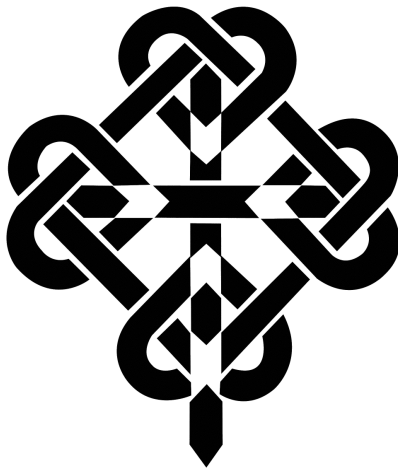


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

JULY 19, 2020

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

PRELUDE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ALVA STEFFLER

Pastor: We will exalt you, O God our King.

All: And bless your name forever and ever.

Pastor: This day will we bless you.

**All: And praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING SONG: *Christ, Our Sure and Steady Anchor* (Verses 1-3)

D G Bm

1. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor in the fu - ry of the storm;
 2. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor while the tem - pest rag - es on.
 3. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor thru the floods of un - be - lief.
 4. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor as we face the waves of death.

D A G/A

when the winds of doubt blow thru me and my sails have all been torn.
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 Hope - less some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry!
 When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath,

D/E# G D G Bm

In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, tho' I just - ly stand ac - cused.
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure.
Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.

D Bm Asus 4th time repeat italics D

I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 And the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
We will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever.

Leader: Bless the Lord, who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Leader: But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe.

People: For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God;

Leader: They are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith.

People: But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

Leader: For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

People: But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.

Leader: So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *God, Be Merciful to Me (Verse 1)*

1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and judg - ment just,

plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;

wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,
 make my spirit right and true;
 cast me not away from thee,
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;
 thy salvation's joy impart,
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me
 and return, O God, to thee;
 Savior, all my guilt remove,
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*1 John 1:8-9*)

Leader: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, believe the gospel—in Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNETTE LAPLACA

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Grief*

Text: Leroy V. Brant
Music: William Grant Still
SARAH HOLMAN

Weeping angel with pinions trailing
And head bowed low in your hands.

Mourning angel with heartstrings wailing
For one who in death's hall stands.

Mourning angel silence your wailing
And raise your head from your hands.

Weeping angel on your pinions trailing
The white dove, promise, stands!

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

READERS: LARRY AND ALETHEA FUNCK

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Daniel 7:1-10*

¹ In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream, and visions passed through his mind as he was lying in bed. He wrote down the substance of his dream.

² Daniel said: "In my vision at night I looked, and there before me were the four winds of heaven churning up the great sea. ³ Four great beasts, each different from the others, came up out of the sea.

⁴ "The first was like a lion, and it had the wings of an eagle. I watched until its wings were torn off and it was lifted from the ground so that it stood on two feet like a human being, and the mind of a human was given to it.

⁵ "And there before me was a second beast, which looked like a bear. It was raised up on one of its sides, and it had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up and eat your fill of flesh!'

⁶ "After that, I looked, and there before me was another beast, one that looked like a leopard. And on its back it had four wings like those of a bird. This beast had four heads, and it was given authority to rule.

⁷ "After that, in my vision at night I looked, and there before me was a fourth beast—terrifying and frightening and very powerful. It had large iron teeth; it crushed and devoured its victims and trampled underfoot whatever was left. It was different from all the former beasts, and it had ten horns.

⁸ "While I was thinking about the horns, there before me was another horn, a little one, which came up among them; and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. This horn had eyes like the eyes of a human being and a mouth that spoke boastfully.

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place,
and the Ancient of Days took his seat.
His clothing was as white as snow;
the hair of his head was white like wool.
His throne was flaming with fire,
and its wheels were all ablaze.

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing,
coming out from before him.
Thousands upon thousands attended him;
ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him.
The court was seated,
and the books were opened. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 4:1-8*

¹ After this I looked, and there before me was a door standing open in heaven. And the voice I had first heard speaking to me like a trumpet said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” ² At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. ³ And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and ruby. A rainbow that shone like an emerald encircled the throne. ⁴ Surrounding the throne were twenty-four other thrones, and seated on them were twenty-four elders. They were dressed in white and had crowns of gold on their heads. ⁵ From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder. In front of the throne, seven lamps were blazing. These are the seven spirits of God. ⁶ Also in front of the throne there was what looked like a sea of glass, clear as crystal.

In the center, around the throne, were four living creatures, and they were covered with eyes, in front and in back. ⁷ The first living creature was like a lion, the second was like an ox, the third had a face like a man, the fourth was like a flying eagle. ⁸ Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under its wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Finding God in the Apocalypse*

RON HAYDON

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *God be With You Till We Meet Again (Verse 1)*

Unison

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain;
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain;

Harmony

by his coun - sels guide, up - hold you, with his sheep se -
 'neath his wings pro - tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na
 when life's per - ils thick con - found you, put his lov - ing
 keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning

Unison

cure - ly fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880
 Tune from the *English Hymnal* by permission of Oxford University Press.

RANDOLPH Irreg.
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

This morning Pastor Garrison and his family are away. Dr. Ron Haydon, a professor of Old Testament, will be preaching.

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Sarah Holman who will be glad to pray with you(sarahholman@sbcglobal.net or 630-936-6783).

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sarah Holman, Timothy Holman, Nathaniel Holman, Anna Treier

Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Doug Reneker, Peter Welander.

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Today

9:30 a.m. **Worship online** (Livestream)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Youth Group**

Tuesday

9:30 a.m. **Women's Bible study** with Cathy Deddo
(This will be the last week until fall.)

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**

7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible study** with Cathy Deddo
(This will be the last week until fall.)

Wednesday

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Combined Youth Group Game Night
(Zoom)

Thursday

7:00 - 8:45 p.m. **Women's Bible study @** Terra Vincent's,
26W430 Natalie Ct., Carol Stream

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Ongoing giving: If you happen to be in the church on a Sunday, there is a basket in the Gathering Place where you can put your offering. Otherwise, it's just fine to continue sending your check in to the church, or set up regular giving with your bank. If you need help with how to set up giving with your bank, Amber is glad to talk with you.

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (immanpres@gmail.com).

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