#### YOUNG CHILDREN

The nursery is open at 9 a.m. until the end of worship and is available anytime. Toddlers, or those in Preschool and Kindergarten begin in worship with their families, then may leave for the Rambler Room on the second floor after Sacred Space.

#### **IPC CALENDAR**

#### Sunday, December 22 | 4th Sunday of Advent | Deliver Poinsettias

9:00-9:30 a.m. Enhancing Advent with Art, Parlor

10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH

1:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH

3:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH

3:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery

5:30 p.m. IPC Youth Group, 3rd flr., Youth Lounge

6:00-8:00 p.m. Luminaria, Sanc. and Neighborhood

6:00-7:30 p.m. IAC Caroling in the Community

### Monday, December 23

6:30 p.m. IAC Choir Practice, Choir Rm. NOT MEETING 8:00 p.m. AA Group, FH

#### Tuesday, December 24 | Christmas Eve | Church Offices closes at 12 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Early Christmas Eve Service, Sanc.

7:00 p.m. El Trono Leadership Bible Study, Rm. 24 NOT MEETING

7:30 p.m. El Trono, 2nd Flr. Rambler Rm. NOT MEETING

11:00 p.m. Late Christmas Eve Service, Sanc.

## Wednesday, December 25 | Christmas Day

Church Offices Closed

#### Thursday, December 26 | Church Offices Closed

7:00 p.m. El Trono Worship/Bible Study, FH

7:00 p.m. El Trono Children, 2nd and 3rd flr.

## Friday, December 27

10:00-2 p.m. Bridge Club, FH

6:00 p.m. El Trono Band Practice, FH

6:00 p.m. El Trono Hebreo Dance Class, Rambler Rm.

#### Saturday, December 28

1:30 a.m. Non-Member Wedding

6:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, F.H.

#### Sunday, December 29 | First Sunday of Christmas

9:00-9:30 a.m. Enhancing Advent with Art, Parlor

10:00 a.m. Worship in-person and online

11:15 a.m. Fellowship Hour, FH

1:30 p.m. El Trono Sunday School, FH NOT MEETING

3:00 p.m. El Trono Worship, FH NOT MEETING

3:00 p.m. El Trono, Nursery NOT MEETING

5:30 p.m. IPC Youth Grp., 3rd flr., Youth Lounge - NOT MEETING

Liturgist Rev. Dr. Jonathan Reinink

**Ushers:** 

West Door
Center Aisle
Greeter
Balcony
East Door
Head Usher
Beadle

West Door
Rachel Moir
Betty Thomas
Kevin Moorhead
Frank Hurdis
Kathy Moorhead
Steve Holzhausen

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Bus Driver Steve Holzhausen
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Worship with us! Join live or watch later on our website or on:





Fourth Sunday in Advent
December 22, 2024
10:00 AM

"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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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.

**GREETING** Rev. Maureen Wilson

**PRELUDE** 

**CANDLE LIGHTING** The Swick Family

CALL TO WORSHIP (Leader, People)

In this weary world,

we sing of joy. In this fragile world,

we lift each other up.

In this beautiful world.

we look for God.

In this tender world.

we hold onto hope.

This is the invitation of faith. So, in this time of worship, may we sing, may we lift up, may we look for and hold onto *Emmanuel*, God with us! With hope in our hearts, amen!

\*HYMN #819

Be Still My Soul

FINLANDIA

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Dr. Reinink

Rev. Dr. Jon Reinink

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, You paint pictures of what could be, but we declare those visions impossible. You speak of the lion lying down with the lamb, but we spout skepticism and uncertainty. You dream of a more just day, but we poke holes in the plan, unable to fathom that horizon. Forgive us for losing sight of hope. Forgive us for assuming that what we see is all there is. Open up our hearts to see the world as you see it. Open up our hearts to risk hope, to dream dreams, and to not be afraid of either. With gratitude we pray, amen. (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, take a moment to share words and signs of peace and reconciliation with those who are near you, across the sanctuary and online.)

#### SACRED SPACE

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



Our candle liturgy this morning is led by the Swick Family: Tim & Kristin, Charlotte, and Madeline.

