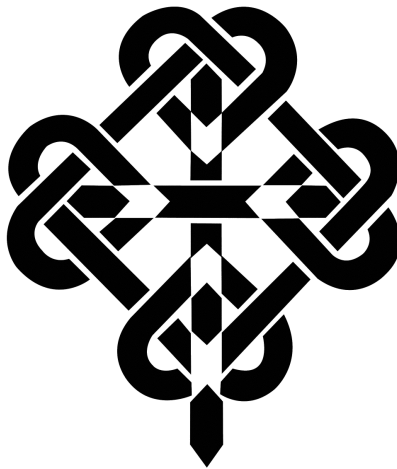


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

The Winter of Our Souls

FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Complete in Thee*

Ben Nyce

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship our God,

All: Who brings us salvation,

Pastor: Who supplies us strength,

All: Who hears our songs of gratitude,

Pastor: Who accepts our joyful praise.

All: His greatness astounds us; let us praise the Lord and sing for joy!

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

HYMN 76

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KEN WOLGEMUTH

Leader: Let us confess our sins to our holy and gracious God with the words of Psalm 32.

People: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Leader: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

SONG OF CONFESSION

5 Fa- ther, we have sinned in word, and deed, and thought: through

9 ig - nor - ance, through weak - ness, through de - li - berate fault. We've

13 sinned a - gainst our neigh - bors and a - gainst You, Lord. Yet

we are tru - ly sorr - y, and we turn to You once more._____

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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

* ACCLAMATION

All: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory 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.)

RENOVATION PRAYER FOCUS

RON NETZEL

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Come to the Water*

John Foley
Arr. Howard Helvey

Oh, let all who thirst,
Let them come to the water,
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without price,
Why should you pay the price
Except for the Lord?

And let all who seek,
Let them come to the water,
And let all who have nothing
Let them come to the Lord
Without money without strife.
Why should you spend your life
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil,
Let them come to the water,
And let all who are weary
Let them come to the Lord
All who labor without rest.
How can your soul find rest
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor,
Let them come to the water.
Bring the ones who are laden;
Bring them all to the Lord.
Bring the children without might,
Easy the load and light.
Come to the Lord.

* DOXOLOGY

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs to continue their worship.)

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

TESTIMONY

SUE LUNDIN

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: RACHEL AND SETH EHORN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 77:11-20*

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.

¹² I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds.

¹³ Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.

¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

¹⁶ The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.

¹⁷ The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.

¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,
your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.

¹⁹ Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.

²⁰ You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 1:3-11*

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. ⁵ For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶ If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. ⁷ And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort.

⁸ We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about the troubles we experienced in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt we had received the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us again. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us, ¹¹ as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favor granted us in answer to the prayers of many. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

* HYMN: *Be Still, My Soul*

HYMN 689

SERMON: *God's Comfort: When **My** Winter Becomes **Our** Winter (Part 2)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Complete in Thee*

Ben Nyce

1. Com-plete in Thee! no work of mine could take, dear Lord,
2. Com-plete in Thee, each want sup - plied, and no good thing
3. Com-plete in Thee; no more shall sin, which Thou has con -
4. Dear Sav - ior, when, be - fore Thy bar, all tribes and tongues

the place of Thine. Thy blood hath par - don bought for me,
to me de - nied; since Thou my por - tion, Lord, will be,
quered, reign with - in. Thy blood shall bid the temp - ter flee,
as - sem - bled are, a - mong the cho - sen I will be,

and I shall stand com-plete in Thee!
I ask no more— com-plete in Thee! Yea, jus-ti - fied! O bless-ed
and I shall stand, com-plete in Thee.
at Thy right hand, com-plete in Thee!

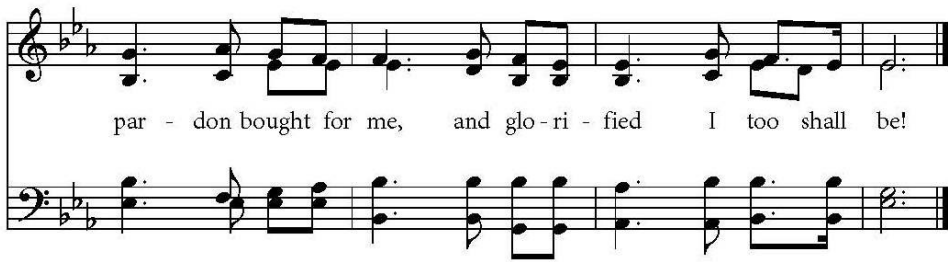
thought! And sanc-ti - fied, sal - va - tion wrought! Thy blood hath

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NYCE



* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Gaby Sosa will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Mary Hopper, Immanuel choir

11:10 a.m.	Adult Ed and Sunday School
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
2:00 p.m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in the Ministry House

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
	11:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Pioneer Club Men's Book Group
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday service
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - noon	Choir Workshop

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

We want to hear from you about God's construction work in us. Staff is currently collecting mini-testimonies of how God has worked (is working) among us. Look for the explanatory blurb in this Sunday's bulletin (and handouts in the Gathering Place), but be considering C. S. Lewis's description of each believer as a "living house" being rebuilt by God, sometimes in ways we hadn't envisioned. Your testimony (approximately 200-300 words) might describe how you've experienced God's "renovation" in your inward life through unforeseen circumstances and how God's work in your life changed or formed your understanding of him. Send responses soon to annette@immanuelpresbyterian.net (*New deadline: Tuesday, February 25*).

Lenten Soup suppers will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesdays in Lent, beginning March 4, vespers to follow. You will have an opportunity to sign up the Sunday before each one.

A second congregational meeting will take place during the education hour on March 8, when we'll get to hear more ministry updates and information about the church, now and moving forward.

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
SESSION 4 • February 23—April 5

Traveling through Another Dimension: Christians, Culture, and the Twilight Zone

Michael Kendrick and Ron Netzel
meets in the Sanctuary

This class will explore topics and ways how Christians can engage our friends and co-workers as we talk about questions of “fairness” (or justice) and “does the punishment fit the crime.” We will revive the class previously run by Roger Lundin and Michael Kendrick, as a way to have this dialogue, as a tribute to Roger, and as a mechanism to connect with our world about Christ.

Michael Kendrick just celebrated with Andrea their 30th year as Immanuel members. He is proud to say he has four generations of family at our church. He has taught several Sunday School classes during the past few decades, including a couple courses on the Christian Year. This will be his third offering on the Twilight Zone, a remarkable television series that continues to be timely and relevant today. (And yes, he has watched all 156 episodes!)

Ron Netzel has been a member of Immanuel for several years. He is married to Dee and has one daughter, Sophie. He attended Wheaton College where he first learned about how God writes our story and the importance of listening to God’s writing of his Story in our daily lives.

Following Jesus Then and Now: Discipleship According to the Gospel of Matthew

Anna Gissing
meets in the Ministry House

Discipleship is a “churchy” word, but it hasn’t always been that way. What did it mean to be a disciple in the first century? In this class, we’ll consider portraits of discipleship in the Gospel of Matthew in light of relevant concepts in other Jewish movements. What does it mean to be a disciple now? We’ll end each session with a brief discussion about how these Scripture passages help us follow Jesus today.

Anna Moseley Gissing is associate editor for IVP Academic, where she acquires and develops projects in biblical studies and related disciplines. She is married to Jeff and is mama to Nathan and Eliza. The Gissings have been at Immanuel since they moved to Wheaton in 2017.

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