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February 17, 2019

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children’s Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we’ll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we’ll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Membership class begins next Sunday: Talk with Annette if you are interested in participating in a class that will meet across three Sundays up in the church offices (available by elevator for those who need it). We’ll meet during the education hour on February 24, March 3, and March 10. This class is a first-step toward membership.

Save the date: VBS 2019 “Into the Wild” will be the week of June 24-28!

From the Finance Committee – The giving goal for the operating budget in 2018 was \$722,040, and we gave \$728,326 during 2018, including \$139,967 in December. The operating budget for 2019 is \$750,634 or an increase of 4%. The giving goal for January 2019 was \$43,000 and we gave \$44,050 or just over 102% of the giving goal. Thank you for supporting our church’s ministries and operations.

ADULT EDUCATION (Feb. 17—Mar. 31)

Rejoicing in the Holy Spirit

Sanctuary

The Holy Spirit can seem like the mysterious member of the Trinity. Who is the Spirit? What is the Spirit’s relationship to the Father and Son? How does he fit in our lives as followers of Jesus Christ? What is the nature and character of his ministry? We will consider what Scripture teaches us about the Spirit, helping us to guard against misunderstanding and discover how his work is essential to the life and ministries of the church and to the coming perfection of creation.

Gary and Cathy have been members of Immanuel for about eighteen years now. Gary works for the Grace Communion International denomination as a teacher and speaker and serves as president of its online seminary. Cathy teaches the women’s Bible studies here at Immanuel. They have three adult children and four grandsons.

Hollywood's Answers to Our Deep Questions

Ministry House

In this class, by using a lecture/discussion format and accompanied by film and television clips, we will seek understanding of Hollywood's powerful role as our culture's formative storyteller and "question asker". More than anything else we hope to remind ourselves of God's people's responsibilities as consumers of popular culture.

John Schuurman, a long-time consumer of pop culture, seeks ongoing service in God's kingdom as a minister, teacher, voice-actor, and avid observer of the ways of the world. John and Janet have been worshipping and participating at IPC since 2011.

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- * CLOSING HYMN: *Now Thank We All Our God*

HYMN 98
- * BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE: *Lead Gently*

A. Hailstork
WOMEN’S CHORALE
- * POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Lew Luttrell is available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Katrina DiCrasto, Russ Adkins, Jeff Sands, Nathaniel Holman, Wheaton College Women’s Chorale

Be sure to visit the **Bake Sale** after the service to support the Youth Mission Fund.

	11:10 a.m.	Sunday school and Adult Education
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	2:00 p. m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
	5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	College Fellowship @ Bretsens’, 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton. RSVP to Cindy 630-510-2795
	6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Women’s Bible Study (<i>childcare</i>)
	11:00 a. m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study
	7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	Pioneer Clubs
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Mom Talk (<i>childcare</i>)
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - noon	Choir workshop

Who We Seek to Be

Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:

- Joyful worship** centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word
- Resolute fellowship in Christ** made alive by the unifying love of the Spirit among us
- Transformative learning** for all ages toward full maturity in Christ
- Loving service** to one another, the community and the world, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus
- Spirited mission** to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed

WE GATHER IN GOD’S PRESENCE

- PRELUDE: *No Time*

arr. Brumfield
WOMEN’S CHORALE
- CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

AMBER JOHNSON
- PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Praise Him*

ANDREA RAMSEY
WOMEN’S CHORALE

* CALL TO WORSHIP

- Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.
- All: **Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**
- Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.
- All: **Let us remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God. He remembers his covenant forever.**

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Psalm 62*

Townend/Keys

0 **Moderato**

1. My__ soul finds rest in God a- lone, my__
(2) rest my soul in God a- lone a -
(3) set my gaze on God a- lone and__

rock and my sal - va - tion, a__ for- tress strong a -
mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When e - vil seeks to
trust in Him com - plete - ly, with__ ev - 'ry day pour

gainst my foes, and_ I will not be shak - en. Though
take a hold, I'll__ cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
out my soul: and_ He will prove His mer - cy. Though

lips may bless and hearts may curse, and_ lies, like ar - rows
rich - es come, and rich - es go, don't set your heart up
life is but a fleet - ing breath, a__ sigh too deep to

pierce__ me, I'll__ fix my heart on
on__ them. The__ fields of hope in
meas - ure, my__ King has crushed the

right - eous - ness; I'll__ look to Him who hears me. O__
which I sow are__ harv - est - ed in heav - en.
curse of death, and_ I am His for - ev - er.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: GRACE KENYON, FELICITY ROCHE

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 8:1-9*

¹ Who is like the wise?
Who knows the explanation of things?
A person's wisdom brightens their face
and changes its hard appearance.
² Obey the king's command, I say, because you took an oath before God. ³ Do not be in a
hurry to leave the king's presence. Do not stand up for a bad cause, for he will do
whatever he pleases. ⁴ Since a king's word is supreme, who can say to him, "What are you
doing?"
⁵ Whoever obeys his command will come to no harm,
and the wise heart will know the proper time and procedure.
⁶ For there is a proper time and procedure for every matter,
though a person may be weighed down by misery.
⁷ Since no one knows the future,
who can tell someone else what is to come?
⁸ As no one has power over the wind to contain it,
so no one has power over the time of their death.
As no one is discharged in time of war,
so wickedness will not release those who practice it.
⁹ All this I saw, as I applied my mind to everything done under the sun. There is a time
when a man lords it over others to his own hurt. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

²⁶ Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of
you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of
noble birth. ²⁷ But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God
chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸ God chose the lowly
things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify
the things that are, ²⁹ so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰ It is because of him that
you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our
righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹ Therefore, as it is written: "Let the one
who boasts boast in the Lord." NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Wisdom for Submission*

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Three Spirituals*

arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be -
low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DAN BALZER

* HYMN: *'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

HYMN 679

CHORUS

praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my Re -
ward. Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re deem - er, my
1. God. 2. Find God.
3. I'll God.
O praise Him, O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
lu - jah! O praise Him, O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -
lu - jah! O praise Him, O praise Him, hal - le -
lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! O

TO CHORUS

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can heal and restore us.
All: We are not able to heal ourselves,
Leader: We are not able to forgive ourselves,
All: We are not able to restore ourselves,
Leader: We are not able to sanctify ourselves,
All: We are not able to satisfy ourselves.
Leader: We come to You, Lord, for You alone can make us whole.

Leader: Lord of light, enter our past, dispel the works of darkness,
All: Destroy the deeds of evil, defeat the thoughts of blackness.
Leader: Enter the recording room of our memories,
All: Enter the dark room of guilt and shame,
Leader: Enter the secret room of sins hidden or forgotten.
All: Come, Lord of Light, and forgive. Come, Lord of Love, and set us free.
Come and scatter our darkness. Come, draw us closer to you.

(from “The Open Gate” by David Adam)

SONG: Be Still

Andrea Ramsey
WOMEN’S CHORALE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. (Romans 5:1-2)

* ACCLAMATION

All: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. 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.)

SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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

ELDERS: Katherine Anderson, Steve Westfall
DEACONS: Phebe Balzer, Heather Reyes

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 which 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