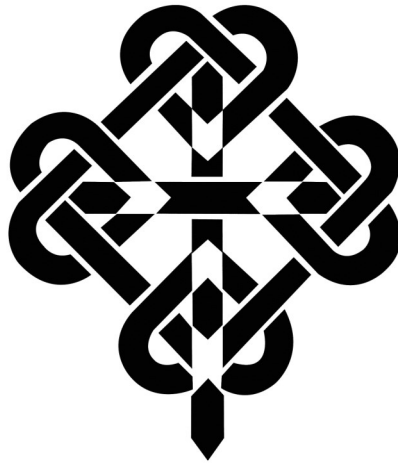


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

The Winter of Our Souls

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.

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

AMBER JOHNSON

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God. "He is our refuge and our fortress,
our God, whom we trust."

**People: Let us confess with our mouths, "Jesus is Lord,"
and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead.**

Pastor: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

**All: Let us call upon our true God, believing him in our hearts,
confessing him with our mouths, worshiping him in spirit
and in truth.**

Based on Psalm 91:2; Romans 10:9, 13

* INVOCATION

* *Congregation stands.*

* OPENING SONG *Psalm 62*

0 **Moderato**



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 (2) rest my soul in God a - lone a -
 (3) set my gaze on God a - lone and_



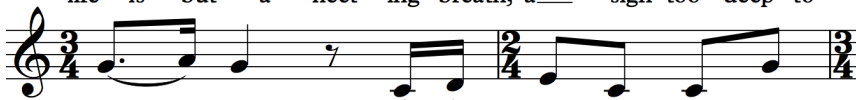
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 trust in Him com - plete - ly, with_ ev - 'ry day pour



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_
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 curse of death, and_ I am His for - ev - er.

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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__

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

All: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed.

Pastor: People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 1 John 1:8-9)*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is true that “if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” But it is equally true, amazingly true, that “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord*

Franz Schubert
(Music on p. 20 of communion booklet.)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell,
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

* universal

* 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: *Maker*

KENT RICHTER

Maker! Am I not made for love?
Though fallen, cursed from the tree?
Sighing, remembering an innocence somehow
stripped away,
Longing just to be free.
Eden calls like a voice grown weak and thin,
Drowned in the din
Aware of my sin.

My heart is a city under siege,
An island in a wild angry sea.
How long, O Lord,
Will you forget me evermore?
How long will you hide your face from me?

Rumbling, all the machinery of the day,
And all life echoes the same.
I listen, listening for whispers somewhere
in the night
Somehow calling my name.
Icy, distant as stars in winter sky
Quietly cry, Lonely as I.
Dangling in the darkness of the world,
Empty, silent as space,
My heart cries out
For the ever-living God.
When will I see Him face to face?

Deep calls to deep:
Wake, child asleep!
Rise at midnight, O crying child,
In the weeping rain and the thunder throbbing wild,
For the darkness bleeds with a warm
and threatening light:
Every tear has worth, every sigh is right.

Maker! Yes, I am made for love,
Pouring my tears in the sea.
Maker, will you then come and dance
this lonely love,
Sharing sorrow with me?
Darkness is but the eclipse of greater light,
Promise of sight ...
Christ comes to our night.

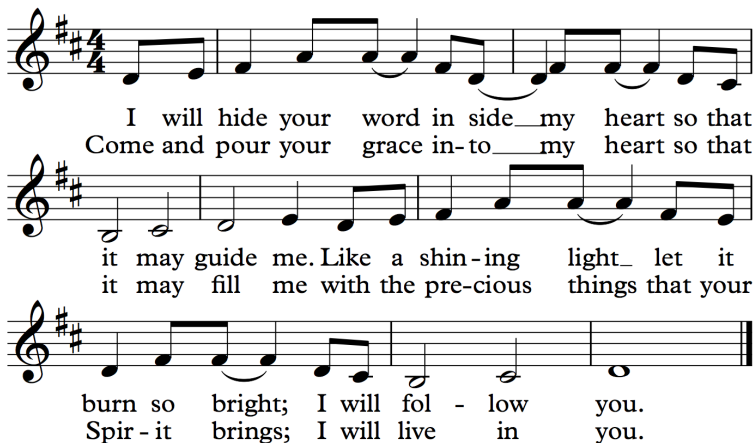
DIACONAL PRAYER

TIM CURLEY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

SONG OF ILLUMINATION



I will hide your word in side my heart so that
Come and pour your grace in-to my heart so that
it may guide me. Like a shin-ing light let it
it may fill me with the pre-cious things that your
burn so bright; I will fol - low you.
Spir - it brings; I will live in you.

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: LEW AND DOTTYE LUTTRELL

- * OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 103:1-12*
- ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
 - ² Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
 - ³ who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
 - ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
 - ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
 - ⁶ The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.
 - ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
 - ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:14-21*

¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN: *Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless*

HYMN 424

MEDITATION: *Sacraments: The Cure for the Common Cold Soul*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

*Please **approach the tables from the center aisles**, and we ask that you **return to your seats on the outside aisles**.*

*If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated.
Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.*

*If you would like to be seated at the lower tables,
just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.*

*Gluten-free bread is available at the table in the balcony.
Please feel free to partake of the elements as you feel led.*

*During Communion, **Gary and Cathy Deddo** will be available
on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.*

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)

<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	<i>page 38</i>
<i>You Satisfy the Hungry Heart</i>	<i>page 47</i>
<i>O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus</i>	<i>page 36</i>
<i>Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether</i>	<i>page 14</i>
<i>Eat This Bread</i>	<i>page 15</i>
<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	<i>page 23</i>

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

HYMN 460
(first and last verses)

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

PRAYERS DURING COMMUNION

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

SCOTS' FORM OF COMMUNION

The early Scottish Presbyterians felt strongly that their manner of celebrating the Lord's Supper should clearly symbolize the truth that the Risen Christ is host to his redeemed people at this covenant meal. Samuel Rutherford wrote that "they should sit, as banqueters, at one table with our King, and eat and drink." Abraham Kuyper expressed his opinion that the Lord's Supper should be eaten from a table, saying, "Jesus spreads a feast for his friends and as a King invites his people to his table."

We use this form largely for the same reasons expressed by our Presbyterian predecessors and also have discovered reasons in our own experience to value this observance of the Sacrament. The form demands a little more from us than the tradition of being served at our places in the congregation. As we overcome our nervousness about going forward we find that the very act impresses upon us the reality of our personal response to our Lord's invitation to receive his grace. Sitting with others at his table, singing and watching others go forward impresses upon us the reality of our fellowship and the joy of seeing others meet our Lord in his love.

NOTICE TO FAMILIES: In accord with our practice of the Lord's Supper, children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ to the elders are asked to refrain from partaking in communion. We desire that such children look forward gladly to the day when they take their first communion as a significant step in their spiritual growth. In the meantime, we want to provide ways they may grow to understand the meaning of the sacrament and also feel that though young, they are significant persons in the covenant family of God. So we invite those children to come forward to the Table and be seated with their parents. The elder who serves the elements to the parents will briefly offer prayer for the child. So that the elders may know which children to pray for in this way, we suggest that the children not taking communion ***fold their hands on the Table***. We hope this custom will encourage parents as they help their children grow in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord" and prepare for the time when they are ready to profess Christ and take communion.

TODAY

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

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Kent Richter, Vic Mala, Mike Dietrich, Morgan Sobek

Please return to the sanctuary after a quick coffee-and-doughnut break for our annual business meeting. (*No Adult Ed this morning*)

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

3:00 p.m.

Iglesia Roca Eterna

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

College Dinner and Fellowship

@ Bretsens', 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton
RSVP to 630-386-1534

5:00 - end of game

Youth Group (Super Bowl Party)
Dinner provided.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 - 11:00 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study
		Pioneer Club
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Mom Talk (<i>childcare</i>)
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

From the Finance Committee – The giving goal for the operating budget in December was \$140,000. The actual giving in December was \$127,754 or 91% of the giving goal. Giving during all of 2019 for the operating budget was \$740,121 or 98.5% of the giving goal of \$751,000. In addition, the total Renovation giving in 2019 was \$121,402.

The 2019 giving statements are available this morning. Please pick up yours in the Gathering Place after the worship service.

Renovation Prayer Open House Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. A family-friendly event, so Immanuel friends of all ages are encouraged to participate.

The Renovation Team is made up of Doug Anderson, Annika Durbin, George Garrison, Susan Garrison, Sarah Holman, Sue Lundin, Rob Noll, Anna Scheidt, Scott Scheidt, Alva Steffler, and Steve Wall (chair).

International Café: Sunday, February 9, 12:15-1:15, with ministry reports on the recent travels of Bambi Penney (Honduras), Marilyn Spradley (Kenya), and Dan Balzer (Lebanon). No sign-ups necessary. Missions Team will provide a light lunch.

