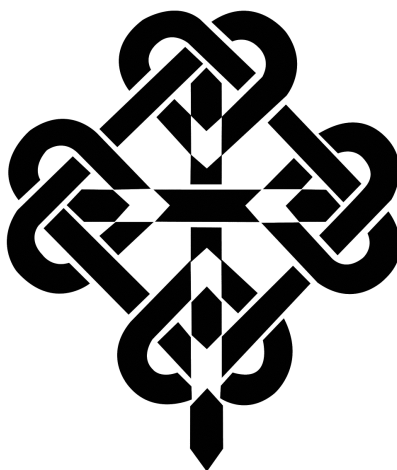


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

MARCH 10, 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

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Gather Us in Mercy, Lord*

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff is labeled 'Cantor/All repeat' and contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Gath - er us in mer - cy, Lord.' The second staff is also labeled 'Cantor/All repeat' and contains the melody for the second line: 'From the depths we cry to you.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: How great and glorious is our God!

**All: From hour to hour, from day to day, our lives ought to overflow with praise and gratitude.**

Pastor: He creates beauty out of the dust of our fallen natures.

**All: Out of the ashes of our failures he brings forth meaning and purpose.**

Pastor: He exalts the humble and enriches the poor.

**All: He transforms our weaknesses into channels of his strength.**

Pastor: Our emptiness becomes a vessel for his fullness, our spiritual poverty the basis for his eternal grace.

**All: How great and glorious is our God!**

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* (v. 1, 2, 5, 6)

HYMN 296

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

**People: love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.**

Leader: Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

**People: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.**

Leader: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

**People: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.**

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

**People: let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.**

Leader: Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

### SONG OF CONFESSION: *Kyrie*

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two sections: the first section is labeled 'Cantor' and the second 'All'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff is also divided into two sections: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff is divided into two sections: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.'

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* ACCLAMATION

**All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever 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.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *I Will Arise and Go to Jesus*      tune "Arise" from Sothern Harmony  
arr. John Zimmerman

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,  
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you,  
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden,  
Bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better,  
you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger,  
Nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requireth  
Is to feel your need of him.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,  
God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance,  
Every grace that brings you nigh.

I'll arise and go to Jesus;  
He'll embrace me in his arms;  
In the arms of my dear Savior,  
O, there are ten thousand charms.

\* DOXOLOGY

HYMN 731

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

CARL PICKARD

\* HYMN: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend;  
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em - brace;  
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own;

who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?  
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way;  
 here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne;

Oh, You res - cue the souls of men.  
 oh, we've hope - less - ly lost the way. You are the One that we praise,  
 oh, we're fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

You are the One we a - dore. You give the heal - ing and grace our



## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: GARAVAGLIA FAMILY

### \* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Daniel 2:17-23*

<sup>17</sup> Then Daniel returned to his house and explained the matter to his friends Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah. <sup>18</sup> He urged them to plead for mercy from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that he and his friends might not be executed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. <sup>19</sup> During the night the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a vision. Then Daniel praised the God of heaven <sup>20</sup> and said:

“Praise be to the name of God for ever and ever;  
wisdom and power are his.

<sup>21</sup> He changes times and seasons;  
he deposes kings and raises up others.

He gives wisdom to the wise  
and knowledge to the discerning.

<sup>22</sup> He reveals deep and hidden things;  
he knows what lies in darkness,  
and light dwells with him.

<sup>23</sup> I thank and praise you, God of my ancestors:  
You have given me wisdom and power,  
you have made known to me what we asked of you,  
you have made known to us the dream of the king.”

### \* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

*Romans 13:1-7, Ephesians 6:10-12, John 16:33*

<sup>1</sup> Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. <sup>2</sup> Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

<sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. <sup>4</sup> For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

<sup>6</sup> This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. <sup>7</sup> Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

<sup>10</sup> Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

<sup>33</sup> "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Suffering for the Sake of Politics*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

HYMN 32

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE



## TODAY

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

**If you have concerns or are in need of prayer,** elder **Steve Westfall** is available at the front following the service.

The **teen membership class** will meet in the lower level after church today, noon to 1 p.m.

**Seder supper:** Sign up today in the narthex if you would like to attend the **Symbolic Seder Supper** on Thursday, March 28.

**Easter flowers:** Today and next Sunday you can place an order for Easter flowers in memory of a loved one. You can take the flowers home with you after the service on Easter morning.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**  
**Youth Group**  
**Mothering Together**

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 - 10:50 a.m.  
1:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (*childcare*)  
**Food Pantry open**  
**Men's Book Group**

Friday

7:00 p.m.

**Taize service**

## LENT/EASTER

Friday, March 15

7:00 p.m.

**Taize service**

Maundy Thursday

6:30 p.m.

**Seder Supper**

Good Friday

7:00 p.m.

**Tenebrae**

Easter

9:00 a.m.

**Brunch**

10:30 a.m.

**Worship**

## NOTES

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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*;  
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