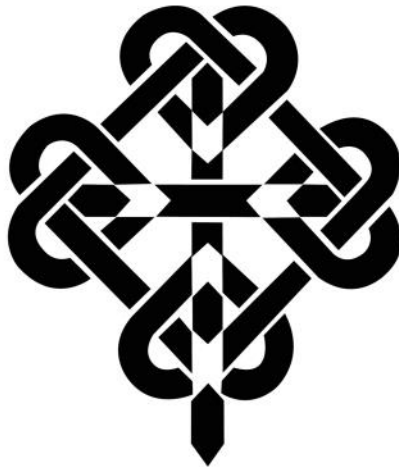


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

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MORNING WORSHIP
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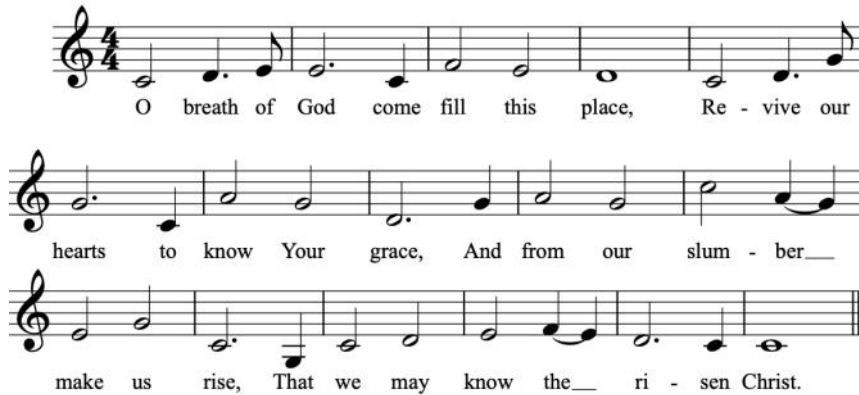
WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *The Risen Christ*

Keith Getty/Phil Madeira



O breath of God come fill this place, Re - vive our
hearts to know Your grace, And from our slum - ber__
make us rise, That we may know the__ ri - sen Christ.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

All: Let us remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God. He remembers his covenant forever.

* *Congregation stands.*

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

HYMN 76

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

CARL PICKARD

Leader: Our God, we come to you recognizing that we fail; our human flesh is weak, our sins are many. But we are assured that sincere confession is met by your saving forgiveness:

People: Through your Son our sins are forgiven. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.

Leader: Our guilt is dealt with, our burdens are lifted, our lives begin again. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.

People: Through your Spirit we know your presence, our loneliness is shared; our blind eyes made to see, our love is rekindled. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.

Leader: You and you alone can heal, restore, forgive. Your compassion and your understanding seep into us, your wisdom enlightens us, new courage grips us, and we find your Spirit at work in us bringing together everything that was fractured by our selfishness and sin.

People: O Lord our God, to you be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Leader: If we confess our sins he is able and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

HYMN 735

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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 COLLEGE GRADUATES

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *With What Shall I Come Before the Lord*

Immanuel Choir
John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings.
Shall I come before him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give him my firstborn for my transgressions,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

He has shown you, O man;
He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

* 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

STEVE WESTFALL

* HYMN: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word*

HYMN 303

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MARY AND HARRY VANDERSCHOOT

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Proverbs 1:20-28*

- ²⁰ Out in the open wisdom calls aloud,
she raises her voice in the public square;
²¹ on top of the wall she cries out,
at the city gate she makes her speech:
²² "How long will you who are simple love your simple ways?
How long will mockers delight in mockery
and fools hate knowledge?
²³ Repent at my rebuke!
Then I will pour out my thoughts to you,
I will make known to you my teachings.
²⁴ But since you refuse to listen when I call
and no one pays attention when I stretch out my hand,
²⁵ since you disregard all my advice
and do not accept my rebuke,
²⁶ I in turn will laugh when disaster strikes you;
I will mock when calamity overtakes you—
²⁷ when calamity overtakes you like a storm,
when disaster sweeps over you like a whirlwind,
when distress and trouble overwhelm you.
²⁸ "Then they will call to me but I will not answer;
they will look for me but will not find me.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Corinthians 1:18-2:9*

^{1:18} For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written:

"I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate."

(continued)

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

^{2:1} And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. ² For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. ⁴ My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.

⁶ We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷ No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ However, as it is written:

“What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”—
the things God has prepared for those who love him. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *The Wisdom of the Ages*

RON HAYDON

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

F C F B^b F C7 F

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

C F Gm7/B^b F/C C F

crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of your sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

C7 F

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss your king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -

C7 F Gm7/B^b F/C C F

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

For an alternate arrangement see 43

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *Come, Thou Fount*

American Folk Tune
arr. by John Purifoy

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Immanuel Choir

Thanks to Ron Haydon for filling in today to give Pastor George a break after a busy weekend at Presbytery meetings. During the week Ron teaches Bible to high school students and coordinates chapel for Naperville Christian Academy. He has served as an elder at Immanuel and is currently a deacon. He and his wife, Julie, have been active in children's ministry as well. They are the parents of Graham.

Congrats to our grads! These Immanuel attenders are graduating next week and on to new adventures. Wish them well, and pray for them as they go.

Michaela Kustra, B. S. Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Hannah Mullins, B.S. Math with Applied Math
Emma Riley, B.S. Environmental Science
Emily Stier, MA. Clinical Mental Health Counseling

We are pleased to announce that Lauren Mathues will be serving in the role of pastoral intern! Lauren is a candidate under care in our Rivers and Lakes Presbytery. As our pastoral intern, Lauren will be gaining experience in all avenues of ministry as she continues her seminary education. We are excited to welcome Lauren in this capacity and look forward to how God will lead her in her ministry future.

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

NO Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (<i>childcare</i>)
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.	Mom Talk (<i>childcare</i>)

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. A parenting discussion class (for moms and dads) is meeting upstairs in the Ministry House.

VBS 2024 is coming soon!

- Child Registration will open May 8th through the IPC Website
- VBS Dates: June 10-14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily
- Ages: Rising 1st-6th grade kids welcome. (We will have a group for preschool and kindergarten kids of Immanuel families only).

Would you consider how you can support the ministry of VBS?

- Crew Leaders (still need 2 adults)
- Photography
- Nursery Care (still need 1 more person)
- Set design and building

- Supplies + Scholarship Donation opportunities coming in May

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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.

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (*Chair*), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Tom Nguyen, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Kathy Wetters, Sharon Wolgemuth

STAFF

George A. Garrison, *Senior Pastor*; Annette LaPlaca, *Minister of Congregational Life*;
Lauren Mathues, *Pastoral Intern*, Mary Hopper, *Minister of Music*;
Annika Durbin, *Children's Minister*; Anna and Scott Scheidt, *Ministers to Youth*;
Barbara Lawrence, *Church Secretary*; Frank Lawrence, *Church Sexton*

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Bev Burch, Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca