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The Window

Easter 2011 at the Alabama Theatre

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History Repeats Itself

IPC Returning to historic theatre Easter 2011

In its first seven years, Independent Presbyterian Church held Sunday evening services in several of the downtown Birmingham theatres. We will repeat this history by returning to one of the historic theatres in downtown Birmingham for our Easter Sunday service 2011. We are currently out of our Sanctuary during major construction and renovation work and will not have space at the church for the overflow Easter attendance.

"The Lord is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him."

Independent
Presbyterian Church
of Birmingham

ALL WELCOME!

SERVICES IN TEMPLE EMANU-EL, HIGHLAND AVENUE
AND TWENTY-FIRST ST., AND THE LYRIC THEATRE.

HENRY M. EDMONDS, D.D., Pastor.

Who We Are and How We Got to the Theatre

Independent Presbyterian Church was founded in 1915, led by Dr. Henry Edmonds. This group was dedicated to the proclamation of the gospel in Birmingham and a ministry of community service. During the next seven years prior to building our current church, this new congregation worshipped on Sunday mornings in Temple Emanu-El and held Sunday evening services in several downtown theatres. "As Edmonds observed in a 1950 church publication, those downtown services—first in the Strand and the Odeon Two and

then... at the much larger Lyric Theatre—"Probably determined the set of our sails toward philanthropy." *

Description of IPC's first evening service in 1915 at the downtown Strand Theatre

The *Birmingham Age-Herald* carried a full account of IPC's first evening service in the theatre with overflow crowds. Following is an excerpt from the 1915 newspaper article written by a newspaper reporter about IPC's service:

MUSIC HAS WONDERFUL EFFECT ON CROWD
"He (Dr. Edmonds) selected 'Nearer, My God, to Thee,' which everyone knew, and the most beautiful vocal music that Birmingham has ever been delighted with came from the audience. The organ was drowned in the volume of sound as wave on wave of wonderful harmony rolled from the entrance of the theatre to the curtain and back again. It was awe inspiring. It made one's blood course through the veins madly. A boy at my side sobbed as he hummed the tune, too full to sing..."

Present Day IPC Returns to a Downtown Theatre for Special Easter Service 2011

IPC's present-day pastor Dr. Conrad Sharps fully appreciates the rich history of IPC as he leads us into the future. "We invite everyone to join us Easter Sunday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the historic Alabama Theatre in downtown Birmingham to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord," said Dr. Sharps. "Imagine all our current IPC congregation and others worshipping together in one joyous service on Easter! We hope that it, too, like the first IPC service in a downtown theatre will be 'awe inspiring.' We remember and honor the dedication of the IPC members who came before us, and we envision and prepare for the future generations of IPC who will come after us."

*From *The Bearing Day Is Not Gone.* (Cont'd pg 4)



The Rev. Dr. Conrad Sharps

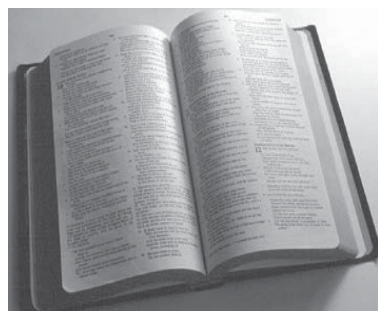
*Lent is a
time of trans-
formation.
Through
scripture
may God
reveal to you
Jesus Christ.*

Life-Giving Scripture Preparing for Lent

Nestled in the city of Oranjestad on the island of Aruba, sits Aruba's oldest house of worship, the Protestant Church established in 1822. Secured to the wall near the front door of the sanctuary is a "Tribute to the Bible." It reads:

"This book contains the mind of God, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners and happiness of believers. Its doctrine is Holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true and its decisions immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword and the Christian's character. Here heaven is opened, the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its subject, our good its design, the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment and is established forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest taker and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents."

Although it took several minutes to copy this Tribute to my notepad, I felt compelled to do so. Why? Because of the day and the culture in which we live. Today people everywhere are searching for answers. As Karl Barth informed his students, most people come to church on Sunday asking "Is it true?" This leads me to ask, "Do we who call ourselves disciples have the obligation to address the needs of the world by sharing the truth we also know: the truth revealed in scripture?"



