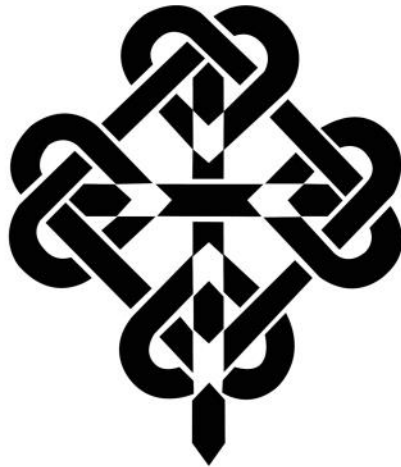


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 27, 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

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: **For the Lord is our refuge. His eye is upon us. His unfailing love enfolds us.**

Pastor: Let us worship him together.

* INVOCATION



You made the star-ry hosts, You traced the moun-tain peaks; You
You reached in - to the dust; in love, Your Spi - rit breathed. You
Let sym - pho - nies re - sound, Let drums and choirs ring out, All



paint the eve-ning sky with won - ders. The earth, it is Your throne, from
formed us in your ve - ry like - ness. To know Your won - drous works, to
heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its



de - sert to the sea; All na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor. Praise the
tell Your won - drous deeds; To join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus:
hon - ors to the King; a roar of har - mo - nies e - ter - nal.



Lord, Praise the Lord; sing His great - ness all cre - a - tion. Praise the



Lord, raise your voice; you heights and all you depths, from fur - thest east to



west, let ev - 'ry thing that has breath praise the Lord.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHERINE ANDERSON

Leader: Lord Jesus, we humbly acknowledge that we continue to sin,

All: Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it, never be content with ourselves, never think we can reach a point of perfection.

Leader: Kill our envy, command our tongues, and trample down selfish desires. Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable; to live for you and not for ourselves.

All: To copy your words, your acts, your spirit,

Leader: to be transformed into your likeness,

All: to be consecrated wholly to you,

Leader: to live entirely to your glory.

All: Deliver us from attachment to things unclean,

Leader: from wrong associations, from the predominance of evil passions,

All: from the sugar of sin as well as its gall, that with self-loathing, deep contrition, earnest heart searching we may come to you, cast ourselves on you, trust in you, cry to you, be delivered by you.

(adapted from The Valley of Vision, Arthur Bennett, editor)

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

HYMN 497

**All: I need thee, precious Jesus, for I am full of sin;
My soul is dark and guilty, my heart is dead within.
I need the cleansing fountain where I can always flee,
The blood of Christ most precious, the sinner's perfect plea.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

* ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

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: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Ken Medema
JOANNA SIRE

Jesus, Lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly.
While the nearer waters roll,
And the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
O receive my soul at last.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound;
Make me, keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art,
Freely let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart.
Rise to all eternity.

* 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

SARAH HOLMAN

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: CHRYSTAL AND DEEPAK SANTHIRAJ

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 82*

- ¹ God presides in the great assembly;
he renders judgment among the “gods”:
² “How long will you[a] defend the unjust
and show partiality to the wicked?
³ Defend the weak and the fatherless;
uphold the cause of the poor and the oppressed.
⁴ Rescue the weak and the needy;
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.
⁵ “The ‘gods’ know nothing, they understand nothing.
They walk about in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
⁶ “I said, ‘You are “gods”;
you are all sons of the Most High.’
⁷ But you will die like mere mortals;
you will fall like every other ruler.”
⁸ Rise up, O God, judge the earth,
for all the nations are your inheritance.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 10:19-25*

¹⁹ Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

D G Bm

1. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor in the fu - ry of the storm;
 2. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor while the tem - pest rag - es on.
 3. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor thru the floods of un - be - lief.
 4. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor as we face the waves of death.

D A G/A

when the winds of doubt blow thru me and my sails have all been torn.
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 Hope - less some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry!
 When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath,

D/F# G D G Bm

In the suf - fring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, tho' I just - ly stand ac - cused.
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure.
Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.

D Bm Asus 4th time repeat italics D

I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 And the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
We will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.

SERMON: *The Aftermath: Part 1*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *To God Be the Glory*

HYMN 55

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Joanna Sire, Graham Haydon, Seth Ehorn, Beth Bauer

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

Noon	Youth and Children's Ministry Volunteer Workshop
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
4:00 p.m.	Shower for Esther Smoak Pfeifer in the Ministry House
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	College Fellowship at the Bretsens' house 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton. RSVP to 630-386-1534

This Week

Tuesday	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
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Next Sunday, September 3

Join us for a picnic on the lawn following the morning worship hour. Social Team will provide the lunch! Bring lawn chairs, picnic blankets, and yard games.

COMING

Tuesday, September 5	Women's Bible Study begins.
Wednesday, September 6	Mothering Together begins.
Saturday, September 9	Outreach Grand Reopening 4–6 p.m. Memorial service for Ron Schlamann 2 p.m.
Sunday, September 10	Sunday school and Adult Ed begin at 9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, September 12	Evening Mothering Together
Saturday, September 30	Tabernacles at Immanuel

Children's Ministry 2023-2024

Thank you to all who have joined our Children's Ministry team this fall! We still have two vital roles left to fill:

Worship Hour:

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

If we cannot fill these roles, we will have to postpone or cancel this worship class for our 3rd-5th graders. Please reach out to Annika ASSAP 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**

ADULT EDUCATION

Session 1: September 10—October 22, 2023

WHEN THE CONGREGATION LEARNED TO SING: GERMAN HYMNODY IN THE WAKE OF THE REFORMATON

“Music,” said Martin Luther, “is a ruler of all the heart’s emotions. Nothing on earth has more power than music to make joyful the sad, make sad the joyful, or give heart to the downcast.” The Protestant Reformation that Luther set in motion in Germany marked the beginning of one of the most remarkable eras of sacred music composition in the history of the church. This class focuses on German hymn texts and melodies—both familiar and unfamiliar—from the 16th through the 18th centuries. We’ll explore their meaning for the life of faith, discover what’s lost (or gained) in English translation, and seek to reconnect to a profound strand of Christian tradition via a weekly hymn sing.

Clint Shaffer has been a member of Immanuel since 1997 and is a former elder. He retired in June after 27 years of teaching German and core studies courses at Wheaton College. At last count, Clint’s longest iTunes playlist of German hymns included 626 songs, and he’s been known to listen to hymns while mowing the lawn (though not usually singing along).

Colin Holman and his family have attended Immanuel since 1995. He is a former deacon and serves as a lecturer (musicology, symphony orchestra, honors program) at Loyola University.

SEEING JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

In the New Testament, God blesses us with a clear picture of the revealed Christ. He is the fullness of humanity and fullness of the one God. But when we find ourselves in the Old Testament, we can have a tough time locating how Christ - who is God incarnate - present. This class will explore how Christ is indeed present in the Old Testament, a truth that the Scriptures and Early Church tradition both affirm and celebrate.

Ron Haydon teaches Bible at Naperville Christian Academy. He lives in Warrenville with his wife, Julie, and his son, Graham. He enjoys playing board games and reading.

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