

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

TODAY, December 4

- 9:00 a.m. Christ Cafe, Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, Parlor
- 11:15 a.m. Deacon's Meeting, at the back of the Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Flute Choir, Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
- 3:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, December 5

- 6:30 p.m. L.I.F.T, English Garden on Post Road
- 8:00 p.m. AA Group, FH

Tuesday, December 6

- 9:30 a.m. IPC Staff Mtg., Parlor
- 11:00 a.m. 3-B Exercise Group, Parlor
- 12:30 p.m. Slice of Life, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. El Trono Women's Group, Rm. 25

Wednesday, December 7

- 10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. PNC Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
- 7:00 p.m. El Trono Children, Rambler Rm., 2nd flr.

Thursday, December 8

- 6:30 p.m. Irv. Community Council Exec. Brd., Mtg., Wel. Ctr.
- 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, December 9

- 10:00 a.m. Bridge Club, G-1
- 6:00 p.m. Christmas Basket Filling at Westminster
Neighborhood Services.
- 6:30 p.m. El Trono Band Practice, FH

Saturday, December 10

- 12:30-3:30 p.m. Katie Butler using the Rambler Rm.

Sunday, December 11

- 9:00 a.m. Christ Café, Parlor
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
- 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

TOYS AND BOOKS NEEDED: The nursery and preschool rooms are in need of new or gently-used toys and books. Please drop them in the bin near the Parlor behind the mitten tree. Watch for more requests for other items as we begin revitalizing the nursery in particular. Thanks for your help! Questions? Please contact Hannah Braun her email is hbraun@irvpresby.org.

Worship Participants

Beadle: John Mitchell

Ushers:

- West Door— Barbara Broadlick
- Center Aisle — Susan Hansen
- Greeter — Sandy Page
- Balcony— Hal Page
- East Door— Frank Hurdis
- Head Usher — David Hansen

Flower Delivery: Joyce Haibe

Bus Driver: Scott Stroud

Parking Lot Security: Red Anderson

This week in Prayer we will remember these people

Dr. John Graham, Karen Longere, Dee Miller, Avery Paauwe, Diane Pflanzler, Ronald Warren, Joan Woerdehoff, David Wurtz.



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.

Mandy Holzhausen, Youth Group Director

Erin Jester, Nursery Attendant

Hannah Braun, Pre-school Attendant

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Mary's Golden Annunciation
By Carmelle Beaugelin
Inspired by Luke 1:26-38
"God meets us in our Fear"

December 4, 2022 2nd Sunday of Advent

“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.”

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

PRELUDE "Burgundian Carol" Oscar Brand

INTROIT O Come, Come Emmanuel" Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. McAulay

Leader: Prepare the way of the Lord!

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

Leader: Rejoice and clear the path, for God is coming!

People: Prepare the way of the Lord!

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH Westminster residents

*HYMN #307 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Fear can be a good thing. It can help us be attentive while driving down the highway. It can alert us to possible accidents. It can motivate us to do our best. However, fear can also be harmful. For so many of us, fear of the other, fear of failure, or fear of the unknown has led us to make sinful choices in our lives—choices such as building walls or tearing others down. Today, in confession, we ask for mercy and pray for guidance. As we confess, we come before an entirely merciful and loving God who says to us, "Do not be afraid." Let us pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Patient God,
you know just how often
we make decisions from a place of fear rather than love.
You know just how often
we allow fear to take the place of logic,
fanning unhealthy fires in our lives.
You know just how often
we tuck your words, "Do not be afraid"
on dusty shelves and in the back of closets,
stubbornly holding onto our own point of view.
Forgive us for giving fear the microphone.
Silence the voices of scarcity, shame, and rejection,
which spark and feed so much of our fear,
to recenter us in love.
With hope we pray, amen.**

Time of Silent prayer

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Family of faith,
even when we forget God's words,
God does not forget us.
Even when we lose our way,
God does not lose us.
Even when we fall short or make mistakes,
God forgives and holds onto us.
We are known, forgiven, and loved.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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

ANTHEM "Master in this Hall" Arr. Edna R. Currie

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE Luke 1:26-38 pew Bible pg. 56

