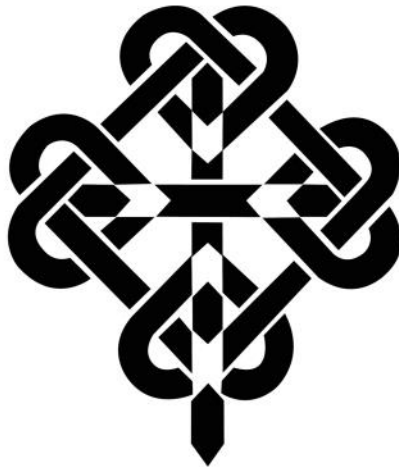


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# 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

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PRELUDE: *Beautiful Savior*

Flor Peeters

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love Thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**All: And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.**

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

**All: And since he has given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.**

### \* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

HYMN 1

*\* Congregation stands.*

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

SARAH HOLMAN

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can heal and restore us.

**All: We are not able to heal ourselves,**

Leader: We are not able to forgive ourselves,

**All: We are not able to restore ourselves,**

Leader: We are not able to sanctify ourselves,

**All: We are not able to satisfy ourselves.**

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can make us whole.

Leader: Lord of light, enter our past, dispel the works of darkness,

**All: Destroy the deeds of evil, defeat the thoughts of darkness.**

Leader: Enter the recording room of our memories,

**All: Enter the dark room of guilt and shame,**

Leader: Enter the secret room of sins hidden or forgotten.

**All: Come, Lord of Light, and forgive.**

**Come, Lord of Love, and set us free.**

**Come and scatter our darkness.**

**Come, draw us closer to you.**

(adapted from *The Open Gate* by David Adam)

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to the triune God.

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Please stand)

Franz Schubert  
(Communion book, p. 20)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell,  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* Church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*\* universal*

\* 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: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

St. Columba  
Arr. Brenda Portman  
JOANNA SIRE

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his,  
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,  
my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow,  
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me;  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

(Children may return to their seats.)

\* SONG: *Beautiful Savior*

Stuart Townend



1. All \_\_\_ my days I will sing this song of glad - ness, give \_\_\_ my  
 2. I \_\_\_ will trust in the cross of my Re - deem - er; I \_\_\_ will  
 3. long \_\_\_ to be where the praise is ne - ver end - ing; Yearn \_\_\_ to



praise to the Foun - tain of de - lights; for in my help - less - ness You  
 sing of the blood that nev - er fails, of sins for - giv - en, of  
 dwell where the glo - ry ne - ver fades, Where count - less wor - ship - ers will



heard my \_\_\_ cry, and waves of mer - cy poured - down on my life. \_\_\_  
 con - science cleansed, of death de - feat - ed and \_\_\_ life with - out end. \_\_\_  
 share one \_\_\_ song, And cries of "wor - thy" will \_\_\_ hon - or the Lamb! \_\_\_



1. Beau - ti - ful Sa - viour, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, clothed in



maj - es - ty, Lord of his - to - ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morn ing,



glo - rious in ho - li - ness, You're the Ris - en One, heav - en's



Cham - pi - on, and You reign, You reign o - ver \_\_\_



all!

3.1

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: MIKE DIETRICH

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 100*

<sup>1</sup> Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup> Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.

<sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

<sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *John 10:11-18*

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup> The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father." NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Our Good Shepherd*

## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please **approach the tables from the center aisles**, and we ask that you **return to your seats on the outside aisles**.

*If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated.  
Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.*

*If you would like to be seated at the lower tables,  
just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.*

*If you prefer to be served by an elder who is wearing a face mask and gloves  
please indicate that to the usher at the front of the sanctuary.*

*During Communion Sharon Wolgemuth and Doug Anderson will be available  
on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.*

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)

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## WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

HYMN 460

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



## TODAY

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Zak Reynolds, Joanna Sire, Russ Adkins, Mike Dietrich, Graham Haydon

**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.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

**Youth Group** (*Game Night*)

**Mothering Together**

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

2:00 - 6:00 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (*childcare*)

**Food Pantry open**

**Blood Drive**

Wednesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Mothering Together** (*childcare*)

## COMING

**Sunday, February 11:** While there are Sunday school classes for children and teens on the 11th, there will be no adult ed classes next Sunday. Instead, there will be a fellowship time downstairs for Pastor George and parents whose kids are in our children's programs. Other adults are encouraged to fellowship upstairs in the narthex. There will be donuts, both up and down.

**Ash Wednesday Service,** February 14, 7:00 p.m.

**New Adult Ed courses are coming:** Beginning Sunday, February 18, and running through Palm Sunday, Rev. John Schuurman will be "Thinking about Heaven" in the sanctuary, while Chris and Amy Danusiar leads a class on parenting in the Ministry House ("It Takes a Village").

## **Prayers during Communion**

### ***Prayer to begin a new life in Christ***

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those struggling with sin***

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears***

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past***

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.



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,  
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Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
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