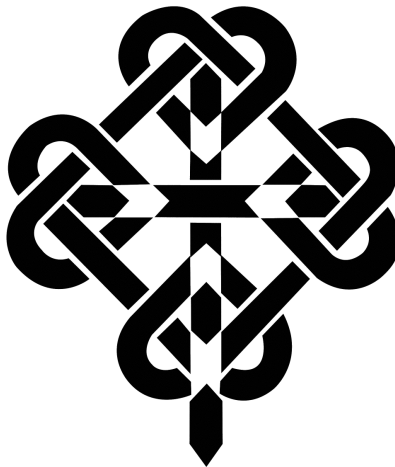


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

AUGUST 8, 2021

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

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

All: Together we will praise our Creator, who does all things well.

Pastor: His name is Mighty God; his works are a marvel to us.

All: Therefore let us recount his deeds with great joy. Praise the Lord.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,
 new life the dead receive;
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,
 your loosen'd tongues employ;
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
 Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
 Carl G. Gläser, 1784-1829
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

WE ARE RENEWED IN 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.

Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy,
 Lord, have mer cy. Christ, have
 mer cy, Christ, have mer cy, Christ, have mer cy.
 Lord, have mer cy, Lord, have mer cy,
 Lord, have mer cy.

Malcolm Archer

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 (*Please stand*)

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might to our God 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.)



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
 5 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That oursouls 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



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



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 de stroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is



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



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



fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing,
 then will be led to their children's worship space.)*

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

JIM WILHOIT

* HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

1. Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y; hold me with thy
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's De - struc - tion, land me safe on

pow'r - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through; strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: BILL AND DEBBY FRANCE

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 28*

¹ To you, Lord, I call;
you are my Rock,
do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent,
I will be like those who go down to the pit.

² Hear my cry for mercy
as I call to you for help,
as I lift up my hands
toward your Most Holy Place.

³ Do not drag me away with the wicked,
with those who do evil,
who speak cordially with their neighbors
but harbor malice in their hearts.

⁴ Repay them for their deeds
and for their evil work;
repay them for what their hands have done
and bring back on them what they deserve.

⁵ Because they have no regard for the deeds of the Lord
and what his hands have done,
he will tear them down
and never build them up again.

⁶ Praise be to the Lord,
for he has heard my cry for mercy.

⁷ The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.

My heart leaps for joy,
and with my song I praise him.

⁸ The Lord is the strength of his people,
a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

⁹ Save your people and bless your inheritance;
be their shepherd and carry them forever.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 4:7-18*

⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

¹⁶ Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. ¹⁷ For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. ¹⁸ So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Tandem Tensions of Truth (Part 2)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *To God Be the Glory*

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875

William H. Doan, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done, So loved He the world that He
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be - liev - er the
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re - joic - ing thro'

gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the
prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - liev - es, That mo - ment from
Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be Our won - der, our

Refrain

Life - gate that all may go in.
Je - sus a par - don re - ceives. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His
trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the

Fa - ther thro' Je - sus the Son, And give Him the glo - ry, great things He hath done.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Bev Burch will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Chuck King, John Burch, Steve Wall, Chris Gilmore, Eric Durbin, Jack Durbin, Ellie Durbin

Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food pantry open**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Youth Group** (*Outdoors at the Ministry House*)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Thursday

7:00 p.m. **Women's Bible Study** at Terra Vincent's home.

Coming

Sunday, August 15

Bridal shower for Esther Smoak

Sunday, September 5

Bridal shower for Julianne van Wyk

(Gift registry for both can be found on theknot.com)

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard,
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

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