

YOUNG CHILDREN

The nursery is open from 9 a.m. until the end of worship and is available for parents to care for their children at any time. Toddlers through grade 1 begin worship with their families and may then leave for their classes after Sacred Space. Grades 2-5 return to their seats after Sacred Space.
Toddler/Preschool Volunteer: Fox Alexander and Shirley Sheeks

CALENDAR

(View the monthly calendar at www.irvpresby.org)

Sunday, August 30 | 14th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH
11:30 a.m. Stewardship Mtg., Parlor
12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
2:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
2:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery
5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 3rd Flr., Youth Room

Monday, August 31

10:30 a.m. Volunteers Assemble September Newsletter, Parlor
6:30 p.m. Irvington Garden Club, Parlor
8:00 p.m. AA Group, FH

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Parlor (Joseph Dial has devotion)
5:00 p.m. Harmony Collected, FH
6:30 p.m. Harmony Collected Choir Preview Party, FH & Choir Rm.
7:00 p.m. El Trono Women's Group, Rm. 25
7:00 p.m. El Trono, Rambler Rm.

Wednesday, September 2

10:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Parlor
5:00 p.m. Indianapolis Children's Choir, 3rd flr. Classroom
6:00 p.m. El Trono Children, 2nd and 3rd Flr.
6:00 p.m. El Trono Worship/Bible Study, FH

Thursday, September 3

10:00 a.m. Irvington Ministerial Association,
6:00 p.m. IndyGo Blue Line Town Hall Mtg., FH
6:30 p.m. Bell Choir Practice, Choir Rm.
7:00 p.m. Data Center Admin. Team Mtg., Parlor
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.

Friday, September 4

10:00 a.m. Bridge Club, FH
6:00 p.m. El Trono Band Practice, FH
6:00 p.m. El Trono Hebreo Dance Class, Rambler Room

Saturday, September 5

7:00 a.m. El Trono Prayer Service, FH

Sunday, September 6 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online
11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH
12:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH
2:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH
2:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery
5:30 p.m. Youth Group, 3rd Flr., Youth Room

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Liturgist Michelle Eckert

Beadle Matt Harris
Ushers: West Door Mary Conway
Center Aisle Kristin Swick
Greeter Charlotte Swick
Balcony Diane Roudebush
East Door Lew Beem
Head Usher Gary Conway
Fellowship Hour IPC Softball Team
Flower Delivery David & Louise Owen
and Charlotte & Kristin Swick

Youth Group Volunteer
Bus Driver Justin Stauffer
IPC Clippers Chuck Marion and Patrick Wooden
Parking Lot Security Jack Simpson

STAFF

Pastor & Head of Staff The Rev. Dr. Jonathan H. Reinink
Pastor *Emeritus* The Rev. Robert A. Heimach
Parish Associate The Rev. Elizabeth Kaznak-Hall
Parish Associate The Rev. Robert B. McAulay, Jr.
Administrator Lori Chapman
Director of Communications & Community Engagement Craig Shaw
Interim Director of Youth & Children's Faith Formation Fox Alexander
Director of Music Doug Shafer-Johnson
Organist Luke Kessler
Strategist for Aging Well Denise Harrington
Sexton (Custodian) Joe Dial
Treasurer James Young
Director of Music *Emerita* Grace Long
Director of Roots & Wings Child Care Ariel Lewis
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Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Worship with us! Join live or later:

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A photograph of an arrangement of leaves from an Euonymus alatus, or "Burning Bush," by Joe Schmacher, 2011. (Creative Commons license.)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 30, 2026

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

ORDER FOR SERVICE OF WORSHIP

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 30, 2026

Help us stay connected and know you worshiped with us!

Please sign the **red Ritual of Friendship pad** in your pew near the center aisle.

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

GATHERING

GREETING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, **People**)

Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.

Seek God in the sanctuary.

Seek God in the burning bush.

Seek God in the burning heart.

The Lord is here! This place is holy!

We are standing on holy ground.

