

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

AUGUST 13, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Chimings of Great Joy*

Dan R. Edwards
HANDBELL CHOIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

STEVE WESTFALL

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

All: And bless your name forever and ever.

Leader: This day will we bless you.

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

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *God, My King, Thy Might Confessing*

HYMN 5

** Congregation stands.*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: Before the Lord, all hearts are open.

People: We need forgiveness for our secret sins, our habitual sins, our unnoticed sins.

Leader: We need forgiveness for our sins of thought, word, and deed, and for all that we have left undone.

All: For our sins against ourselves, our sins against others, our sins against God, all where we have fallen short of the glory of God and not done what he has called us to do; we desperately need his forgiveness and mercy.

Adapted from *The Open Gate* by David Adam

SONG OF CONFESSION: *I Need Thee Precious Jesus* (verse 1)

HYMN 497

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins he is able and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* ACCLAMATION

HYMN 735

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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: *Bell Peal on Old 100th*

arr. Linda R. Lamb
HANDBELL CHOIR

* DOXOLOGY

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. Amen.

CHORUS: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

(Children come forward.)

The musical score is written for a handbell choir in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus, Just as his fol-low ers heard. Les-sons he taught his di - sci - ples, Writ-ten for us in His Word." The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system begins with a measure rest labeled '5'.

PARABLE READING

JOHN SCHURMAN

(Children ages 3 through 1st grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SARAH HOLMAN

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: DAVID LAPLACA

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The Lord has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,
"Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.
This is the Lord, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation." NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

HYMN 304

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 14:15-24*

¹⁵ When one of those at the table with him heard this, he said to Jesus, “Blessed is the one who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God.”

¹⁶ Jesus replied: “A certain man was preparing a great banquet and invited many guests.

¹⁷ At the time of the banquet he sent his servant to tell those who had been invited, ‘Come, for everything is now ready.’

¹⁸ “But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said, ‘I have just bought a field, and I must go and see it. Please excuse me.’

¹⁹ “Another said, ‘I have just bought five yoke of oxen, and I’m on my way to try them out. Please excuse me.’

²⁰ “Still another said, ‘I just got married, so I can’t come.’

²¹ “The servant came back and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and ordered his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and alleys of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind and the lame.’

²² “‘Sir,’ the servant said, ‘what you ordered has been done, but there is still room.’

²³ “Then the master told his servant, ‘Go out to the roads and country lanes and compel them to come in, so that my house will be full. ²⁴ I tell you, not one of those who were invited will get a taste of my banquet.’” NIV

SERMON: *Come to the Banquet*

ANDY LE PEAU

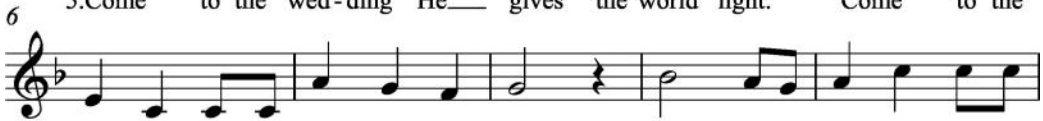
WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Come To the Wedding*

Andrew T. Le Peau



1. Come to the wed-ding. O___ come to the feast. Come to the
 2. Come to the wed-ding Each na - tion and race. Come to the
 3. Come to the wed-ding. All___ things are made new. Come to the
 4. Come to the wed-ding. See New Hea - ven and Earth. Come to the
 5. Come to the wed-ding He___ gives the world light. Come to the



wed-ding from the great - est to least. Come to the wed-ding, say-ing
 wed-ding. He's pre pared you a place. Come to the wed-ding. For the
 wed-ding. See his bread's here for you. Come to the wed-ding. He will
 wed-ding. It's cre - a - tion's new birth. Come to the wed-ding. Now he
 wed-ding For there is no more night. Come to the wed-ding. He is



"Just as I am." Come to the wed-ding. It's the feast of the Lamb.
 bride-groom a - waits. Come to the wed-ding. He has o - pen'd the gates.
 dry e - v'ry tear. Come to the wed-ding. Now the best wine is here.
 dwells where we are. Come to the wed-ding. He's the Bright Morn-ing Star.
 God's great "I AM." Come to the wed-ding. It's the feast of the Lamb.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to Andy LePeau for bringing us God's word this morning. Andy is a writer and editor and was the longtime associate publisher at InterVarsity Press, where he worked for more than 40 years. He and his late wife, Phyllis, have been a huge part of Immanuel since its beginning—teaching, preaching, and caring for others.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Youth Handbell Choir

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder Ron Netzel will be available near the platform.

PrimeTimers (those over 60-ish), should sign up today to let us know you want to come to our next meeting on Saturday, August 26, at 10:00 a.m.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**
NO Youth Group tonight

7:00 p.m. **Songs and Prayers on the Lawn**

This Week

Tuesday	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Thursday	7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Bible Study at Terra's

In Immanuel and Beyond

Saturday, August 26, 10:00 a.m.

PrimeTimers *This Is My Story* with Harold and Jeanette Myra (Come with new ideas for our meetings as we go forward.)

Children's Ministry 2023-2024 - Planning is underway for the upcoming year of children's ministry! Would you pray about joining our teams in some capacity?

The following roles are open for you to consider:

Sunday School hour:

2 Teachers in PreK & Kindergarten Class (No Prep, serve every 3 weeks)

Worship hour:

2 Leaders in 3rd-5th Worship class - (Prep required, serve on a rotational basis)

2 Assistants in 3rd-5th Worship class (No Prep, Serve every 3 weeks)

Prayer Partners - (Coming later this fall!) If you are unable to serve on Sunday mornings, would you consider committing to pray over one of our IPC children or teens this year? More information to come.

Please reach out to Annika via email if you are interested and want to know more: annikadurbin@gmail.com

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ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman,
Ron Netzel, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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

Leon Sinclair, Bev Burch, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca