

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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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

ANNA SCHEIDT

PRELUDE: *When All Your Mercies, O My God*

JOHN ZIMMERMAN, composer
IMMANUEL CHOIR

When all your mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love and praise.

When worn with sickness, oft have you
with health renewed my face;
And when in sins and sorrows sunk,
revived my soul with grace.

Through all eternity to you
a joyful song I'll raise;
for oh, eternity's too short
to utter all your praise.

* 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: *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

HYMN 398

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KEN WOLGEMUTH

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 which was fractured by our selfishness and sin.

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

* *Congregation stands.*

HYMN OF CONFESSION: *None Other Lamb, None Other Name*

1. None oth - er Lamb, none oth - er name, none oth - er
 2. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; on - ly my
 3. Lord, thou art Life, though I be dead; love's fire thou

hope in heav'n or earth or sea, none oth - er hid - ing
 heart's de - sire cries out in me by the deep thun - der
 art, how - ev - er cold I be: nor heav'n have I, nor

place from guilt and shame, none be - side thee!
 of its want and woe, cries out to thee.
 place to lay my head, nor home, but thee.

Christina G. Rossetti, 1830–1894

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 Peggy S. Palmer, 1900–1987

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

* 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Loving Shepherd*

J. S. BACH
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us,
Keep us in thy tender care.
And in thy mercy stay beside us,
Safely thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together,
And thy pastures now prepare.

And when I walk with darkness around me,
Thou art near and I will fear no ill.
So with thy love and kindness surround me,
Goodness and mercy bringing
From living water springing,
Lord of Love, grant me thy comfort still.

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker



Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be -
low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

* SONG: *Send Your Word, O Lord*

The musical score is written in 2/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. Chord markings are placed above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: Cm, Fm. Lyrics: Japanese: 1 御 言 葉 を く だ さ い 降 り 注. English: 1 Send your Word, O LORD, like the rain, fall - ing down up -

System 2: Chords: Bb7, Gm, Cm. Lyrics: English: 2 Send your Word, O LORD, like the wind, blow - ing down up -; 3 Send your Word, O LORD, like the dew, com - ing gent - ly.

System 3: Chords: Bb7, Gm, Cm. Lyrics: Japanese: ぐ 雨 の よ う に 恵 み の 主 よ. English: on all the earth. Send your Word. We seek your end - less grace, on all the earth. Send your Word. We seek your won - drous power, down all the hills. Send your Word. We seek your end - less love,

System 4: Chords: Fm, Cm, Fm, Cm. Lyrics: Japanese: 飢 え と 渇 き に あ え ぎ 苦 し み. English: with souls that hun - ger and thirst, sor - row - ful - ly a - go - nize. pure - ness that re - jects all sins, though they will per - sist and cling. for life that suf - fers in strife, with ad - ver - si - ties and hurts,

System 5: Chords: Gm, Cm. Lyrics: Japanese: 闇 路 さ す ら う 命 の た め に. English: We would all be lost in dark if with - out your guid - ing light. Bring us to com - plete vic - tory; set us all now free in - deed. send your heal - ing power of love; we a - wait your brand - new world.

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: GISSING FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Samuel 5:1-5*

¹ All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, "We are your own flesh and blood. ² In the past, while Saul was king over us, you were the one who led Israel on their military campaigns. And the Lord said to you, 'You will shepherd my people Israel, and you will become their ruler.'"

³ When all the elders of Israel had come to King David at Hebron, the king made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴ David was thirty years old when he became king, and he reigned forty years.

⁵ In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *John 10:1-6*

¹ "Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. ² The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴ When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵ But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." ⁶ Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Why We Need a Shepherd*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

HYMN 164

* BENECTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Immanuel Choir

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
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Mothering Together

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 - 11:00 a.m.	Mothering Together (<i>childcare</i>)
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Memorial service for Maria Walford Light lunch to follow.

Coming

The Immanuel college crew will meet at the Bretsens' home (502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton) for dinner on Sunday, January 21. Contact Cindy at bretsen@sbcglobal.net if you plan to attend.

Plan to stay after worship next Sunday for an International Cafe gathering with World Relief. World Relief is actively helping welcome refugees, immigrants, and asylum seekers in Chicagoland—a particular challenge just now. Come, hear all about it while having a light lunch brought to you by the missions team, noon - 1:00 p.m. All are welcome!

2023 Giving Reports

We will have the 2023 individual offering reports available for pickup in the narthex on Sundays, January 21 and 28. Any that are not picked up by the 28th will be mailed on the 29th. Please let the office know if there has been any change in your mailing address recently.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Plan to be here during the education hour (9:30) on Sunday, February 4, for the annual meeting. We'll have reports from staffers and various ministries to read ahead of time.

SAVE THE DATE: *This summer we will host VBS the week of June 10-15, 2024.*

ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman,
Ron Netzel, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Amy Treier, Becky Williams

STAFF

George A. Garrison: Senior Pastor, Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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