*HYMN #49

The God of Abraham Praise

LEONI

CALL TO CONFESSION

Michelle Eckert

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God of wonders, we confess that we do not understand why you call us when we are scared, clumsy, busy or flawed.

We confess that we think we know better than you do who is qualified to do your work. Forgive our fears and excuses and self-doubts.

Lend us your fire and your strength, as we go about the work of serving our neighbors, building up your church, loving your children, and tending to the scorched places of our world.

Help us to burn for you, without burning up or burning out.

Give us a purpose and the courage to pursue it. (Silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE #581

Glory Be To The Father

GREATOREX

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you!**

(As the children come forward, welcome those near you with words of peace.)

SACRED SPACE

Children entering grade 1 and younger will depart to go upstairs for Sunday School; those entering grade 2 and older are invited to return to their seats.

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

Put Your Hand In The Hand

Hal and Olivia Page

GENE MACLELLAN

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:1-15

Pew Bible pg. 50

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Called Out of Our Ordinary

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Reinink

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Based on the Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds.

We believe that God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind.

In its beauty and vastness, transcendence and awe-fulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator.

We believe that God has created us for a personal relationship in which we may respond to the love of the Creator.

Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage.

*HYMN #50

Deep In The Shadows of the Past

SHEPHERDS' PIPES

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Michelle Eckert

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY (#606)

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*HYMN #833

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

ST MARGARET

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION

Welcome to Irvington Presbyterian Church!

It is our prayer that you would find this to be a place where you can connect with God and God's family in worship and fellowship.

If you are new here, please tell the pastor or an usher after worship so we can connect with you and share more about our community of faith.

And join us for a time of Fellowship after worship in Fellowship Hall—directly below the Sanctuary. We're excited to have you with us today!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Sunday, August 23

was 80 in-person and 25 online.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY the cabinet with a RED CROSS in the rear of the Sanctuary contains supplies including: naloxone (Narcan®), First Aid Kit, and AED Defibrillator.

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



"Take my lips and let them be, filled with messages from thee..."

Use your lips to assist in leading worship!

Register to be a liturgist: irvpc.link/liturgist

Anyone can sign up; you could even do it as a family or with a couple friends!

Contact Dr. Reinink for more info.

GIVE ONLINE

Follow the links on our website or scan this QR code with the camera on your mobile device to make a gift.

Not everything fits in the Offering Plate! Use the My Offering cards in the pew rack to acknowledge your participation in dedicating gifts of talent, time or treasure.



THE FLOWERS

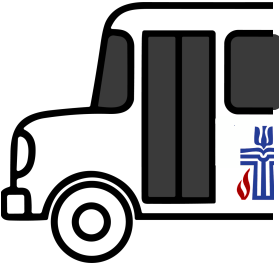
this morning are offered to the glory of God by Shirley Sheeks in memory of my husband, Jack and grandson, Jason.

THIS WEEK IN PRAYER WE WILL REMEMBER...

Michael Cox, Teri Buford Grammer, Annetta Huffman, Mary Kean, Issy Lewis, Gwen Mann, Rod Oller, Avery Paauwe, Diane Pflanze, Steve Lewis, Caroline Thompson, Larimore Wickett, Melissa Melvin-Wicksall, Joan Woerdehoff.

If you can drive a car, you can [legally] drive the church bus!

Contact the Church office to sign up for a tutorial and a chance to drive this sweet ride (for Jesus!).



SALLY HEPWORTH
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE SOULMATE

Sanity
is
subjective.

Mad Mabel
A NOVEL

IPC Book CLUB

**Wednesday,
September 9th
IPC Parlor
7:00 pm**

Irvington Book Club's September selection is *Mad Mabel* by Sally Hepworth, a #1 Best Seller published this year.