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

SERMON "Choice" Rev. Wilson

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

**We believe in a God who knows our fears.
We believe in a God who says, "Be not afraid."
We believe in a God who kicks off her shoes
and wades into the muck of our lives with us.
We believe in a God who stitches herself to our heels,
and invites us to dance.
We believe in a God who hemmed stars into the night sky
so that we can find our way home,
and who sends us friends with open doors,
so we can find our way to love.
We believe in a God who finds us in our fear
and does not leave us alone.
Thanks be to God for a love like that.
Amen.**

*HYMN #69 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE OFFERING
Offertory "Christmas Is" Percy Faith
*Doxology (Hymn #606)
*Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

*CHARGE and BENECTION

POSTLUDE "Buon Natale" Saffer and Linal

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

CHRIST CAFE, We will meet in the parlor from 9:00-9:45 a.m. for intergenerational prayer art.

LET'S FILL THE MITTEN TREE with warmth for the Westminster Neighborhood! The deadline is TODAY!

WESTMINSTER CHRISTMAS BASKETS This Sunday is the last **Sunday** to donate to the Westminster Christmas Baskets. We have been asked to supply 350 cans of baked beans, 350 packages of pasta and 600 cans of tuna for this year's event. You may drop your donations off in the Welcome Center. Please be sure to bring your beans, pasta, and tuna along with your Mitten Tree items by **TODAY. We will fill the baskets on Friday December 9th at 6 p.m. at Westminster Neighborhood Services located at 445 N State Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46201 . All are invited to help!**

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Charles Joray will once again present a program of Christmas music on **Thursday, December 15th** at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary. Please join us for this yuletide concert. All are welcome.

IPC CHRISTMAS RADIO SHOW: Presents "The Grinch" at 6 p.m. on December 17th in Fellowship Hall. Contact Rev. Wilson if you would like to participate.

SAVE THE DATE: IPC Adult Retreat with Dr. Webb Parker at Geneva Center, January 27-29. The cost is \$115.00 per person. Please let the office know if you plan to attend.

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE reminds you that we need to average \$6,250 each week to stay current with our budget. Last week's receipts were \$4,071.80.

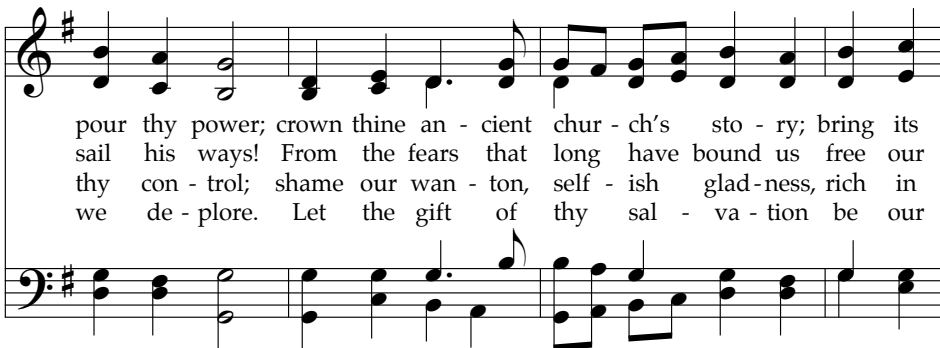
WORSHIP ATTENDANCE for Sunday, November 27 was 139 in person and 25 online.

FLOWERS THIS MORNING, offered to the glory of God, are in memory loving memory of Ron and Pat Simpson given by Jack Simpson.

