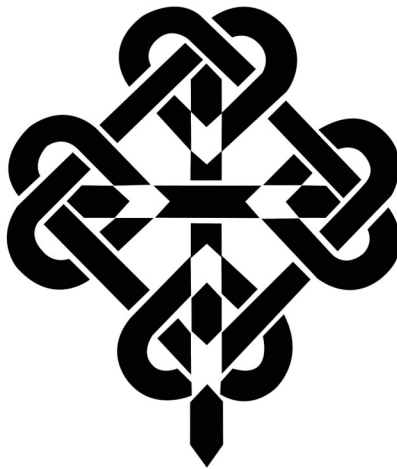


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

APRIL 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

ALVA STEFFLER

Pastor: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

All: Yes! Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

All: Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him.

Pastor: The Lord is risen!

All: He is risen indeed!

* INVOCATION

1.O breath of God come fill this place, Re - vive our
 2.O word of God, so clear and true, Re - new our
 3.O love of God, so un - re - strained, Re - fresh our
 6 4.May God the Fa - ther, God the Son And God the
 hearts to know Your grace and from our slum - ber___
 minds to trust in You; And give to us the___
 souls in Je - sus' name. Let us re - flect Your___
 11 Spi - rit make us one. In ho - li - ness let___
 make us rise, that we may
 bread of Life, That we may
 sac - ri - fice, that we may
 14 us u - nite, That we may
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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

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.

**All: For the dullness of our vision, Father forgive.
For the weakness of our faith, Jesus forgive.
For the joylessness of our living, Spirit forgive.
Holy Three have mercy upon us,
Forgive us our sins, Help us to seek you,
Help us to see you, Help us to serve you.**

From The Open Gate by David Adam

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SERMON: *The Prayer We Desperately Need*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Readers: *Bella and Marion Anderson*

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 16*

¹ Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

² I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing."

³ I say of the holy people who are in the land,
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

⁴ Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.

⁵ Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

⁶ The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

⁷ I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

⁸ I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,

¹⁰ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 1:1-14*

¹ Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴ because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵ the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶ that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷ You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸ and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

SONG: *Hallelujah, You Are Good*

Steven Curtis Chapman, Matt Maher

ENSEMBLE

We are standing in between
Hope and despair
Believing in Your grace
And the faith to declare

You are with us, Hallelujah
Hallelujah, You are good

In the ashes and the dust
The sorrow and pain
Lies the promise of Your Word
And the power of Your Name

And when faith gives way to fear
I will trust Your heart, I will trust Your heart
When I cannot feel You near
I will trust Your heart, I will trust Your heart

There's a message being written
With the morning sun
And a new song for the broken
Death is lost, love is won

Hallelujah, You are good

SERMON

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, His the throne.
2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now.
3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our food, our stay.

Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.
Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful flee to You from day to day.

Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood:
Tho' the cloud from sight re - ceived Him when the for - ty days were o'er,
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea

"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by His blood."
shall our hearts for - get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *Finale from Etudes Symphonique, Op. 13*

Schumann

If you are in need of prayer, you may contact Steve Westfall at 630 717-7708 or steve.westfall@comcast.net and he would be happy to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: Seth Ehorn, Ensemble: Chris Gilmore, Marcus and Grace Mayell, Katie Abernethy, Miriam Buursma, Timothy Holman, Eric Durbin, John Zimmerman.

Slideshow featuring some photography by Howie Whitaker.

Today (See adult education listing on the next page.)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Youth Group (Zoom)

7:15 - 8:15 p.m.

High School Youth Group (Zoom)

Tuesday

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

Food Pantry open

Thursday

Food Pantry closed

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

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

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
SESSION 5 • April 19—May 17

Deuteronomy: The Heartbeat of the Old Testament

Cooper Smith
11:00 a.m.

The goal of this course is to survey the content and theology of this rich book by examining one text each week that is paradigmatic of a key theme. We also will reflect on the way that the New Testament assumes and builds on these themes from Deuteronomy.

Cooper Smith recently graduated from Wheaton College, where he teaches Old Testament as an adjunct instructor. Cooper and his wife, Marie, have been worshipping and participating at Immanuel since 2016. They have two daughters, Abby and Lilah.

Prayer and Fellowship

Andy and Phyllis LePeau
11:00 a.m.

Andy and Phyllis Le Peau have attended Immanuel since its inception and served in a variety of roles, most recently for Phyllis as elder and for Andy as a K-2 Sunday school teacher.

The Twilight Zone class

Michael Kendrick and Ron Netzel
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

This class explores topics and ways Christians can engage our friends and co-workers as we talk about questions of “fairness” (or justice) and “does the punishment fit the crime.” This class previously was run by Roger Lundin and Michael Kendrick, as a way to have this dialogue, as a tribute to Roger, and as a mechanism to connect with our world about Christ.

Michael Kendrick just celebrated with Andrea their 30th year as Immanuel members. He is proud to say he has four generations of family at our church. He has taught several Sunday School classes during the past few decades, including a couple courses on the Christian Year. This will be his third offering on the Twilight Zone, a remarkable television series that continues to be timely and relevant today. (And yes, he has watched all 156 episodes!)

Ron Netzel has been a member of Immanuel for several years. He is married to Dee and has one daughter, Sophie Netzel. He attended Wheaton College where he first learned about how God writes our story and the importance of listening to God’s writing of His Story in our daily lives.

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Lew Luttrell,
Carl Pickard, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,
Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson*

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