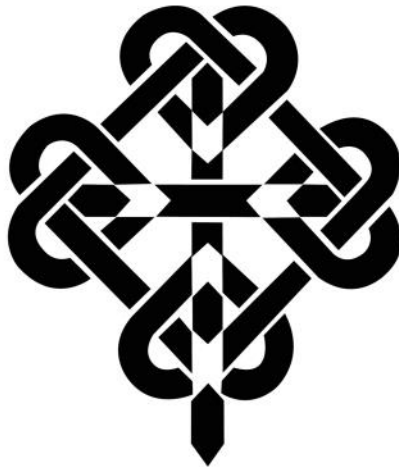


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



*The whole body joined and knit together...
building itself up in love.
— Ephesians 4:16 —*

APRIL 14, 2024

Who We Seek to Be

In our love for Christ and guided by God's Word we seek to be a community of

Joyful Worship, thoughtfully centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living God and celebrating the diversity of the body of Christ.

Loving Fellowship, encouraging and serving one another in the unifying love of the Holy Spirit.

Life-changing Learning, biblically-based preaching and teaching to equip children, youth, and adults to grow in their relationship with God.

Enthusiastic Service, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus as we proclaim the gospel near and far in word and deed.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Evening Prayer*

written and arranged by Jon Schmidt
(as performed by the Piano Guys)

* *Call to Worship*

Pastor: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant. Since he has died for our sins, those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance promised them.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Pastor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; with Christ he will surely give us all things that we may glorify him. Praise the Lord.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *My Hope Is in the Lord*

HYMN 523

* *Congregation stands.*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: Let us confess our sins to our holy and gracious God with the words of Psalm 32.

People: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Leader: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Trisagion*

3 Times Fernando Ortega

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.

5 Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, Have

7 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 1 John 1:8-9)*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is true that “if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” But it is equally true, amazingly true, that “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

* ACCLAMATION

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to our God forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

(Please share God’s peace with those around you.)

RECOGNITION OF PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *This Joyful Eastertide*

arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide,
away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
has sprung to life this morrow.

My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber,
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number.

Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne’er burst his three-day prison,
our faith had been in vain;
but now has Christ arisen!

Death’s flood has lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver.

* DOXOLOGY

HYMN 733

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

* SONG: *All Must Be Well*



1.Through the love of God our
 2.Though we pass through trib - u -
 3.We ex - pect a bright to -



Sav - ior, All will be ___ well; Free and change - less is His
 la - tion, All will be ___ well; Ours is such a full sal -
 mor - row, All will be ___ well; Faith can sing through days of



fav - or, All is ___ well; Pre - cious is the blood that
 va - tion, All is ___ well; Hap - py still in God con -
 sor - row, All is ___ well; On our Fa - ther's love re -



healed us, Per - fect is the grace that sealed us, Strong the
 fid - ing, Fruit - ful if in Christ a - bid - ing Stead - fast
 ly - ing Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing Yes in



hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be ___ well. 2.Though we
 through the spir - it's guid - ing, All must be ___ well. 3.We ex
 liv - ing and in dy - ing, All must be



well. On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing. Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup -



ply - ing. Yes in liv - ing or in dy - ing. All must be ___ well.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

(Please remain standing for the reading of God's Word.)

READERS: HANNAH MULLINS AND BOB BRABENEC

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 114*

¹ When Israel came out of Egypt,
Jacob from a people of foreign tongue,

² Judah became God's sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

³ The sea looked and fled,
the Jordan turned back;

⁴ the mountains leaped like rams,
the hills like lambs.

⁵ Why was it, sea, that you fled?
Why, Jordan, did you turn back?

⁶ Why, mountains, did you leap like rams,
you hills, like lambs?

⁷ Tremble, earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

⁸ who turned the rock into a pool,
the hard rock into springs of water.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Peter 1:3-9*

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *A Living Hope (Part 2)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

HYMN 642

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*

Robert Powell

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder **Sarah Holman** will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

College Fellowship (last meeting for the year, at Bretsens' house (502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (*childcare*)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.

Mothering Together (*childcare*)

In Immanuel and Beyond

Adult Ed courses take place each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. Currently Dan Treier is teaching on the Holy Spirit in the sanctuary. The missions team is Zooming around the World with Immanuel's missionaries over in the Ministry House (this week with Micah Schuurman). A parenting discussion class (for moms and dads) is meeting upstairs in the Ministry House.

Coming

Prime Timers will meet on Saturday, April 27, for "This Is My Story" with Jack and Theo Robinson. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex today and next Sunday. Prime Timers is a social group for those who are 60ish or older.

ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (*Clerk of Session*), Bill France, Larry Funck, Sarah Holman,
Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Cathy Sayer, Steve Westfall

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Tom Nguyen, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Kathy Wetters, Sharon Wolgemuth

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Anna and Scott Scheidt, *Ministers to Youth*;
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