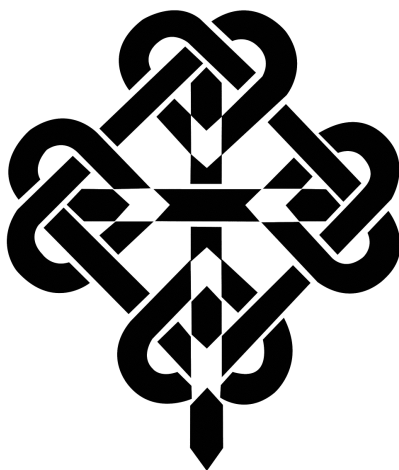


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

FEBRUARY 12, 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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *I Exalt Thee*

Pete Sanchez Jr. Teresa Wilhelmi
JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

Karle Ericksen

* 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*

HYMN 164

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

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 to
do; we desperately need his forgiveness
and mercy.**

Adapted from *The Open Gate* by David Adam

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Merciful Lord*

Mer - ci - ful Lord, in your lov - ing - kind - ness hear our
prayer, lis - ten to our con - fes - sion. Mer - ci - ful Lord,
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Gloria Patri (Please stand.)*

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 with 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.)

MISSION FOCUS

JEFF AND JANE PELZ
Intersivity Christian Fellowship

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Wounded Alleluias*

Craig Courtney
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Lord, heal our wounded alleluias.
Touch our fragile, simple praise.
Comfort ev'ry troubled, wayward song
with your gentle grace. Alleluia

In the stillness of our inmost thoughts,
each broken song redeem.
Move your bow across our silent strings,
that we might learn your theme. Alleluia

Write in us your hymn of hope and wonder,
craft each needed chord with care;
Fix in us your wondrous harmony,
a symphony to share.

Help us trust your holy, grand design,
Composer of the heart.
Make us your instruments of peace
and let the music start. Alleluia

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KEN WOLGEMUTH

* HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

HYMN 642

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: BECKY AND BOB WILLIAMS

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 33:12-22*

¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people he chose for his inheritance.
¹³ From heaven the Lord looks down
and sees all mankind;
¹⁴ from his dwelling place he watches
all who live on earth—
¹⁵ he who forms the hearts of all,
who considers everything they do.
¹⁶ No king is saved by the size of his army;
no warrior escapes by his great strength.
¹⁷ A horse is a vain hope for deliverance;
despite all its great strength it cannot save.
¹⁸ But the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,
¹⁹ to deliver them from death
and keep them alive in famine.
²⁰ We wait in hope for the Lord;
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ In him our hearts rejoice,
for we trust in his holy name.
²² May your unfailing love be with us, Lord,
even as we put our hope in you.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 3:1-11*

¹ Further, my brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord! It is no trouble for me to write the same things to you again, and it is a safeguard for you. ² Watch out for those dogs, those evildoers, those mutilators of the flesh. ³ For it is we who are the circumcision, we who serve God by his Spirit, who boast in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reasons for such confidence.

If someone else thinks they have reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for righteousness based on the law, faultless.

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Source of Our Value System*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *My Friends, May You Grow in Grace*

D A Bm
 My friends, may you grow in grace, and in the
 G A D A A/B A/C# D
 knowl-edge of our Lord and Sav - ior. My friends,
 A Bm G
 may you grow in grace, and in the knowl-edge of
 A D A
 Je - sus Christ. To God be the glo - ry,
 Bm7 G A
 now and for - ev - er, now and for - ev - er, a -
 D A D A Bm7
 men. To God be the glo-ry, now and for -
 G A D
 ev - er, now and for - ev - er, a - men.

Text and music: Timothy James Meaney (b. 1965) Sean Diamond (b. 1968); rev. Gregg DeMay (b. 1972) and Gregory Keet (b. 1970)
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* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptismal side: He who began a good work in you

Pulpit side: will perfect it 'til the day of Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman

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

Join us for an **International Café lunch** and presentation by Jeff and Jane Pelz in the lower level after the service, finishing by 1:00 p.m.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

College Fellowship at the Bretsens',
1616 E. Hawthorne Blvd., Wheaton

No Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (childcare)

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

Food Pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.

Mom Talk (childcare)

Saturday

6:30 p.m.

Join us for an Immanuel Follies

In Immanuel and Beyond

Live from Warrentville, it's Saturday Night Alva! On Saturday, February 18, turn up for puddings and pies in the narthex at 6:30 before a short follies beginning around 7:15, roasting and toasting Pastor Alva Steffler. Autographed copies of Alva's recently published history of Gospel music, *We Sang Together*, will be available for \$20 at this event. The Immanuel bus is picking up friends who prefer not to drive after dark. Contact Annette if you need a ride.

Ash Wednesday service, 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Taizé worship services: Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24

Save the date: VBS will be June 26-30

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman,
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*

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