.M. Caregiver Support Group, RM 304
 - 1:00 P.M. Bridge, RM 308
 - 5:30 P.M. Lakeview Al-Anon, RM 304
 - 6:00 P.M. IPC Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
 - 7:00 P.M. Lakeview AA, RM 307
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THURSDAY, JUNE 18

YOUTH MINISTRY MISSION DAY

- 11:00 A.M. Knitting Ministry, RM 105
 - 2:00 P.M. Mahjong, RM 308
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FRIDAY, JUNE 19

- JUNETEENTH Church Offices Closed
 - YOUTH MINISTRY LAKE DAY
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To learn more about our upcoming events and to register for classes, please visit ipc-usa.org.

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICES:

The Rev. Kevin J. Long, *Pastor*

The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, *Associate Pastor, Congregational Care & Adult Ministries*

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

Mr. Gaige Tittle, *Seminary Intern*

Acolyte: Helen Ray

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir



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