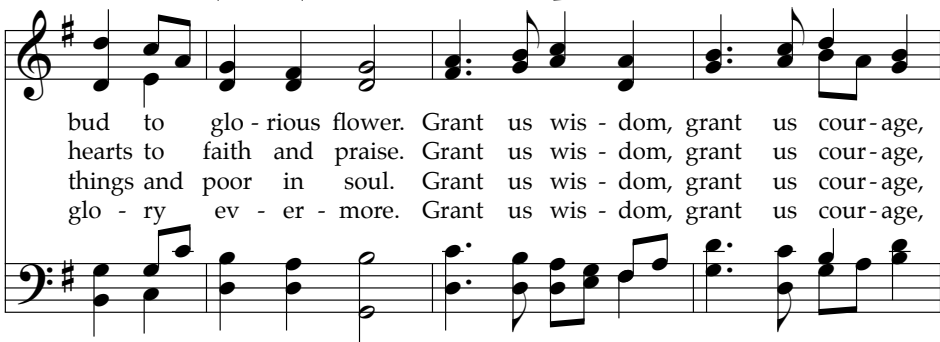
307 God of Grace and God of Glory



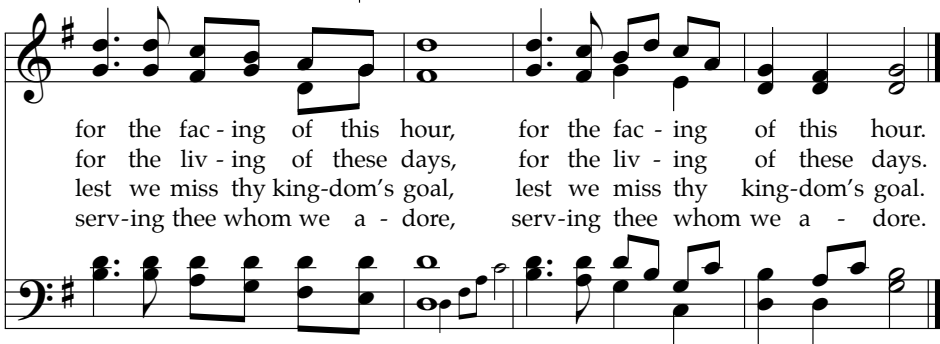
1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our



bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain

All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

623 I've Got Peace like a River

1 I've got peace like a riv - er; I've got peace like a
 2 I've got joy like a foun-tain; I've got joy like a
 3 I've got love like an o - cean; I've got love like an

1
 riv - er; I've got peace like a riv - er, in my
 foun-tain; I've got joy like a foun-tain, in my
 o - cean; I've got love like an o - cean, in my

2
 soul. I've got riv - er, in my soul.
 soul. I've got foun-tain, in my soul.
 soul. I've got o - cean, in my soul.

In the King James Version, the promise of "peace like a river" is twice mentioned in Isaiah (48:18; 66:12) as a blessing that comes from doing God's will. The water imagery of this African American spiritual also provides reminders of Christians' baptismal identity.



Living
In
Fellowship
Together

Do you need to take a breath from the hectic pace of holiday preparations? Are you looking for some fellowship, fun and relaxation? You're invited to the LIFT Christmas gathering. Due to Christmas, we will be gathering on **Monday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Post Road English Garden (1105 N. Post Road, Indianapolis 46219.)**

We will also be enjoying our annual Christmas party and cookie exchange. It is perfectly fine not to participate in the cookie exchange. This is not to add one more thing to your to-do-list. For those who wish to exchange cookies, please bring a large batch of your favorite cookie. **Women of all ages are welcome and please feel free to invite a friend to join us.** Mark this date on your calendar for a fun evening of fellowship together. **Please bring a snack or beverage to share.** We will be collecting feminine hygiene products for Westminster. Contact Janet Wilzbacher (317-459-2400) or Kathy Moorhead (317-430-3402) if you have any questions.

GIVING THANKS OFFERING

The name "13th month offering" is no more. It has been renamed "Giving Thanks Offering!" 13th month inferred that someone should give an "extra" month's pledge. Giving Thanks Offering will be whatever you considering contributing to help the church's budget end on a positive note. You can contribute anytime during the month of December. For those that receive envelopes, an envelope is included for December. There will be Giving Thanks Offering envelopes in the pews and on tables throughout the church. The church wishes to "thank you" for all your gifts during 2022.

SLICE OF LIFE

SLICE OF LIFE gathers on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month in the parlor at 12:30 p.m. The topics provide open discussions. Each session will have a different contemporary topic for discussion and how it relates to our faith. The topics are rich and thought provoking. Please call the office to RSVP if you plan to attend at 317-356-7225. Pizza will be provided by Jockamo Pizza. We will provide drinks. We are looking forward to seeing you for a rich conversation!

3B will now meet the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 11:00 a.m. in the parlor. ALL ARE WELCOME.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The Alzheimer's Support Groups is in-person at 1:00 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Parlor. These meetings support caregivers of persons with a cognitive impairment diagnosis. The support groups are open to the public. Please check with Denise Harrington at dharringtonipc@gmail.com for the latest update.