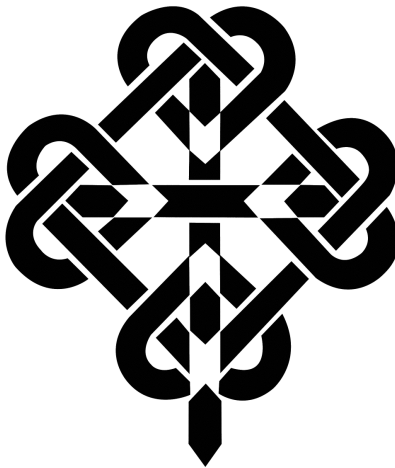


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

FEBRUARY 14, 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: *He Leadeth Me/Lead On, O King Eternal*
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

arr. by Rodriguez
arr. by Phemister

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We will exalt you, O God our King,

All: And bless your name forever and ever.

Pastor: This day will we bless you,

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

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING SONG: *It Is Well with My Soul* (verses 1, 3 and 4)

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot,
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard -
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound

Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well
 ed my help - less es - tate, and has shed His own blood
 and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 and the Lord shall de - scend; ev - en so, it is well

with my soul."
 for my soul. It is well It is well with my soul; with my
 O my soul!
 with my soul.

soul. It is well, it is well with my soul!

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KEN WOLGEMUTH

Leader: Those who encountered the true and living God in Scripture were overwhelmed with a sense of his majesty and glory, and their own sinfulness. As we encounter the true and living God today, let us together ask for his forgiveness as we consider his character in light of our own.

Leader: Holy and strong One,

People: Forgive our weakness.

Leader: Holy and wise One,

People: Forgive our foolishness.

Leader: Holy and loving One,

People: Forgive our hardness.

Leader: Holy and generous One,

People: Forgive our selfishness.

Leader: Holy and faithful One,

People: Forgive our fickleness.

Leader: Holy and gentle One,

People: Forgive our toughness.

All: Forgive us, Holy One, forgive.

Adapted from The Open Gate

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Lord, I Need You* (verse 1)

Matt Maher, Jesse Reeves



Lord, I need You, Oh I need You; ev - 'ry hour I

4
need You. My one de - fense, my

6
right - eous-ness, Oh God, how I need You.

9
1. Lord, I come, I con-fess; bow - ing
2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is
3. Teach my song to rise to You when temp

12
here I find my rest. With - out You I fall a-
found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am
ta - tion comes my way. When I can't stand I'll fall on

15
part; You're the one that guides my heart. (Lord, I)
free; hol - i - ness is Christ in me.
You; Jes - us, You're my hope and stay.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Colossians 1:21-22*)

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

All: Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name ascribe the glory, for your love protecting us is strong, and your constancy is everlasting. To the Lord be glory, forever and ever. Amen

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

The following persons were elected to office at our annual congregational meeting:

ELDER: RON NETZEL

DEACONS: DEE NETZEL, KATIE PICKARD, AMY TREIER, REBECCA WILLIAMS

OPENING PRAYER

CHARGE TO NEW OFFICERS AND CONGREGATION AND VOWS

PRAYER OF BLESSING:

Reader 1: O Lord, may our Elders experience joy in serving you. May they be aware that you are truly their guide and help as they lead us in our mission and ministries. May they enjoy our trust and encouragement and may their faith and vision be an example and motivation to us in our spiritual growth.

Congregation: Amen.

Reader 2: Dear Savior, may they each grow in wisdom through their study of your Word and in deepening prayer life. May they see and help us see the rule of Christ in his church and over this dark world. May their authority over us be directed by the law of love and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Reader 1: O Lord, may our Deacons experience joy in serving you. May they be aware that they truly represent our Lord Jesus, who did not come to be served, but to serve; who for our sakes became poor, so that we through his poverty might be rich.

Congregation: Amen.

Reader 2: Dear Savior, give them your own spirit of compassion for human needs. May they experience your understanding and wisdom in the meeting of those needs. May they see, and help us to see, with your eyes the wounds that you would heal in human hearts.

Congregation: O Lord, may our Elders and Deacons be so blessed and strengthened in all their labors that they will find your yoke easy and your burden light and when our Great Shepherd appears, may they receive that crown of glory that will never fade away. Amen.