**ANTHEM** Magnificat P. LE BAS

#### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 1:46-55 Pew Bible pg. 57

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

Following the Compass of Hope Rev. Maureen Wilson

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### **DECLARATION OF FAITH**

We believe in a God who gives us reason to hope, a God who fills our nights with stars, who follows winter with spring, who dwells with and among us. We believe that this God has dreams for creation, dreams of justice like a mighty stream and swords that will be beaten into plowshares. Therefore, we push cynicism aside. We risk vulnerability. We hold onto hope, and we declare: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

\*HYMN #110

Love Has Come

BRING A TORCH

Rev. Wilson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Reinink

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.

#### Christmas Joy Offering **OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** 

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*DOXOLOGY (#606)

\*HYMN #100

Canticle of the Turning

STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

Rev. Wilson

\*BENEDICTION

#### **POSTLUDE**

On the Cover: Magnify by Hannah Garrity. "The central image in this quilt square design is of Mary's soul, an abstract and concentric shape that begins to look like an eye. It originates as an outward spiraling abstraction of the soul magnifying God. For Mary's soul magnifies her creator. In her song, Mary honors her God who mirrors the life her son will live: lifting up the lowly, filling the hungry, coming to the aid of God's people, bringing down the powerful, sending the rich away empty, and scattering the proud. ...It occurs to me that we are all Mary today, dreaming of a better world and working toward it through right relationships and healthy communities. ...Mary is on the verge of delivering God's depth and beauty into the world; God will be embodied by a child. Mary, the earthly mother of our incarnate God, can see it. She can see hope, justice, and right relationships."

#### **CONGREGATIONAL INFORMATION**

Welcome to Irvington Presbyterian Church. We hope you are able to connect to God and God's family in our worship and fellowship.

If you are new to IPC, please tell a pastor or an usher after worship so we can connect with you and share more about our community of faith. And we invite vou to ioin us for fellowship following worship downstairs.. We're grateful to have you join us today!

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE** on Sunday, December 15 was 94 in-person



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

#### IF YOU RECEIVE ANY EMAILS OR TEXT MESSAGES

from the church staff asking for gift cards, cash, or anything our of the ordinary, *please* contact the church office at 317-356-7225, before you reply to such requests.





### ICAN FOOD PANTRY @ DOWNEY AVENUE

Items needed: canned goods, toothpaste, toilet paper, Pantry shampoo, conditioner, body soap, peanut butter, and Needs reusable bags. We cannot accept expired food.

Financial gifts are always appreciated. THANK YOU FÖR ALL YÖUR DONATIONS!

**STEWARDSHIP**-Please think about your pledges for the coming year and drop you pledge card in the offering plate.





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Follow the links on our website -- **irvpresby.org** -- or scan the OR code with your mobile device to make a gift.



Today's offering supports grants for Presbyterian Church workers experiencing financial hardship and Presbyterian schools training faith leaders from communities of color.

#### THIS WEEK IN PRAYER WE WILL REMEMBER...

Deanna Byrd, Sarah Calder, Lois Dillon, family and friends of Barbara Wood, Patrick Durkin, Barbara Hays, Katherine Holle, Matt Payne, Steve & Melitta Payne, Dee Miller, Mattie Nieves, Avery Paauwe, Diane Pflanzer, Carolyn Searight, Angela Valadez, Larimore Wickett, Melissa Melvin-Wicksall, Joan and Otto Woerdehoff



THE FLOWERS this morning are offered to the glory of God, in loving memory of John David Long, given by Grace Long.

#### **HORIZON HOUSE**

We were able to donate Men's jeans, pants, t-shirts, LOTS OF SOCKS, several men's new and gently used shoes, 15 new wallets and a bag of women's clothing. We will continue to collect all of these items. Clean underwear can provide a sense of dignity, self-esteem, and well being. We will also collect NEW underwear for Men and Women. Any size! We are also collecting men and women's coats, sweaters, and jackets. YOU CAN PUT ITEMS TO BE DONATED IN THE BIN LOCATED IN THE AREA NEXT TO THE PARLOR.

Jackie Cox, coxjackie3@gmail.com, 317-726-9142

## From the family of Mrs. Barbara L. Wood:

Dear I.P.C. -

The Wood family wanted to let you know that Barbara Wood, a member for 70+ years, passed away last week Thursday. Our parents joined IPC in the early 1950s when they were employed by the church to work with the youth of the church. (This was when the church still had a gymnasium. Billy and Barbara Wood were both Physical Education teachers in the area – Mom at Howe H.S. and Dad at School 82.)

Barbara did not want to have a calling or funeral, as you may read in her obituary. We appreciate all that the church has done for the Wood family for the past seven decades. We are grateful for Barbara's life and are glad that IPC was an important part of her journey.

Richard Wood and Douglas Wood Barbara's sons

# CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN DECEMBER AND JANUARY

The church office will be closed:

- Tuesday, December 24 1/2 day, closing at noon.
- **Wednesday, December 25** for the Christmas holiday.
- Thursday, December 26 for the Christmas holiday.
- Tuesday, December 31 1/2 day, closing at noon.
- Wednesday, January 1 for the 2025 New Year holiday.
- Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Join us** on Christmas Eve for two services of worship to celebrate the love of God who came to the world as the Christ child!

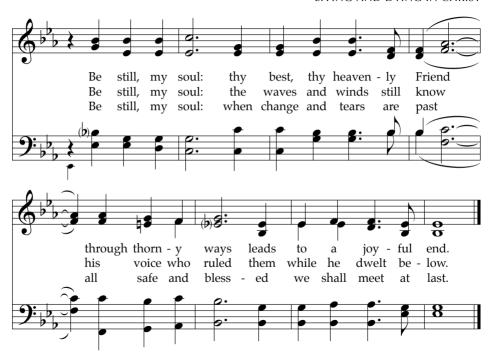
**6:00 PM | Stories & Songs of Light:** We will sing and tell the stories of Advent and Christmas that we know so well. Featuring a no-rehearsal Christmas pageant, the IPC choir, and our bell ensemble.

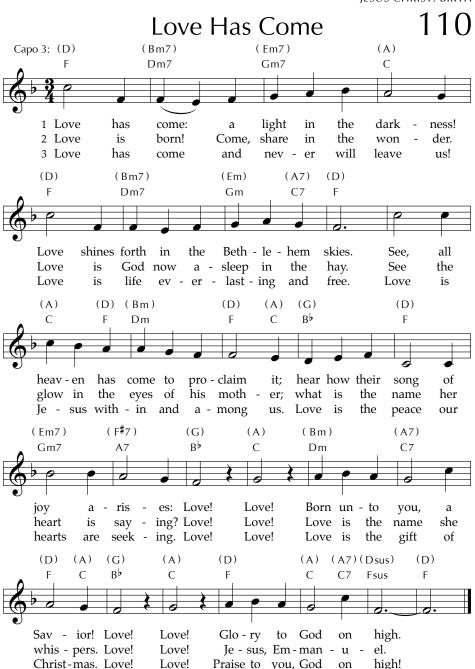
**11:00 PM | Carols, Communion, & Candlelight:** With Scripture lessons and carols, we will celebrate the Christmas story. This shorter service will conclude by sharing symbols of Christ's presence: Communion and candlelight.





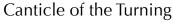
This meditative text seems to be rooted in Psalm 46:10, "Be still and know that I am God," while also reaching forward to 1 Thessalonians 4:17b, "we will be with the Lord forever." Much of the appeal of this hymn comes from its tune, named for the tone poem on which it is based.





Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

# $100\,$ My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout





- 1 Mv soul cries out with a ful shout that the joy -2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
- halls 3 From the of power to the for - tress tower, not
- 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of heart and my spir - it sings my is great, work great things and your mer - cy will last from the in me, stone will be left on stone. Let the king be ware for your mem - ber who holds God's de us fast: mer - cy must



things that you bring who won - drous the ones wait. to depths of the past to the end of the age to be. tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne. ius liv from the con - quer-or's crush - ing er us grasp.



sight You fixed your ser - vant's plight, on your my the shame. to Your name ver y puts proud to The poor shall weep the no more, for hun gry the This - ing word that fore - bears heard is sav our



did not spurn, so from east to west weak - ness you those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the Magnificat, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46–55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

