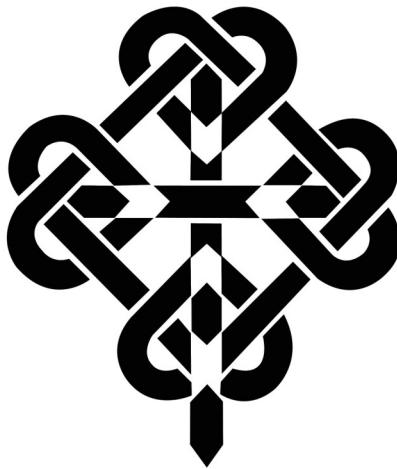


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

APRIL 26, 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

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

* OPENING HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God*

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en -

who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: How can we be so blind, and yet see so acutely at the same time?

People: We are quick to note the dark acts of others, yet slow to recognize the evil in our own thoughts and the stains on our hands.

Leader: O, for eyes that will see and honor the good in others!

People: O, for hearts that loathe the blinding evil of indwelling sin!

Leader: Come, let us turn to the Fount of Mercy, whose love heals our blindness, and whose righteousness transforms our condemning hearts into instruments of peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the comforting word of the Scriptures to all who truly repent. As far as the East is from the West so far does he remove our transgressions from us. If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without guilt and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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 (Part 2)*

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Readers: Sosa family

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 105:23-45*

- ²³ Then Israel entered Egypt;
Jacob resided as a foreigner in the land of Ham.
- ²⁴ The Lord made his people very fruitful;
he made them too numerous for their foes,
²⁵ whose hearts he turned to hate his people,
to conspire against his servants.
- ²⁶ He sent Moses his servant,
and Aaron, whom he had chosen.
- ²⁷ They performed his signs among them,
his wonders in the land of Ham.
- ²⁸ He sent darkness and made the land dark—
for had they not rebelled against his words?
- ²⁹ He turned their waters into blood,
causing their fish to die.
- ³⁰ Their land teemed with frogs,
which went up into the bedrooms of their rulers.
- ³¹ He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,
and gnats throughout their country.
- ³² He turned their rain into hail,
with lightning throughout their land;
- ³³ he struck down their vines and fig trees
and shattered the trees of their country.
- ³⁴ He spoke, and the locusts came,
grasshoppers without number;
- ³⁵ they ate up every green thing in their land,
ate up the produce of their soil.
- ³⁶ Then he struck down all the firstborn in their land,
the firstfruits of all their manhood.
- ³⁷ He brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold,
and from among their tribes no one faltered.
- ³⁸ Egypt was glad when they left,
because dread of Israel had fallen on them.
- ³⁹ He spread out a cloud as a covering,
and a fire to give light at night.
- ⁴⁰ They asked, and he brought them quail;
he fed them well with the bread of heaven.
- ⁴¹ He opened the rock, and water gushed out;
it flowed like a river in the desert.

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⁴²For he remembered his holy promise
given to his servant Abraham.
⁴³He brought out his people with rejoicing,
his chosen ones with shouts of joy;
⁴⁴he gave them the lands of the nations,
and they fell heir to what others had toiled for—
⁴⁵that they might keep his precepts
and observe his laws.

Praise the Lord. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 1:9-14*

⁹For 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: *Come, Thou Fount*

arr. Craig Courtney
Joel and Karin Buursma

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

SERMON

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be-
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a-

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pain; Who plumb-ed the depths of my dis - grace and
side; Who floods my weak-ness - es with strength and
7 above; Whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose
gave me life a - gain; Who crushed my curse of
caus-es fears to fly; Whose ev - 'ry pro-mise
10 ev - 'ry thought is love. For - ev - 'ry day I
sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light, and
is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take; Sus -
13 have on earth is gi - ven by the King. So -
wrote His law of right - eous - ness with
tain - ing me with arms of love and
15 I will give my life, my all, to
pow'r u - pon my heart.
crown - ing me with grace.
love and fol - low Him.

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

If you are in need of prayer, you may contact Gaby Sosa (331-234-4094 or gabydesosa10@gmail.com) and she will be happy to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: Joel and Karin Buursma, Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck

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)**

Monday 7:00 p.m. **Zoom meeting with Memorizers**

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

Thursday **Food Pantry closed**

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

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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 earned his Ph.D. 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*

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