

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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MORNING WORSHIP  
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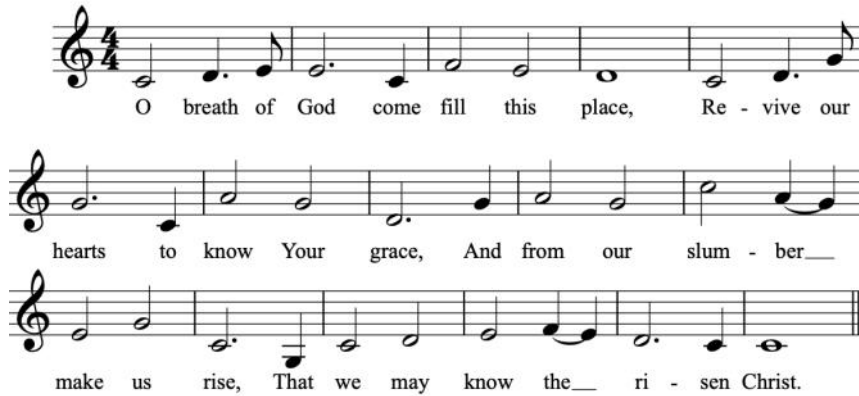
**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *The Risen Christ*

Keith Getty/Phil Madeira



O breath of God come fill this place, Re - vive our  
hearts to know Your grace, And from our slum - ber\_\_  
make us rise, That we may know the\_\_ ri - sen Christ.

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\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: In God we live and move. In him we have our being.  
We are in his love; enfolded in his peace; surrounded by his might.  
Let us worship him!

**All: Open our eyes, Lord, enlarge our vision.  
Open our hearts, Lord, increase our faith.  
Open our minds, Lord, deepen our knowing.  
Open our mouths, Lord, impassion our praise.  
Help us, our Lord God, to worship you!**

Adapted from *The Open Gate* by David Adam

\* *Congregation stands.*



ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Isaiah 53)*

Leader: Receive God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ: he has taken up your infirmities and carried your sorrows; he was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities; upon him was the punishment that brings you peace and by his wounds you are healed. Amen.

\* ACCLAMATION

**All: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, now and always. 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: *The Redeemed of the Lord*

LAUREN MATHUES  
Kim Taylor/Katie Abernethy

The redeemed of the Lord  
Shall return with singing.  
The redeemed of the Lord shall return  
And all sorrow and sighing shall flee away  
When the ransomed of the Lord shall return.

And the lame will walk; the blind will see  
And the deaf will surely hear.  
So we say to those with anxious hearts,  
"Be courageous and do not fear."  
Oh, strengthen feeble hands.  
The Lord your God will come,  
And we will see the glory of our King.

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

\* SONG: *Yet Not I, but through Christ in Me*

1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er; there is no  
 2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my  
 3. No fate I dread; I know I am for - giv - en; the fu - ture  
 4. With eve - ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has

more for heav-en now to give. He is my joy, my right-eous-ness and  
 side, the Sav-ior, He will stay. I la-bor on in weak-ness and re -  
 sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf-fered for my  
 said that He will bring me home. And day by day I know He will re -

free - dom, my stead-fast love, my deep and bound-less peace.  
 - joic - ing, for in my need His pow - er is dis - played.  
 par - don, and He was raised to o - ver-throw the grave.  
 - new me un - til I stand with joy be - fore the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus, for my life is  
 To this I hold: my Shep-herd will de - fend me; through the deep - est  
 To this I hold: my sin has been de - feat - ed; Je - sus now and  
 To this I hold: my hope is on - ly Je - sus; all the glo - ry

Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, and Michael Farren

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whol - ly bound to His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can  
 val - ley He will lead. Oh the night has been won, and I  
 ev - er is my plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can  
 ev - er - more to Him. When the race is com - plete, still my

sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.  
 lips shall re - peat: yet not I, but through Christ in me.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: JOANNA SIRE

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 22:25-31*

<sup>25</sup> From you comes the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
 before those who fear you I will fulfill my vows.

<sup>26</sup> The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
 those who seek the Lord will praise him—  
 may your hearts live forever!

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth  
 will remember and turn to the Lord,  
 and all the families of the nations  
 will bow down before him,

<sup>28</sup> for dominion belongs to the Lord  
 and he rules over the nations.

*(continued)*

- <sup>29</sup> All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust will kneel before him—  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.
- <sup>30</sup> Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.
- <sup>31</sup> They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
He has done it!

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Peter 1:3-12*

<sup>3</sup> 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, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup> trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *A Living Hope (Part 3)*



# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a  
 2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is  
 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He

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lone. What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That our souls to Him be  
 good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's  
 9 lives!" And what re - ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

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long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -  
 blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise Who stands a -  
 12 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and

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part from His command? And what will keep us to the end? The love of  
 bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the  
 16 death will be destroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is

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Christ, in which we stand. O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our  
 shore, the rock of Christ?  
 21 ours for - ev - er - more

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hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con

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fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE: *Jesus Lives! The Victory Won!*

A. W. Leupold

## TODAY

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Zak Reynolds, Lauren Mathues, Russ Adkins, Heather Reyes, Immanuel orchestra.

**If you would like someone to pray with you after the service,** elder **Katherine Anderson** will be available near the platform.

**SIGN UP TODAY:** Prime Timers will meet next Saturday, April 27, at 10:00 a.m. for “This Is My Story” with Jack and Theo Robinson. Look for a sign-up sheet in the narthex today. Prime Timers is a social group for those who are 60ish or older.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry open</b>
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group</b>

## This Week

Tuesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b> ( <i>childcare</i> )
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry open</b>
Saturday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Prime Timers’ “This Is My Story”</b>

## In Immanuel and Beyond

**Adult Ed courses take place each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.** Currently Dan Treier is teaching on the Holy Spirit in the sanctuary. The missions team is Zooming around the World with Immanuel's missionaries. A parenting discussion class (for moms and dads) is meeting upstairs in the Ministry House.

## VBS 2024 is coming soon!

- Child Registration will open May 8th through the IPC Website
- VBS Dates: June 10-14, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. daily
- Ages: Rising 1st-6th grade kids welcome. (We will have a group for preschool and kindergarten kids of Immanuel families only).

Would you consider how you can support the ministry of VBS?

- Crew Leaders (still need 2 adults)
- Games Station assistant (1 adult)
- Registration (1-2 adults, Monday only)
- Photography
- Nursery Care
- Set design and building
- **Supplies + Scholarship Donation opportunities coming in May**

## **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.

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