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Service for the Lord's Day

eight forty-five and eleven o'clock

THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord, Thou hast supplied all my wants. I hunger and lo, there is food. I thirst and water shines and sings in a thousand streams. I think, and an ordered universe invites me to its uttermost part. But infinity calls me everywhere-to know, to be able to be good. Thou Thyself, O Lord, art the answer. To follow after Thee, to live with Thee forever-this is my soul's desire.

from "Beginning the Day" by Henry Edmonds

PRELUDE - Variations on "Sine Nomine" Richard Proulx

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.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS..... Dr. Goyer

INTROIT - "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace".....George Thalben-Ball

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord

People: **Who made heaven and earth!**

Psalm 124:8

*HYMN 394 - "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
WESTMINSTER ABBEY



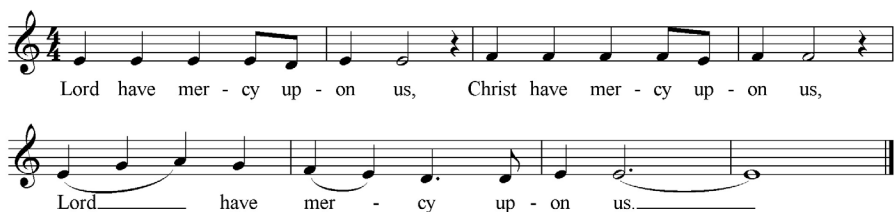
1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
2. To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
3. Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or
cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,
bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and
help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Dr. Wilkins

Unison: Lord, open unto us, Open unto us-light for our darkness.
Open unto us-courage for our fear. Open unto us-hope for
our despair. Open unto us-peace for our turmoil. Open
unto us-joy for our sorrow. Open unto us-strength for our
weakness. Open unto us-wisdom for our confusion. Open
unto us-forgiveness for our sins. Open unto us-love for
our contempt. Open unto us-your Self for ourselves. Lord,
Lord, open unto us! Amen. *Howard Thurman*

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON (from *The Independent Service*)

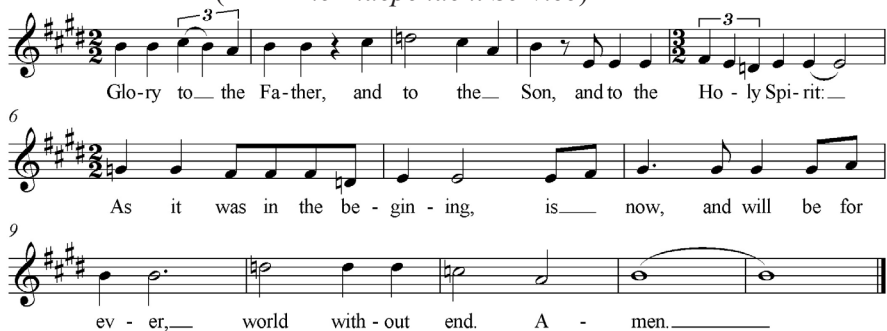


Lord have mer - cy up - on us, Christ have mer - cy up - on us,
Lord have mer - cy up - on us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI (from *The Independent Service*)



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spi - rit:
As it was in the be - gin - ing, is now, and will be for
ev - er, world with - out end. A - men.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Hebrews 11, 12 (selected verses)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON - WHERE ARE ALL THE SAINTS? Dr. Goyer

The Response to the Word

* PRAYER FOR THE COMMUNION OF THE SAINTS.....Dr. Wilkins

GOD OF ALL AGES, creator of the heavens and the earth, we praise you for the great cloud of witnesses who laid aside every weight and sin that clings so closely and ran with perseverance the race that was set before them. Help us inherit their faith and their endurance, their love and their spirit, knowing we do not run alone, nor in vain. And help us remember, remembering that apart from us they would not be made perfect. In Christ's name. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

* The Offertory Statement

* The Doxology (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 606).....OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Litany of the Saints

A period of silence.

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE.....Rev. Clayton

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The minister continues in prayer, and then is sung:

SANCTUS (from *The Independent Service*)

introduction

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
po - wer and might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na
in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (from *The Independent Service*)

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

The minister continues in prayer.

AMEN (from *The Independent Service*)

A - men, A - men, A - - - men!

