

Young Children

The nursery is open at 9 a.m. until the end of worship and is available anytime. Toddlers and Preschoolers begin worship with their families then may leave for the Rambler Room after Sacred Space.

Nursery: Erin Jester

Toddler/Preschool (Rm. 22): Hannah Braun

IPC CALENDAR

Sunday, March 26

9:00 a.m. Christ Café, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Parlor
11:15 a.m. New Members Class, Rm. 24
1:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
3:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, March 27

6:30 p.m. Irv. Garden Club, Parlor
8:00 p.m. AA Group, FH

Tuesday, March 28

9:30 a.m. PEO Mtg., Parlor
5:45-6:30 p.m. Dance Fitness, Rambler Rm.
6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, FH
7:00 p.m. El Trono Women's Group, Rm. 25

Wednesday, March 29

6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper @ Downey Avenue
6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service @ Downey Avenue
7:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
7:00 p.m. El Trono Children, Rambler Rm., 2nd flr.

Thursday, March 30

10:00 a.m. Volunteers assemble newsletter, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Handbells, G-1
7:00 p.m. El Trono School of Workers, Rm. 24
7:30 p.m. Choir, G-1

Friday, March 31

10:00 a.m. Bridge Club, G-1
6:30 p.m. El Trono Band Practice, FH

Saturday, April 1

Sunday, April 2—Palm Sunday

9:00 a.m. Christ Café, Parlor
10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Parlor
11:15 a.m. New Members Class, Rm. 24
1:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
3:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group

Worship Participants

Beadle: Arie Schreibman

Ushers:

West Door— Betty Thomas
Center Aisle — Erika Hinshaw
Greeter — Shirley Sheeks
Balcony— Edrisa Camara
East Door— Lew Beem
Head Usher — Linda Medlock

Fellowship Hour—

Flower Delivery: Lynda Dunlevy

Bus Driver: Scott Stroud

Parking Lot Security: Red Anderson

IN ORDER TO ENGAGE with as many members and friends as possible, IPC utilizes social media and other online platforms including but not limited to Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and the IPC website, irvpresby.org. Please be aware that you may appear in photographs and/or video of IPC activities shared on social media, printed materials, and on the church website. Contact Craig Shaw cshaw@irvpresby.org with questions.

CHURCH STAFF

Vacant, Senior Pastor

Rev. Maureen Wilson, Designated Associate Pastor

Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall, Parish Associate

Lori Chapman, Administrator

Rev. Robert McAulay, Supply Pastor

Craig Shaw, Communications Coordinator

Denise Harrington, Senior Ministry Consultant

Dr. Webb Parker, Director of Music

DJ Smith, Organist

Joe Dial, Sexton (Custodian)