Today if you face uncertainty or have a tremendous need for answers to life's most perplexing questions, then I urge you to turn to God's word made known in scripture. But please don't just flip the Bible open and look for simplistic answers for your particular dilemma. Get to know God's word; immerse your being into the daily study of scripture. The surprise of "what" you will discover is "who" you will discover.

Jesus Christ is the message of Scripture. He is the living Word. Scripture is life-giving and true in that it witnesses to God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ. If we are to obey him and follow him, we must seek the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit as we read, interpret and seek to faithfully obey the witness of scripture in our lives.

If you need answers to life's most important questions, turn to God's Word revealed in scripture and have hope and faith that there God will reveal to you the presence, power, mercy, forgiveness, love and salvation in the person of Jesus Christ. He is the living Word, and this is why people the world over pay tribute to the Bible.

Wednesday, March 9 is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. This is a time that we spend in reflection and prayer, affirming what is essential and repenting from all that leads us away from God. When taken seriously, Lent is a time of transformation. We need not be stuck in self-destructive and negative patterns, for by the mercy of God made known in Jesus Christ, we can be fundamentally changed. We can be transformed through repentance to a new life, a life of the Spirit.

Let us all use this time of Lent to immerse ourselves in daily study of scripture and to seek what is good and true and holy. Through scripture, may God reveal to you Jesus Christ. It is a gift from God I pray for you during the Lenten season.

"I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I put my hope." (Psalm 130.5)



LIVING IN SERVICE TO OTHERS...

SUGGESTED FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

March 6

Peanut Butter & Jelly

March 13

Non-food Items

March 20

Soups & Soup Mixes

March 27

Canned Meats

First Light Women's Shelter Items

for February

Women's Large T-shirts/

Night Shirts

Upcoming Events at IPC

March 2 Winter Term Wednesday night ends
March 4 Parents' Night Out
March 6 Winter term church school ends
March 6 Service of Light (Youth Choirs) 4 p.m.
March 8 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
March 9 Ash Wednesday services Noon & 6:30 p.m.
 No Wednesday Night Supper or Classes March 9
March 13 Daylight Savings Time begins
March 13 Warren Lightfoot Lenten presentation
March 20 Spring Term Church School Begins
March 22 Birmingham Men's Club
March 23 Spring Term Wednesday Nights Begins
March 26 CFAF Farm Work Day
March 27 STAIR Recognition
March 27-April 2 First Light Meals Served by IPC
March 29 4th Quarter Lunch Bunch Bottega's
April 10 Youth Sunday
April 16 CFAF Farm Work Day
April 17 Palm Sunday
April 24 *IPC Easter Sunday Service at the Alabama Theatre at 10:00 a.m.*
May 5 & 6 4th Quarter trip to Monroeville/ Gee's Bend
May 28-June 11 Tentative dates for Africa Mission Trip
June 5-11 Senior High Youth Montreat
June 13-17 Vacation Bible School
June 13-17 BibleTimes Marketplace
June 19 IPC Choir Bon Voyage Concert
July 20-24 Montreat Middle School Conference
July 15-24 IPC Mexico Mission Trip

Parents' Night Out March 4

Our next **Parents' Night Out** is Friday, March 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.00/child, and you can register online, fill out a form & return it to Congregational Care or contact Jeannine Usher (933-3694 or jusher@ipc-usa.org). Deadline for registering is Friday noon, day of the event! For children up to age 10.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

Tuesday, March 8
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Join us in the Great Hall for a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper sponsored by Boy Scout Troup 28.



EASTER SUNDAY 2011

Memorial Easter Lilies

Each year at Easter, lilies are placed in the church (this year in the Alabama Theatre for our 10:00 a.m. Easter worship service). You may order memorial lilies in memory of your loved ones, and their names will be listed in the Easter Worship Bulletin.

