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Service for the Lord's Day

eight forty five and eleven o'clock

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Holy Communion

The Gathering for Worship

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Everlasting God, in Jesus Christ you give strength to the powerless and power to the faint; you raise up the sick and cast out demons. Make us agents of his healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation. Amen.

PRELUDE - "Humbly We Adore Thee" Gerald Near

INTROIT - "Seek ye the Lord" George Thalben-Ball

Seek ye the Lord while he may be found: call ye upon him while he is near.

(11:00 - IPC Choir)

* HYMN 139 - "Come, Thou Almighty King"ITALIAN HYMN

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP..... (8:45) Mrs. Brisendine; (11:00) Mr. Monk

Elder: God invites us into his healing presence with these words: "I am the Lord, who heals you."

People: Diseased, depressed, dysfunctional, defeated, we come hungering for wholeness that only God can provide.

Elder: God calls us to bring open eyes, hearing ears, and tender hearts turned toward him, the Great Physician.

People: We bow before God in faith and expectancy!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION.....Rev. Clayton

Unison: Merciful God, we come to you not because we have it all together, but because we are not perfect. We want to be more like your Son, who lived his whole life in love. Our love is most often reserved for those who are close to us and those who love us in return. Our forgiveness is most often conditional. Fairness is more important to us than grace. We cannot live up to the way Jesus leads us. Forgive us, and make us more like Jesus Christ in all we say and do. Amen.

A period of silence for personal confession.

KYRIE ELEISON (*All Singing*)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

* GLORIA PATRI (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 579)

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MORNING LESSON - Mark 1:29-39 (*Pew Bible*, p. NT35)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 189 - "As Deer Long for the Streams" ROCKINGHAM
(*During the singing of this hymn, children, preschool and younger, may follow the acolyte down the center aisle to the ground floor for worship care. In addition, during the 11:00 service, children, kindergarten through second grade, may also follow the acolyte down the center aisle to attend Children's Chapel.*)

SERMON - ADDRESSING THE "WHY" QUESTION Dr. Sharps

* NICENE CREED (*In unison*) Rev. Turner
I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds; God of God; Light of Light; Very God of Very God; Begotten, not made; Being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; Who for us, and for our salvation, came down from heaven; And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered, and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven; And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Ghost; The Lord and Giver of Life; Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; Who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the resurrection of the dead; And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory Statement

* The Doxology..... OLD HUNDREDTH

* The Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory Anthem - "Who at my Door is Standing?".....K. Lee Scott
(8:45 - Westminster Choir)

The Offertory Anthem - "Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether" ...Harold W. Friedell
Draw us in the Spirit's tether; For when humbly, in thy name, Two or three are met together, Thou art in the midst of them: Alleluya! Touch we now thy garment's hem. As the brethren used to gather In the name of Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Father Break the bread and bless the cup. So knit thou our friendship up. All our meals and all our living Make as sacraments of thee, That by caring, helping, giving, We may true disciples be. We will serve thee faithfully. B.R.

(11:00 - IPC Choir)

The Eucharist

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

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 (*All Singing*)arr. Richard Proulx

*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav-en 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues in prayer.

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 Nancy Skinner at the church office, 933-1830.

THE ACOLYTES this morning are: (8:45 a.m.) Porter Coles Crockard, Catherine Newman Faught, Arthur Wilkinson Smith. (11:00 a.m.) Jeffrey Monroe Grantham, Jr., Sara Lillian Grantham, Parker Alan Hartline.

THE FLOWERS on the War Memorial are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all past and present military personnel.

THIS AFTERNOON, the Service of Choral Evensong will be offered at 4:00 p.m. This service for the end of the day combines hymns, psalms, prayers, plainsong and choral music in a beautiful setting of ancient liturgy. Joining the IPC Choir will be two violins, cello and harpsichord as they present music of the baroque masters. Nursery care will be available. This service begins the Religious Arts Festival, which is described in the bulletin insert. Please plan to join us for this worshipful experience and for all of the offerings of the week. Note that today is the deadline for reservations for the Thursday evening banquet.

WORSHIP PLANS FOR FEBRUARY 12 have been announced. Because of the route of the Mercedes Marathon, no morning activities will be offered at IPC next Sunday, February 12. You are encouraged to join us for worship at 4:00 p.m. for a very special service prepared by our youth.

LENTEN GRACE GROUPS: Registration continues through today. Grace Groups offer IPC members a great way to get to know other members and study the scriptures. If you would like to be a leader or participant for any of our Grace Groups, please contact Cindy Shaw (933-3696 or cshaw@ipc-usa.org). The Lenten Grace Groups will meet February 12 through March 31, with a study guide entitled "Parables and Passion" – Jesus' Stories for the Days of Lent, by John Indermark.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Independent Presbyterian Church is hereby called for Sunday, February 19, 2012, to celebrate the successful completion of the ministry and mission of the church during 2011. The meeting will be convened with the opening prayer at the 11:00 worship service in the sanctuary. The business meeting will be held in the sanctuary and will begin immediately following the worship service. The purposes of the meeting are: to receive 2011 financial reports; to receive the report of the IPC Foundation; to review salaries of the ordained clergy; to elect a member of the Foundation Board of Directors; to conduct any other business which may properly come before the congregation; to receive the 2011 report of the President of the Congregation. By order of the Session: David Dickson, Clerk; Dr. Conrad Sharps, Moderator.

SUGGESTED FOOD PANTRY ITEM: Bisquick/Cornbread/Muffin Mixes.

SPECIAL GIFTS

BESSIE LESTER FUND: *In honor of* Susie Abbott, Laura Clarke, Susan Clayton, Melodie Echols, Chip Grizzle, Penney Hartline, Gene Lewis, Joan Lightfoot, Bette Owen, Caroline Polson, Jean Shanks, Bryson Stephens, Kennon Walthall, Ann Whorton, Randall Woodfin.

KIRKWOOD MEMORIALS: (*Horizon Fund*) Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mr. William F. Edmonds, Mr. Frank Lankford, Sr., Mrs. Blondie Leaver. (*Life Care Fund*) Mrs. Mary Anderson, Mr. Frank Lankford, Sr.

SCHREIBER MEMORIAL ORGAN MEMORIALS: Mr. Roger Clayton, Mrs. Elizabeth O'Neal White Shannon.

CHILDREN'S FRESH AIR FARM CAMPSHIPS: Mr. Edmond Paul Seifert.

Participants in Today's Services

The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps, Pastor

The Rev. Ms. Susan A. Clayton, Associate Pastor, Community Ministries

The Rev. Ms. Lucy E. Turner, Associate Pastor, Pastoral Care and Counseling

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

The Westminster Choir (8:45)

The Independent Presbyterian Church Choir (11:00)

Mrs. Melissa Brisendine, Elder (8:45); Mr. Richard Monk, Jr., Elder (11:00)

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