Hannah Braun, Interim Director of C.E./Pre-school Attendant

Mandy Holzhausen, Youth Group Director

Erin Jester, Nursery Attendant

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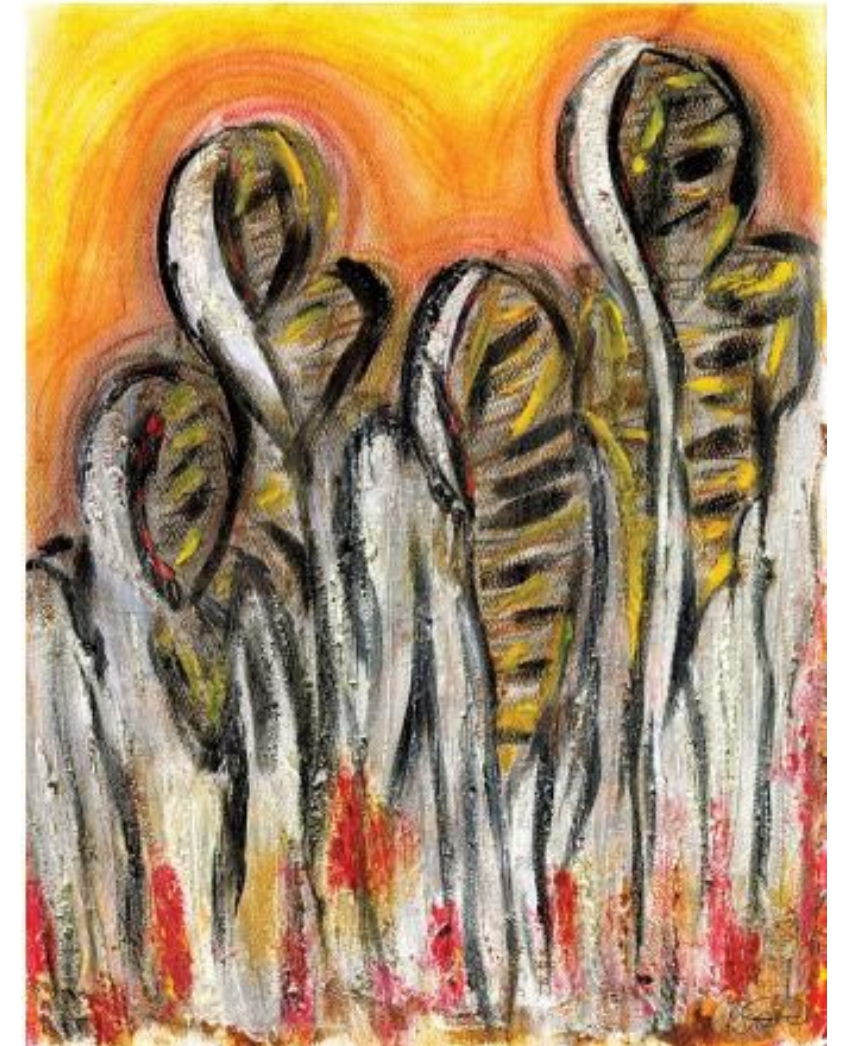
(Our worship service is shown live on
Facebook and on our website.)

IPC SOLAR PANEL PRODUCTION

TD — MWh

TD — CO2 Emissions Saved— lbs.

TD — Equivalent Trees Planted—



March 26, 2023
5th Sunday in Lent

“We are an inclusive church that lives by
faith, is known by God's love,
and gives hope a voice
in our neighborhood
and world.”

This week in Prayer we will remember these people

Family of Mary Alice Eckert, Dr. John Graham, Mindy Jester and
the Jester family, Karen Longere, Dee Miller, Avery Paauwe,
Diane Pflanzner, David Wurtz.

The Service of the Lord’s Day
PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE your cellphone during worship.
*Please stand if you are able.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

GREETING

INTROIT “Our Darkness ” Taize

MINUTE FOR MISSION Justice Advocacy Team

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. McAulay

M: Have you ever felt washed up, brittle, worn-down to the bone?
P: Have you ever felt grief lay heavy on your back?
M: Have you ever felt like hope was out of reach?
P: Have you ever wondered, can these bones live?
M: If you have, then you are in the right place, for this is God’s house.
P: Hope lives here. So, come. Rest your weary bones.
M: Let us worship Holy God.

*HYMN #681 “This is the Day the Lord Hath Made”

CALL TO CONFESSION

Friends, there is nothing that we have to keep hidden from God—not our anger, our grief, or the ways in which we have fallen short. In confession, we speak honestly and are met with grace. So let us not hold back. Let us bring our full selves to this prayer, knowing that God is already running to meet us. Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)
Jesus of Nazareth,
I confess: I forget that you know this feeling. I forget that you, too, have wept. I forget that you, too, have lost. I forget that you, too, have gathered at the tomb, have grieved for a friend, have felt the sting of humanity. Forgive me for all the times I place blame on you. Forgive me for all the times I create distance, imagining that you could never feel what I feel. Forgive me for allowing the valley of dry bones to be a sea of space between us. Pour yourself into the cracks in my heart. Bring these bones back to life. Bring me closer to you. With gratitude I pray, amen.

Time of Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Friends, you could spend your whole life ignoring God, pushing God away, or trying to solve the world’s problems all on your own, and God would still love you all the same. Even in our shortcomings, we are God’s beloved. So hear and believe this good news: We are saved by grace through faith. We belong to God. We are not alone.

