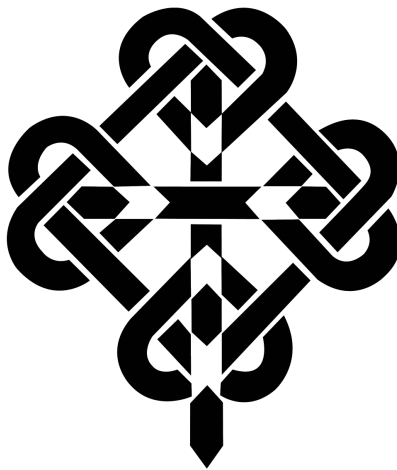


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

MARCH 17, 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: *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 notes are simple quarter and half notes, with lyrics written below each note.

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship our God,

**All: Who brings us salvation,**

Pastor: Who supplies us strength,

**All: Who hears our songs of gratitude,**

Pastor: Who accepts our joyful praise.

**All: His greatness astounds us; let us praise the Lord and sing for joy!**

### \* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

HYMN 101

# WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: Those who encountered the true and living God in Scripture were overwhelmed with a sense of his majesty and glory, and their own sinfulness. As we encounter the true and living God today, let us together ask for his forgiveness as we consider his character in light of our own.

Leader: Holy and strong One,

**People: Forgive our weakness.**

Leader: Holy and Wise One,

**People: Forgive our foolishness.**

Leader: Holy and loving One,

**People: Forgive our hardness.**

Leader: Holy and generous One,

**People: Forgive our selfishness.**

Leader: Holy and faithful One,

**People: Forgive our fickleness.**

Leader: Holy and gentle One,

**People: Forgive our toughness.**

**All: Forgive us, Holy One, forgive.**

Adapted from The Open Gate

## 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 for the first staff are 'Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff is also divided into 'Cantor' and 'All' sections. The lyrics are 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff is divided into 'Cantor' and 'All' sections. The lyrics are 'Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The musical notation uses quarter notes and half notes to represent the rhythm of the lyrics.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words,  
And gracious in all his deeds.  
The Lord upholds all who are falling,  
And raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

\* ACCLAMATION

**All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. 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.)*

## SERVICE OF OFFICER INSTALLATION

The following person was elected to office at our annual congregational meeting:

ELDER: Cathy Sayer

OPENING PRAYER

CHARGE TO NEW OFFICER AND CONGREGATION AND VOWS

PRAYER OF BLESSING:

READER 1: O Lord, may Cathy experience joy in serving you. May she be aware that you are truly her guide and help as she leads us in our mission and ministries. May she enjoy our trust and encouragement and may her faith and vision be an example and motivation to us in our spiritual growth.

CONGREGATION: **Amen.**

READER 2: Dear Savior, may Cathy each grow in wisdom through her study of your Word and in deepening prayer life. May she see and help us see the rule of Christ in his church and over this dark world. May her authority over us be directed by the law of love and the power of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: **O Lord, may our elders and deacons be so blessed and strengthened in all their labors that they will find your yoke easy and your burden light and when our Great Shepherd appears, may they receive that crown of glory that will never fade away. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

## WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Come, Ye Disconsolate*

Samuel Webbe  
Howard Whitaker, Will Durbin

Come, ye disconsolate,  
where'er ye languish,  
come to the mercy seat,  
fervently kneel.  
Here bring your wounded hearts,  
here tell your anguish.  
Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal.

\* 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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

BILL FRANCE

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**



1.The One who made the heav - ens made my  
 2.My bod - y is a tem - ple of the  
 3.And if He has re-deemed me, I am  
 4.I am not my own, and now my



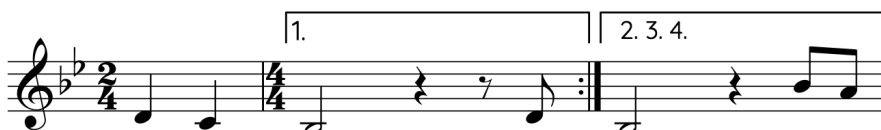
heart and soul; be - fore I drew a breath, I was  
 Liv - ing God. I'll wor - ship in this house that His  
 not my own. The mea - sure of my worth is His  
 heart is free. Oh Mak - er, come and make what You



loved and known. I am His cre - a - tion, the  
 blood has bought. As I bear His im - age, oh  
 love a - lone. He de - clares my stand - ing, and  
 will of me. There is noth - ing bro - ken that



Mak - er's mas - ter - piece, and all that He de signs will be  
 may I not pro - fane the ho - li - ness I hold in this  
 He de - clares my state. So, I will know my - self by the  
 You can not re - pair, so Lord, I leave my life in Your



done in me. 2.My I be -  
 earth - ly frame.  
 name He gave.  
 lov - ing care.



long to the Lord, oh I am not my own. I be -

long to the Lord; I am not my own. I will hon- or Him, for

this I know, I be - long to the Lord; I am

not my own.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: DOUG AND MARGE RENEKER

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 40:21-26*

<sup>21</sup> Do you not know?  
 Have you not heard?  
 Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
 Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

<sup>22</sup> He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth,  
 and its people are like grasshoppers.  
 He stretches out the heavens like a canopy,  
 and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

<sup>23</sup> He brings princes to naught  
 and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

<sup>24</sup> No sooner are they planted,  
 no sooner are they sown,  
 no sooner do they take root in the ground,  
 than he blows on them and they wither,  
 and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

<sup>25</sup> “To whom will you compare me?  
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.  
<sup>26</sup> Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:  
Who created all these?  
He who brings out the starry host one by one  
and calls forth each of them by name.  
Because of his great power and mighty strength,  
not one of them is missing.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: *Romans 1:18-25, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

<sup>18</sup> The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, <sup>19</sup> since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. <sup>20</sup> For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

<sup>21</sup> For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. <sup>22</sup> Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools <sup>23</sup> and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

<sup>24</sup> Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. <sup>25</sup> They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

<sup>19</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup> you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

MEDITATION: *Suffering for the Sake of the Creator*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

1. I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to fol - low  
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God; I want to look at  
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ; I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world; the  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all; the night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God: Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Kathleen Thomerson, 1966

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## TODAY

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Howard Whitaker, Will Durbin, Russ Adkins, Zak Reynolds

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

**Seder supper:** Sign up today in the narthex if you would like to attend the **Symbolic Seder Supper** on Thursday, March 28. This is a family-friendly event.

**Easter flowers:** Today 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.  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**  
**College Fellowship at Bretsens'**  
(contact Cindy at 630-386-1534)

**NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:30 - 10:50 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

## HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday 7:00 p.m.  
Easter 9:00 - 10:10 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

**Seder Supper**  
**Tenebrae**  
**Breakfast**  
**Worship**

### 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