DECLARATION OF OFFICE

SPECIAL MUSIC: *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*

Lloyd Larson
JOEL BUURSMAN

I want Jesus to walk with me;
I want Jesus to walk with me;
All along my pilgrim journey,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me;
When my head is bowed in sorrow,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
In my trials, Lord, walk with me;
When my heart is almost breaking,
I want Jesus to walk with me.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNIKA DURBIN

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MIRIAM AND BETHANY BUURSMAN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 111*

¹ Praise the Lord.

I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

² Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.

³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.

- ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.
To him belongs eternal praise. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES:

Hebrews 4:14-16

¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. NIV

James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

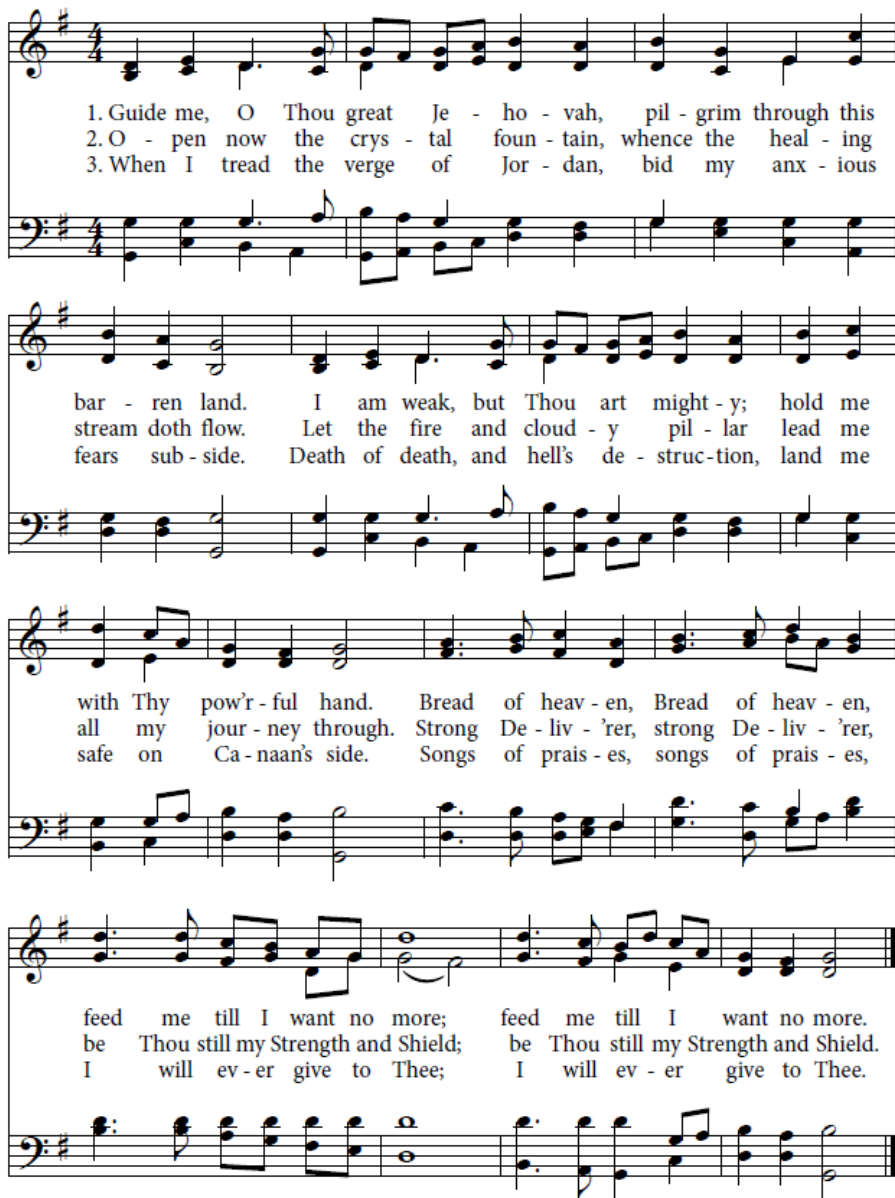
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Purpose of Perseverance*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING 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
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with Thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, Bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 safe on 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.

TEXT: William Williams, 1745
 MUSIC: John Hughes, 1907

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder Steve Westfall will be glad to pray with you (630-717-7708 or steve.westfall@comcast.net).

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Joel Buursma, Karin Buursma

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3rd - 5th grade Sunday School
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Zoom)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Adult Ed class (Zoom)

This Week

Tuesday	9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (Zoom)
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open

Coming

February 17	2:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday (The sanctuary will be open for Reflection and the Imposition of Ashes.)
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	

NOTES

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard,
Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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