- Read details and print order form from website: www.ipc-usa.org/Easterlilies or
- Pick up order form at receptionist's desk
- Mail order to church Attn. Nancy Skinner or
- Leave order form & check in "Easter Lilies" box at receptionist's desk.
- **ORDERS DUE BY APRIL 8**
(in order to compile names for Easter bulletin.)

EASTER:
 IPC will be celebrating the Resurrection of Christ at one morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. at the downtown Alabama Theatre for Easter 2011. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all IPC members to worship together!

The details:

- Easter Sunday
- April 24, 2011
- One Service
- 10:00 a.m.
- Alabama Theatre

1817 Third Ave. North
Birmingham 35203

Watch for all the details: parking/carpooling from IPC/nursery care, etc.

DEPARTMENTS

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 933-3701

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Youth Ministries 933-3734

Nate Sell, *Assistant Director*
Youth Ministries 933-3708

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 The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Wade
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Ministry at IPC: *The Bearing Day is Not Gone.*

More about the history of IPC continued from page one.

The Bearing Day Is Not Gone **Book Written About the History of IPC**

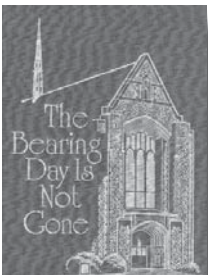
In 1965, Dr. John Lukens (former pastor of IPC and father of Carol Lukens Hall) wrote these words for IPC's Golden Jubilee celebration:

"The First Psalm likens the godly man to a fruit tree which 'bringeth forth his fruit in his season.' Why does it? Because its roots go deep and bring up sap in trunk and branches. So only does the delicious burden grow and the owner gain his reward.



In our Jubilee year and anniversary celebration we reach down into rootage and suck up the sap from our origins and dreams and prayers and common toils...and thereupon flourish in our growing and bearing day. For be well assured, the bearing day is not gone. It is 'tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow.'

And from the 1990 book written about our church, *The Bearing Day is Not Gone* by the late Marvin Whiting, "As in the past, so in the present, a commitment to ministry is what defines the history of this church, what characterizes its worship, its program of Christian Education, its celebration of the arts, its outreach to those who have unmet needs, the underprivileged child, the senior citizen, those who are hungry or homeless or sick, and its relationship with other Presbyterians, other Christians, and those of other religious faiths. It is a history of ministry both internal—the inreach of the church to its own—and external—its outreach to persons not only in the Birmingham area but also to others in the region, the nation, and the world."



We clearly see that IPC's "bearing day" is not gone. We draw strength and nourishment from all who have gone before us. We continue in our lifetime to commit to ministry in worship, education, music and the arts, congregational care, and community ministry: reaching out to children and others in need, those who are hungry and those who we pray will see Christ through our actions. But this "bearing and flourishing" does not end with us. It continues tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow with each new generation....

Living in Service to Others

Children's Fresh Air Farm

Dear Church Family,

Although things are much quieter at camp, we still have a fair amount going on. We loved having the children back for another Fun Day in late November, and had a delightful day with stories and books and math games. We learned about the pilgrims and the Indians, and we made cornucopias and pilgrim hats. We worked on our archery skills and had



IPC member Carol Lukens Hall (right) daughter of Dr. John Lukens, reflects the spirit of the "bearing day." Among many other acts of service, she tutors children in the STAIR program and joins these children for the Summer Learning Program at the Farm.

a wonderful harvest feast. In the afternoon, Susan Clayton told an enthralled audience the story of the first Christmas, and then we made nativity scenes out of the shoe boxes you all donated. We had games in the gym and free play on the playground. We ended by decorating gingerbread boys and girls. Honestly, it was a pretty perfect day, with just the right blend of fun and learning and enrichment. Many of our children did not appear to have heard the story of the birth of Jesus, and it was a blessing to share that glorious story.

Work Days at the Farm

Last year's congregational work day out at the Farm was such a success that we are going to have two work days this year. Both will be from 9:00 to 2:00, with the first on **Saturday, March 26** and the second on **Saturday, April 16**. I hope many of you can come and join in the fun. Bring a lunch if you can stay for the whole time, and feel free to bring any of your favorite tools, well labeled, of course.

