

WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 20, 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

AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship God, for his love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

All: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Let us praise God, for anyone in Christ is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold the new has come.

All: We know that he died for us, that we who live should no longer live for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again on our behalf.

Pastor: Thanks be to God. Let us worship him together.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*

HYMN 94

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

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: *I Need Thee, Precious Jesus* (verse 2)

HYMN 497

**All: I need thee, precious Jesus, for I am very poor;
A stranger and a pilgrim, I have no earthly store.
I need the love of Jesus to cheer me on my way,
To guide my doubting footsteps, to be my strength and stay.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When you cry, “Abba! Father! it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. 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: *Faith Like a Child*

KENT RICHTER

All my wand’ring through the night,
All my work to get it right,
All the threat of how my heart deceives
So much brings me back to this:
Simply hungry for Your kiss,
Just to rest in how a child believes.
 Yet I cannot pray for less,
 Than that You bless me with understanding.
 I try to see beyond the veil,
 But as I fail, still truth is so demanding.
So I reason as I must,
Look for truths that I can trust,
Grasp in thinking hands Your beauty wild,
Still I wish that I could rest,
Stop and simply count me blessed,
Smile to hold You as a loving child.

God, come and be my soul’s relief
Through my darkness of belief,
Past my thoughtful grief,
Remind me and find me with faith like a child.

All our struggle with the good,
Knowing, doing what we should,
All the burden of the Law’s demands
Feeble hands to labor pressed,
Still we hunger, Lord, to rest,
Like a baby in the Father’s hand.
 Yet we cannot turn away:
 The world today so torn by love’s starvation.
 Bland injustice, lies, and woe,
 Sorrows grow upon my hesitation
So we labor as we must,
Raise our hope from earthly dust,
Long for heaven’s tearless world above.
God, in this labor grant release,
As we long for simple peace,
To rest beside you like a child of love.

God, come and take our sin away,
And heal this world some promised day.
As we work today
Come press us, and bless us with faith like a child.

Jesus loves me.

* 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.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 through 1st grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

**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.**

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: MIKE DIETRICH

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 61:1-3*

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Mark 4:35-5:20*

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side."
³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.
³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.
³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!"

^{5:1} They went across the lake to the region of the Gerasenes. ² When Jesus got out of the boat, a man with an impure spirit came from the tombs to meet him. ³ This man lived in the tombs, and no one could bind him anymore, not even with a chain. ⁴ For he had often been chained hand and foot, but he tore the chains apart and broke the irons on his feet. No one was strong enough to subdue him. ⁵ Night and day among the tombs and in the hills he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

⁶ When he saw Jesus from a distance, he ran and fell on his knees in front of him. ⁷ He shouted at the top of his voice, “What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In God’s name don’t torture me!” ⁸ For Jesus had said to him, “Come out of this man, you impure spirit!”

⁹ Then Jesus asked him, “What is your name?”

“My name is Legion,” he replied, “for we are many.” ¹⁰ And he begged Jesus again and again not to send them out of the area.

¹¹ A large herd of pigs was feeding on the nearby hillside. ¹² The demons begged Jesus, “Send us among the pigs; allow us to go into them.” ¹³ He gave them permission, and the impure spirits came out and went into the pigs. The herd, about two thousand in number, rushed down the steep bank into the lake and were drowned.

¹⁴ Those tending the pigs ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, and the people went out to see what had happened. ¹⁵ When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. ¹⁶ Those who had seen it told the people what had happened to the demon-possessed man—and told about the pigs as well. ¹⁷ Then the people began to plead with Jesus to leave their region.

¹⁸ As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with him. ¹⁹ Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.” ²⁰ So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1. Je - sus said that if I thirst, I should come to
2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to

4
Him. No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to
Him. No one else can be my strength, I should come to

8 1. 2. CHORUS
Him. Him. For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will

12
keep us day and night. We can al - ways run to Je - sus.

16
Je - sus, strong and kind. 3. Je - sus said that if I fear,
4. Je - sus said if I am lost,

21
I should come to Him. No one else can
He will come to me. And He showed me

24 To Chorus
be my shield. I should come to Him. For the
on that cross. He will come to me.

@2019 CityAlight Music CCLI#294262

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *We Are God's People*

HYMN 355

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Annika Durbin, Will Durbin, Kent Richter, Seth Ehorn, Marcus Mayell, Kevin Ritchie, Russ Adkins.

We are glad to have our own Jim Wilhoit in the pulpit this morning. Jim, who is ordained in the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, has been attending Immanuel with his wife, Carol, for many years. He is retired from Wheaton College, where he taught Spiritual Formation in Ministry for thirty-eight years.

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder **Sarah Holman** 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

4:00 p.m.

Youth Group tonight Students come for YG Kick-Off.

Bring a modest swimsuit, towel and sunscreen.

Their families are invited to come from 6:00 -7:30 p.m. for a cookout. Bring your lawn chairs.

This Week

Tuesday

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

Food Pantry open

Saturday

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.)

Next Sunday
(August 27th)

12:15 - 3:00 p.m.

**Youth and Children's
Volunteer Workshop**

4:00 p.m.

Shower for Esther Smoak Pfeifer

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:

1 Preschool/K teacher (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

Music Ministry 2023-24

There are many opportunities in Immanuel's Music Ministry. This is a great time to get involved.

Immanuel Choir is open to adults, middle school, and high school singers.

The choir sings regularly on the second and fourth Sundays, with rehearsal at 8:30 and occasional Saturday morning workshops.

Immanuel Orchestra is open to instrumentalists of all ages. The orchestra plays the third Sunday of the month, with rehearsal at 8:30.

Immanuel Rhythm: We are looking for those who play guitar, bass guitar, and percussion. The rhythm instruments play often on the first and third Sundays with rehearsal at 8:30.

**Contact Mary for more information about how you might get involved:
mhopperwelder@gmail.com**

NOTES

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 Ehom (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