*Gloria Patri #581

*PASSING THE PEACE
(As the children come forward, we invite you to welcome those near you with words of peace.)

SACRED SPACE Kristin Shaw
(Children in grades 1 through 5 may go to the third floor for Sunday School.)

ANTHEM “Hymn of Promise“ arr. M. Thompson
Penni J. Lewis Memorial Handbell Choir

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Ezekiel 37:1-14 pew Bible pg. 806

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Dry” Rev. Wilson

*HYMN #286 “Breath on Me, Breath of God”

PRAYER OF AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)
We believe that God loves us—
God loves us enough to weep when we are gone.
We believe that God does not give up on us—
breathing new life into tired bones.
We believe that God returns to us—
always seeking us when we are lost.
We believe that God holds hope for us—
so we hold onto hope as well.
We believe, help our unbelief.
In Christ’s name we pray, amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING
Offertory “Chorale Prelude” Johannes Brahms
*Doxology (Hymn #606)
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (unison)
All: Our Father which 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, forever. Amen.

*HYMN #66 “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Voluntary in G Major” Samuel Wesley

PORTABLE HEARING AIDS, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WEST AND SOUTH DOORS. PLEASE ASK AN USHER

We welcome you to Irvington Presbyterian Church. Our hope is that you find spiritual meaning in our worship and joy in our fellowship.

If you are new to IPC, please stop by our “New Here” table to find out more about the church. Also, please join us in the Parlor for coffee hour immediately following worship Your presence with us is important and we invite you to return again soon to our community of faith.

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

NEW MEMBER CLASSES: this morning after worship. If you are interested in joining Irvington Presbyterian Church join us in room 24 in the second floor. Contact Rev. Wilson for more information.

DANCE FITNESS! Every Tuesday from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. join Aerial Lewis in the Rambler Room on the second floor for some dance fitness! All fitness levels welcome. The class fee is donation only. See you there for some fun and laughter and a little exercise.

DOWNEY ICAN FOOD PANTRY current needs: Peanut Butter, Full size toiletries, Toilet paper, Plastic grocery bags.

SILENT AUCTION COMING SOON! Donations needed by April 21. Think of services you can donate (running errands one day for someone, a few hours of yardwork, babysitting) or items like gift cards, a basket of new kitchen gadgets, etc. Please e-mail David Hansen at david.susan.9686@sbcglobal.net a detailed description of your donation by April 21. Thanks!

MAKE AN ONLINE CONTRIBUTION

You are now able to scan the QR code and contribute to IPC. Or text a dollar amount you wish to contribute to the general operating fund to 844-422-1386 to give via credit card this way.



FLOWERS THIS MORNING, offered to the glory of God, are in honor of Hal Page’s birthday, given by Sandy Page.

IN CASE of an emergency our AED Defibrillator is located at the back of the Sanctuary in the cabinet with the Red Cross symbol on it.



IN WORSHIP on March 19 we had 34 online and 84 in-person.

IF YOU RECEIVE ANY EMAILS from the church staff asking for money or gift cards or anything else out of the ordinary, please contact the church office before you reply to such requests.



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Have you been meaning to clean out your closet and just not had the chance? Here is your motivation to check this off your "To Do List". The youth at Westminster Neighborhood Services have a community project planned. They are collecting gently used clothing and shoes for children and adults. Last year's event was planned for an hour, and they ran out of clothing after 20 minutes. Please bring your items to IPC by **April 2nd** and place them in the Welcome Center. The clothing will be delivered to Westminster on Monday, April 3rd. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402).

EASTER CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Plans are being made for Holy Week and Easter Sunday. One of IPC's longstanding traditions is to provide breakfast between the two Easter Worship Services. For this to happen, donations of Continental breakfast foods such as donuts, coffee cake, Danish, fruit, bagels, hard-boiled eggs, fruit juices, etc. are needed. Also needed are a few volunteers to set up and host the breakfast along with the Hospitality and Evangelism Committee. Please contact Rev. Wilson if you are interested in hosting and/or what you would like to contribute for breakfast.

SANCTUARY FLOWER OPENINGS AVAILABLE

If you would like to donate Sanctuary flowers on the following available Sundays: April 30 and June 4. Please let me know, [lchapman@irvpresby.org](mailto:chapman@irvpresby.org) or call the church office, 317-356-7225.

OFFERING ENVELOPES



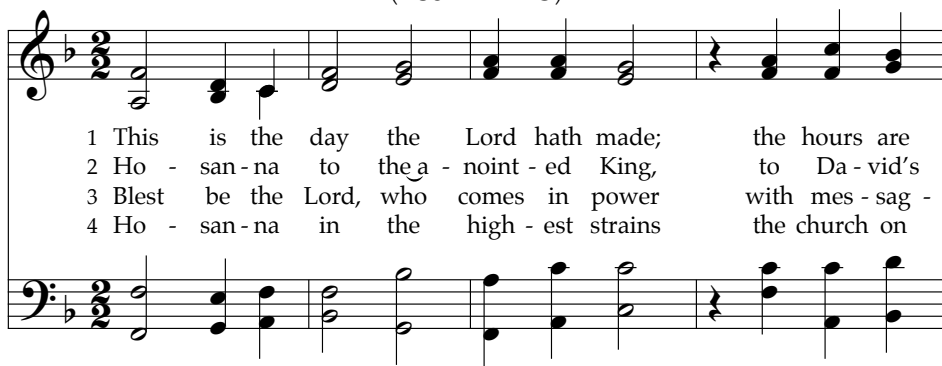
Please let me know if you are giving electronically through VANCO and would no longer like to receive the offering envelopes. If you are not receiving offering envelopes and would like them please let me know as well. Either email me at [lchapman@irvpresby.org](mailto:chapman@irvpresby.org) or call the church office, 317-356-7225. Thank you, Lori Chapman.

C.E. SUMMER ACTIVITIES!

The C.E. Committee would like to offer a summer activity. Please help us plan what that could look like by filling out a survey. A printed version of the survey will be available at each sanctuary entrance. Completed surveys can be placed in the bin, also located by each sanctuary entrance. The link to the online survey is <https://forms.office.com/r/KGi7xDZ6nr>. Contact Hannah Braun (hbrown@irvpresby.org) if you have any questions. Thank you!

681 This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made

(Psalm 118)



1 This is the day the Lord hath made; the hours are
 2 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, to Da - vid's
 3 Blest be the Lord, who comes in power with mes - sag -
 4 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains the church on



all God's own. Let heaven re - joice; let
 ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -
 es of grace, who comes in this ac -
 earth can raise! The high - est heavens in



earth be glad, and praise sur - round the throne.
 scend and bring sal - va - tion from the throne.
 cept - ed hour to save our sin - ful race.
 which God reigns shall now re - sound with praise.

These stanzas provide Watts's paraphrase of Psalm 118:24-29 (minus a stanza he inserted about Easter and Pentecost as part of his effort to Christianize the Psalms). They are set to a tune composed for and named by a Paul Gerhardt text, "Now Let All Thank and Bring Honor."

Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 3/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the piano providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in four lines, each corresponding to a vocal part. The first line of lyrics is: '1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,'. The second line is: '2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,'. The third line is: '3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,'. The fourth line is: '4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,'. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes in the right and left hands. The right hand often plays chords, while the left hand plays single notes or simple chords. The overall mood is reverent and uplifting.

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for “spirit” can equally well be translated as “breath” or “wind,” so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the “Breath of God.” This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

66 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my

heart I will pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the

Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will pray. *Fine*

1 Up - on the moun - tain, when my Lord spoke, out of God's
2 Jor - dan Riv - er, chil - ly and cold, it chills the

mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a - round me, it looked so
bod - y but not the soul. There is but one train up - on this

to Refrain
fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
track. It runs to heav - en and then right back.

Like many African American spirituals, this one mixes the language of biblical narrative with veiled but effective allusions to the hope of escape from slavery, either by crossing rivers into free states or by participating in organized efforts like the Underground Railroad.