As "*The Window*" goes to press, we are planning our next Fun Day at camp on Saturday, February 26. I will write after the event and let you know how the day went. I am always amazed at how many of you give so much to keep the relationships alive with these children. I believe it is making a lasting difference. I know that the children need and relish the love you give them. As always, it is a joy to share this mission with all of you. Lots of love,

Gini

Gini Williams, Children's Fresh Air Farm Director. IPC

Living in the Spirit **Pastor's Blog: A worldwide ministry**

IPC has a history of communications ministry to spread the Gospel, beginning with former IPC Pastor Dr. Scott McClure's radio broadcasts in the 70s and expanding in the 80s to *The Worship Hour*, which aired worldwide. The church is continuing this ministry of communicating the Word of God and the Christian faith now through the Internet with Conrad's Pastor's Blog. The ministry's goal is to provide spiritual information and nourishment in the secular media. "This is a new way for us to connect with people and to proclaim the Gospel," said Dr. Sharps. "We'll share stories, prayers and inspirational reflections through the wonders of modern technology. I'm very excited about this new adventure along our faith journey together."



The Pastor's Blog--*Living In The Spirit Today*-- began in November 2010. **In just a few short months, the blog has recorded over 10,000 pageviews.** While the blog was first directed to IPC members and friends, the blog statistics also show the number of pageviews by countries: more than 200 views in Russia, as well as pageviews in Canada, Ukraine, Germany, Chile, Denmark, France, United Kingdom, and Indonesia. As with the previous worldwide Worship Hour, IPC now has a vehicle to reach people the world over. As described in IPC's history in *The Bearing Day*, IPC's "is a history of ministry both internal—the inreach of the church to its own—and external—its outreach to persons not only in the Birmingham area but also to others in the region, the nation, and the world."
Tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow...

To read the Pastor's blog, go to: www.LivingInTheSpiritToday.blogspot.com

Living in Service to Others **Feeding the hungry**

The meal schedule for the **First Light Women's Shelter** is set for March.

Please check your dates and alert group members as soon as possible! If you are unable

to accept the date assigned to your group, please arrange a swap for that date and notify Betsy Middlebrooks (933-3731 or bmiddlebrooks@ipc-usa.org). **Remember to plan for 60 meals and to serve at 6:30 p.m.** Many of the guests at First Light have dietary restrictions, including diabetes, high blood pressure, etc. Planning meals that are healthy and nutritious is beneficial to all of us! If you can volunteer to spend the night this week, please contact Susan Clayton at 933-3709 or at sclayton@ipc-usa.org.
Thanks so much for your help and dedication!



IPC WEEK AT 1ST LIGHT: MARCH 27-APRIL 2, 2011

Sunday, March 27— Youth/Youth Subcommittee

Monday, March 28— Guild

Tuesday, March 29— Highlanders/Discoverers Classes

Wednesday, March 30—No dinner for IPC

Thursday, March 31— Circle V

Friday, April 1— Session

Saturday, April 2— Community Ministries Committee

Living in the Spirit **Acolytes**

The Acolyte program is open to all youth who have completed the 8th grade.

Acolytes lead our church in worship. They bring the light of God into the sanctuary and also, at the end of the service, out into the world. Acolytes are present at almost every major religious event in a member of the congregation's life, including baptisms and weddings. Their role is a very important one to IPC, and their dignity, reverence, and precision, in all that they do in our services, glorifies God.

Note: Due to the Sanctuary construction, we will delay until late summer sending letters of invitation to serve as an Acolyte. We will know by then when we will be able to return to the Sanctuary and begin training the new Acolytes.



**UPCOMING
BOOK SIGNING
AT IPC March 8**

Carolyn Maull McKinstry will be at IPC on Tuesday, March 8, from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. for a book signing to promote her book titled *“While the World Watched: A Birmingham Bombing Survivor Comes of Age during the Civil Rights Movement.”*

Carolyn is married to Jerome McKinstry, our faithful security officer. The book signing will take place in the parlor. Please reserve your copy by March 2 emailing Nancy Riley at nhr100@mac.com The cost of the book is \$15.69 and checks may be made payable to *Little Professor Book Store*.