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*In unison*)

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.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

"Come My Way, My Truth, My Life"John Clements
Come, my way, my truth, my life: Such a way as gives us breath: Such a truth as ends all strife: Such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light as shows a feast: Such a feast as mends in length: Such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: Such a joy as none can move: Such a love as none can part: Such a heart as joys in love. Amen.
George Herbert

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

The Sending

*HYMN 326 - "For All the Saints"SINE NOMINE

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
(choir only) 3 O blest com - mu - noin, fel - low - ship, di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest. Al -
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
- le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*CHARGE

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE - "Toccata in D minor".....Johann Sebastian Bach

**Congregation standing*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL OF TODAY'S ONLINE VISITORS!

We would love to welcome you to our family of faith at IPC. Please provide contact information to Cindy Shaw at 933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hershel Johnson, Navy Signalman on the Enterprise in WWII, father of Phillip A. Johnson, Sr., grandfather of Alicia Johnson Coomes and Phillip A. Johnson, Jr.

EVERY SUNDAY MORNING, IPC is sending out a "Learn with Us, Worship with Us" email. In the email is a link to the 11 o'clock LiveStream on YouTube.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH.

Even during this time when in-person attendance is limited, we do have basic necessary bills to cover. Offerings may be submitted online, by mail, or through the ShelbyNEXT app. As always, thank you for your gifts.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL NOVEMBER ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

begins today at 4:00 p.m. with a recital by Monica Czausz, Dallas, Texas. The series continues with the following 4:00 recitals: November 8, Stefan Engels, Dallas, Texas; November 15, Isabelle Demers, Waco, Texas; November 22, David Enlow, New York, New York. All of the recitals are free. Reservations are required. Online reservation forms are available at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. Masks and social distancing are required.

WEDNESDAY PERSONAL PRAYERS: The Sanctuary is open for a "come and go" personal prayer time on Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00. Please enter through the front doors of the Sanctuary, sign the register, wear a mask, and sit in the designated seating areas.

HARVEST FOR HUNGER: Current times are different in so many ways, but hunger within our community persists. Please help us continue to serve those who are food insecure. Our annual Harvest for Hunger continues until November 22, which is Dedication Day. This year we are in need of food donations for our Blessings Boxes and monetary donations for our City Meats food vouchers. Each voucher costs \$45. Harvest for Hunger bags are available for pickup in the Parlor. To arrange drop-off, please call Lisa Holloway at 933-3725, Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30. Checks should be made to IPC (Harvest for Hunger in the memo line). Please check our website at www.ipc-usa.org/connect for an article and detailed list of suggested food items. Monetary donations can be made by clicking on "Give Online" in the top right corner of the website and selecting "Food Pantry" in the dropdown menu. Thank you very much for helping us and our neighbors!

ADVENT FLOWERS: Honor loved ones by making an Advent flower donation in their names. Look for envelopes in the October issue of The Window. An online donation form is now available at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. The names of your loved ones will be printed in the Christmas bulletin. **The deadline for submission is Friday, November 13.**

PW HOLIDAY FLORAL ARRANGING: The annual Presbyterian Women's Holiday luncheon will be virtual this year. Sybil Sylvester will offer a virtual floral demonstration available by email on November 18. You can choose to buy a flower kit with all the supplies you need or purchase the video link only. More information can be found on our website www.ipc-usa.org/connect or by contacting Lea Anne Hardy at lharry@ipc-usa.org.

THE IPC CHOIR FRUIT SALE continues until Monday, November 30. Fruit order forms will arrive in mailboxes the first week of November. You may also place an order and pay online at www.ipc-usa.org/connect. An option to donate all or part of your fruit order to the Food Pantry is available (it will be delivered directly to the Food Pantry for your convenience). The fruit will be available for curbside pickup December 19 and 20 in Highland Hall. A choir representative will come to your car and help you complete your order. Masks and social distancing are respectfully required.

SPECIAL GIFTS RECEIVED

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM: In memory of Nancy Bean.

IPC DAY SCHOOL: In memory of Nancy Bean.

IPC FOOD PANTRY: In memory of Muff Johnston and Mildred Mauldin.

KIRKWOOD FUNDS: (*Chapel Fund*) In memory of Mr. James R. "Bob" Bush. (*Horizon Fund*) In memory of Mr. William F. Edmonds and Judge James H. Hancock, Sr. (*Life Care Fund*) In memory of Judge James H. Hancock, Sr.

Participants in Today's Services

Dr. W. Stephen Goyer, Pastor
The Rev. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor
The Rev. Dr. Jay Wilkins, Interim Associate Pastor
Dr. Jeff R. McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts
Members of the Independent Presbyterian Church Choir

Acolyte: (8:45 a.m.) Helen Wade Walthall
(11:00 a.m.) Ivy Elizabeth Cobbs

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