When We Walk By Workshop

When We Walk By
FORGOTTEN HUMANITY, BROKEN SYSTEMS, AND THE ROLE WE CAN EACH PLAY IN ENDING HOMELESSNESS IN AMERICA
Kevin F. Adler and Donald W. Burnes
WITH ANANDA BASH AND ANTHONY B. BULL

Think about the last time that you saw or interacted with a person experiencing homelessness. What did you do? What did you say? Did you offer money or a smile, or did you avert your gaze?

SESSION I SESSION II
September 20th September 27th
In the Parlor after the worship service.

**Led by
Jackie Cox and
Gary Conway**

**PEACE
EQUALITY
HOPE
DIVERSITY
KINDNESS
INCLUSION**
Irvington Presbyterian Church Justice Advocates

Please join the Justice Advocates in exploring issues of homelessness with a creative approach.

CHOIR REHEARSALS: THURSDAYS

The Choir's weekly rehearsals are on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m., starting **August 27**. All voices welcome! Whether you would rank your voice as “finely-tuned,” “rusty-but-ready,” or “an enthusiastic joyful noise,” you should join us!

Questions? Contact, Doug Shafer-Johnson, Music Dir.
(dshafer-johnson@irvpresby.org)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY the title of this year's book is **“United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other.”** The subtitle is Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians. The author is Rhonda Mawhood Lee.

Women's Bible Study starts on the third Thursday, September 17th at 10:30 a.m. in the church parlor. After Bible Study, all are invited to go to lunch at a nearby restaurant.

The cost of the book is \$14 and can be made payable by cash or check to IPC. In the memo field, please note Women's Bible Study Book. Or you can wait to pay at our first Bible Study meeting on September 17th.

Please call the church office **by Monday, August 31** to reserve your copy!

Books will be available for pickup on **Sunday, September 13**. Join us and learn about Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail McNierney at jagmac@comcast.net or 317-501-4175.

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**BLUE LINE
PUBLIC MEETING**

Join us to learn more about what's next for Blue Line construction in Irvington.

Thursday, Sept. 3 at 6 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

Irvington Presbyterian Church
55 Johnson Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46219

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rally Day

Sunday,
September 13th

10:00 AM Worship
11:30 AM Pitch-in



The IPC Choir returns to the chancel!



Sign up for Christian Education opportunities!

Come & celebrate the beginning of the new IPC program year!

Congregational picture after worship on the South steps.



Pitch-in after the Worship Service
Mac & Cheese and hot dogs will be provided.
Please bring a dessert if your last name begins with A-K. Bring a side dish if your last name begins with L-Z.

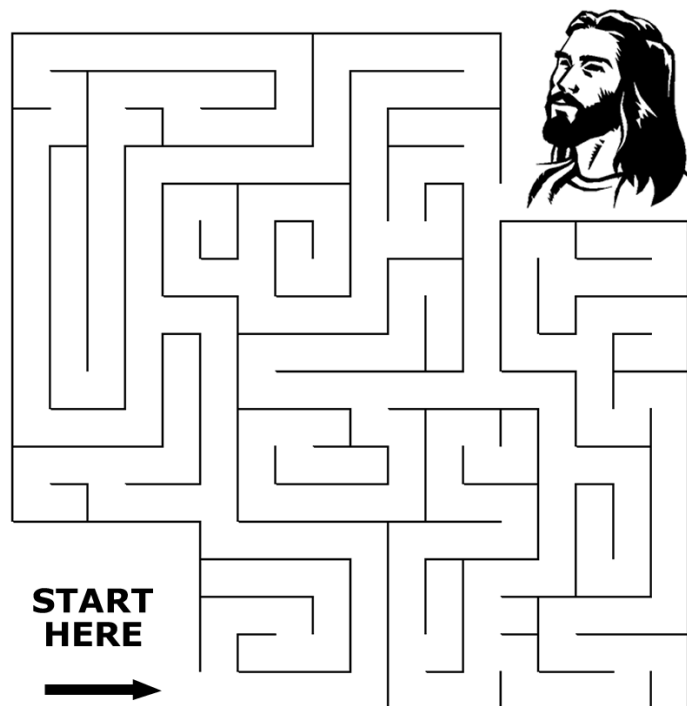
Children's Sunday School begins.