**Birmingham Men’s Club
Welcomes Sports Announcer**

The Birmingham Men’s Club will welcome a noted figure from the world of sports as speaker at their March meeting. **Joe Dean, Jr., Birmingham-Southern Athletic Director and Basketball Announcer for Raycom Sports & Fox SportSouth**, will address the group at their upcoming meeting on **Tuesday, March 22**. The event begins in the Parlor at 10:30 a.m., then moves into the Great Hall for lunch and the speech. Cost of the lunch is just \$8.00, but **advance reservations are required**. Please contact Jeannine Usher at 933-3694 if you’d like to attend or to learn more information.

**4th Quarter
Lunch Bunch
Tuesday, March 29**

The 4th Quarter’s Lunch Bunch will gather at Bottega Restaurant on Highland on Tuesday, March 29 at 12:00 Noon....Call Jeannine Usher (933-3694) for reservations!

NOTE: 5th Tuesday in March only

LIBRARY NOTES

The Rise and Fall of the Bible, by Timothy Beal, has as its subtitle the *Unexpected History of an Accidental Book*. In his personal introduction, he says that by exploring the cultural history of the Bible, "beginning with earliest Christianity ... we come to realize how differently Christian Scriptures have been produced, understood, and used in different times and places." He invites us to look at the Bible in all its complexity, and to reread and rediscover the Bible with "another way of knowing." Another book by Timothy Beal in our collection is *Biblical Literacy: The Essential Bible Stories Everyone Needs to Know*.

With An Inner Journey to Easter, Anne Kathryn Killinger invites us to spend a few minutes of each day during Lent to read, reflect, and pray, and thus prepare ourselves for our great day of Christian joy. Two other books of Lenten reflection include *The Women in the Gospel of John*, by Judith Kaye Jones, and *Neglected Voices*, by John Indermark.

Walter Isaacson has written *Einstein: His Life and Universe*, the first full biography of Albert Einstein since all of his papers have become available. This book "shows how his scientific imagination sprang from the rebellious nature of his personality" and that his success "came from questioning conventional wisdom" leading him "to embrace a morality and politics based on respect for free minds, free spirits, and free individuals."

Classic Bible Storybook is a collection of more than 120 stories written by Kenneth N. Taylor, translator of *The Living Bible*.

The Three Questions, written and illustrated by Jon J. Muth, is based on a story by Leo Tolstoy. Young Nikolai seeks answers to what he believes are the most important questions, but it is his own unselfish actions that provide those answers.

The Library Committee

**In March
What's Cooking?**



**IPC Wednesday
Night Dinners**

**SALAD BAR AND
DESSERT FOR
EVERY WEDNESDAY
NIGHT DINNER**

MARCH 2

Orange Glazed Pork
Roasted Rosemary
Potatoes
Fresh Green Beans
Rolls

children:

Turkey & Cheese Roll-
Ups & Chips

MARCH 9

Ash Wednesday:
*No Wednesday Night
Supper or classes*

**Ash Wednesday
Services Noon & 6:30pm**

MARCH 16

No Wednesday Night
Supper (Spring Break)

MARCH 23

Cheese Stuffed Chicken
in Phyllo
Sautéed mixed Veg
Rice & Rolls

children:

Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese Rolls

MARCH 30

Baked Fish or Chicken
Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Hush Puppies

Children

Fish sticks/Chicken
Fingers, Fries
Steamed Broccoli

*Kim Martin,
Director, Food Service*

Living in Community

IPC members Marie Blair and Jane Timberlake Cooper have been leading Wednesday night classes this term for practitioners of **“Gentle Yoga”** and participants in **“Psalms and Strokes.”** Marie, a librarian at Our Lady of Sorrows and a yoga instructor at Lakeshore Rehabilitation, takes her group meeting at 4:15 in room G-20 through a series of exercises and stretching. Yoga participant RYANNE JOHNSON says, *“The Wednesday night beginning yoga class is wonderful! I look forward to attending each Wednesday afternoon. The class provides needed exercise at my own pace and ability coupled with welcomed stress relief while surrounded by my church family. I am refreshed in mind, body, and soul when I leave this class.”*



Another yoga class member is Diane Beck, who says, *“Marie Blair is a wonderful yoga instructor. I am enjoying her class and practicing yoga with friends.*

Hopefully the class will continue for years.”