PrimeTimers' meeting will be Saturday, February 15, at 10:30 a.m. when we will hear from Mark and Maggie Noll.

Food Pantry News: Thanks to the many volunteers who give generously of their time each week at the IPC Food Pantry. The commitment and time are very much appreciated. The personal care products left by IPC members in the food cart in the Gathering Place are an added bonus to the food pantry clients.

OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOS

CANDIDATES FOR DEACON

Becky Eggimann has been a part of Immanuel since 2015. She is currently the Dean of Sciences at Wheaton College and loves that the Immanuel family lets her talk about chemistry at church. She enjoys helping others and finding creative ways to solve problems.

Seth Ehorn and his family have been attending Immanuel since 2015, when they relocated (back) to the United States from Edinburgh, Scotland. Currently, Seth teaches New Testament and Koine Greek (at Wheaton College) and he enjoys reading, writing, fishing, and spending time with his children. At Immanuel, Seth has served by leading Children and Worship, helping with music ministries, and occasionally teaching. Seth is excited about the prospect of serving Immanuel as a deacon because he believes that the church should be a visible expression of the love of Christ.

Debby France felt at home the first time she and her husband, Bill, attended Immanuel in August of 2017. She can often be seen in the kitchen, since she serves on the Social Team and the Memorial Team. She has also been known to run around with a microphone as part of the Adult Ed Team. She and Bill volunteer at the Food Pantry on Thursday evenings. Debby feels honored to have been asked to be a deacon.

Thamngu (Tom) Nguyen has been attending Immanuel since 2015. He enjoys serving on the Ushers team and helping out whenever he can with the Missions Team. During the weekdays he travels around the country fixing industrial lasers. On his off-time he enjoys playing online games and practicing kung fu at the local park district. He is very much looking forward to working with the deacons to support our church family and the extended community.

Jack Swanson has been a member of Immanuel since he married Zondra in 2007 and has served as an elder and as a member of the Missions Team. He decided to be a candidate for deacon after reading the deacon reports while a member of the Session. Leadership roles at Windsor Park and summer golf keep him happy and healthy.

CANDIDATES FOR ELDER

Sheroll Ritchie and her husband, Kevin, have attended Immanuel for 26 years, serving on many different committees throughout those years. She loves Immanuel for the wonderful community, amazing music, and solid expository teaching. Sheroll works full-time as controller for a commercial general contractor in Des Plaines and also manages the payroll and bookkeeping for her husband's business. Sheroll and Kevin have a married daughter, Faith, and a son, Connor, along with one grandson whom they are fortunate to babysit frequently. Sheroll's mother, Cindy Oslund, also attends Immanuel.

Gabriela Chuta Saenz de Sosa has been part of the Immanuel family since 2016. She, her husband, Carlos, and two sons, Scott and Daniel, came from Guatemala and felt very welcome at Immanuel from the first day. She identifies with the commitment Immanuel has to the children's ministry and believes in the work being done for the community through the pantry. Gaby has been volunteering in the nursery. She enjoys nature and long walks.

RETURNING FOR A SECOND TERM: **Carl Pickard, Alva Steffler**

RENOVATION FOCUS

What is prayer?

The most widespread understanding of prayer is one that, in practice, I tend to confirm on a regular basis. This is the view that prayer is essentially a matter of asking God for things or for favors, from good health to success to a parking space. While it seems apparent from a biblical perspective that such “begging” prayers are legitimate, we might profit from considering a broader notion of prayer. In this view, prayer is simply a recognition of God’s presence in the moment, a kind of deep attention to Him that might in fact be wordless. In this sense, then, any activity can become prayer when performed with a Godward orientation. Many mystics have embraced this attitude toward prayer.

In our congregation’s engagement with the current renovation project, there is clearly much to ask for as we pray (adequate funding, effective design, wise planning, harmonious interactions as decisions are weighed, etc.), but we might likewise think about prayer in some different ways. Might we also view the act of giving money as prayer? When we give with an awareness of God’s presence, with an intentional focus on His grace and unfathomable generosity, have we not prayed? How might this approach alter our experience of giving?

Howard Whitaker

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Phyllis LePeau, Lew Luttrell,
Carl Pickard, Leon Sinclair, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

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*Phebe Balzer, Judy Bryson (Chair), Tim Curley, Colin Holman, Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick,
Jim Mann, Harv Meyers, Jeanette Myra, Heather Reyes*

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