Janice DeCoito
Joan Fogg
Logan Stout
Carole Higgins
Anna Hawks
Kyrie Harris
Hannah Braun
Sandy Page
Samuel Hawks
Kyleigh Welch
Don Nixon
Nancy Singleton
Joseph Dial
Cora Brozan
LaVonne Mitchell
Brianna Wooden



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Next Sunday, in Fellowship Hall following worship, we will celebrate all September birthdays! We will have cake and other goodies! If we have omitted anyone's birthday, it may not be recorded in the church office. You can email Lori at lchapman@irvpresby.org to inform her of your birthdate.



Everyone is welcome to join us at any of our upcoming 2026 events. Our activities usually take place on the third Saturday of each month unless otherwise noted. Upcoming events include duckpin bowling, attending a hockey game, and seeing a play.

- **September 19th:** Brown County Camping (day trip with dinner also available).

David Owen

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab-lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

Deep in the Shadows of the Past 50



1 Deep in the shad-ows of the past, far out from set - tled lands,
 2 While oth-ers bowed to change-less gods, they met a mys - ter - y,
 3 From Ex - o - dus to Pen - te - cost the prom-ise changed and grew,
 4 For all the writ-ings that sur-ived, for lead-ers, long a - go,



some no - mads trav-eled with their God a - cross the des - ert sands.
 in - vis - i - ble, with-out a name: "I AM WHAT I WILL BE";
 while some, re - mem-ber - ing the past, re - cord - ed what they knew,
 who sift - ed, cop - ied, and pre - served the Bi - ble that we know,



The dawn - ing hope of hu - man-kind by them was sensed and shown:
 and by their tents, a - round their fires in sto - ry, song, and law,
 or with their let - ters and la - ments, their proph - e - cy and praise,
 give thanks, and find its sto - ry yet our prom-ise, strength, and call,



a prom-ise call - ing them a - head, a fu - ture yet un - known.
 they praised, re - mem - bered, hand - ed on a past that prom - ised more.
 re - cov - ered, kin - dled, and ex - pressed new hope for chang - ing days.
 the mod - el of e - merg - ing faith, a - live with hope for all.



This vivid text reminds us of two truths we often forget: how deeply our faith is rooted in God's enduring covenant with the descendants of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and how much we can learn from their story. The tune began life as the setting for a family Christmas card.

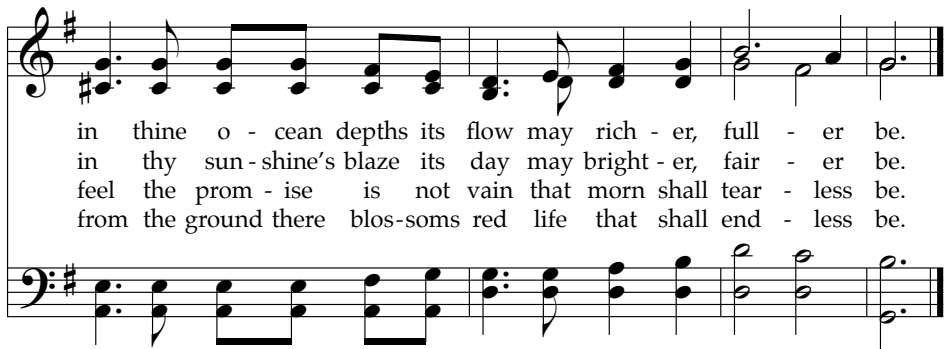
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 833



1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
 2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
 3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
 4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
 flick-ering torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray, that
 close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, and
 ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and



in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
 in thy sun-shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
 feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
 from the ground there blos-soms red life that shall end - less be.

This intense hymn of commitment to God (addressed as Love, Light, and Joy) closes with an invocation of the ultimate testimony to those attributes (the Cross). The composer, a Scotsman, named this specially-composed tune for the 11th-century patroness of Scotland.