Jane Timberlake Cooper, an exhibited artist and instructor-on-maternity-leave from Samford University, is leading her 6:15 class of men and women meeting in room 112 through six weeks of painting with acrylics, during which time each class member will complete three pieces of art.

Class member Betty Morrison (*pictured below*) notes, *“I am so enjoying the class. It is so much fun to learn something new, with a teacher who makes good, positive suggestions and who seems to enjoy art in all forms at all stages. Truth be known. . . I am having fun.”*

Jane approached CE director Paul Romjue with an idea for a painting class last fall. After talking with members of the Adult Education Subcommittee, it was suggested that another fun class like yoga be added to the Wednesday night schedule. Psalms and Strokes class member Kathy Leaver says, *“Jane Timberlake Cooper has actually taken beginners and some with a little painting experience and helped us all find our inner artist and our unique styles. She is a fabulous instructor and keeps the class relaxed and fun. I love mixing colors and am learning to train my eyes to really look at nuances in color, and I’ve actually painted hydrangeas that resemble hydrangeas!”*



TO GOD BE THE GLORY...



Have you been in church and looked at the Communion table and wondered who arranges the flowers, bakes the Communion bread and fills the cups with juice? Who organizes the

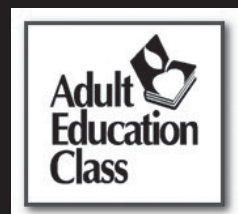
acolytes, sees that their robes are pressed, and polishes the brass? Who are the people who help with weddings and baptisms and assist families during funeral services? Who makes the palm crosses and pins them on worshipers at the Palm Sunday services?

The answer is the **Guild of IPC**. This is a group of individuals who perform these tasks without expectation of personal credit or acknowledgement. This work is done solely for the glory of God and to enhance the worship experience at IPC.

The Guild is comprised of 70 elected members who meet on the second Monday of each month (excluding summers) at 10:00 a.m. Each member serves on at least two of the Guild’s committees. Many duties are performed on weekends and holidays. New members agree to a five-year commitment, and many members serve officially for 15 years.

Does the Guild seem like the right place for you to serve the church with your time and talents? Interest indicator forms for the Guild will be available from Tuesday, March 1, through Friday, April 1, at the church receptionist desk. Completed forms may be placed in the wooden Guild Box which is located in the second floor elevator lobby by the receptionist's desk. Interest forms are due by **Friday, April 1, 2011.**

Spring term church school classes begin March 20 and spring term Wednesday night classes begin March 23. Look for more details in the spring term Adult Education brochure!





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Preparing for Lent

Sunday

March 6 4p.m. Great Hall

Service of Light

On Sunday, March 6 at 4:00 p.m., there will be a special *Service of Light* led by the Rev. Lucy Turner and the youth choirs. This service will be in the form of Evening Prayer in recognition of *Transfiguration Sunday* and will include candles, psalms, anthems, and meditation. Please join us as we prepare for the Lenten season.

Wednesday

March 9 Ash Wednesday Services in the Great Hall at 12:00 Noon & 6:30 p.m.

Note: There will be no Wednesday Night Supper or Classes on Ash Wednesday, March 9.

Sunday

March 13 9:30 a.m. "The Resurrection: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" Room 305-307

Warren Lightfoot will present "*The Resurrection: Beyond a Reasonable Doubt*" at 9:30 a.m. in room 305-307 on Sunday, March 13, which is the interim Sunday between Winter Term and Spring Term. Mr. Lightfoot, a long-time member of IPC, is well-known as a great teacher who always is extremely well prepared. The presentation includes many great works of art and is open to all adults and youth.

