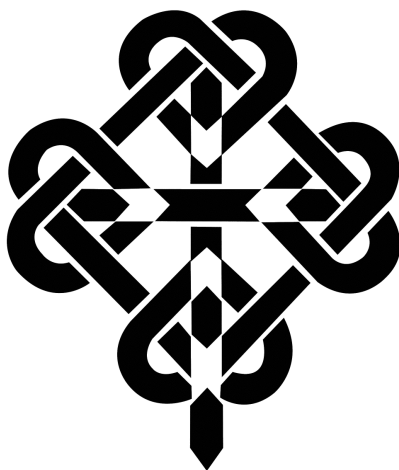


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

**CITIZENS OF HEAVEN**  
Lent 2023

FEBRUARY 26, 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.

**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

BETH BAUER

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Sing to the Lord a New Song*

Karle Erickson  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Praise be to you, our Heavenly Father, from everlasting to everlasting.

**All: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power,**

Pastor: And the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

**All: For everything in heaven and earth is yours.**

Pastor: You are exalted as head over all; you are ruler of all things.

**All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.**

### \* INVOCATION

### \* OPENING HYMN: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

HYMN 345

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: The psalmist testifies:  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.**

Leader: But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**People: Praise be to God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV from *The Worship Sourcebook*

SONG OF CONFESSION: *O Lamb of God Most Holy!*

Nickolaus Decius

Stanzas 1,2,3

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,  
And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;  
Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for -  
sak - en: 1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
2. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
3. Your peace be with us, Je - sus!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

\* HYMN OF ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

HYMN 735

**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 without 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.)*

## SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

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

ELDERS: Bill France, Sarah Holman, Sheroll Ritchie

DEACONS: Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,  
Ron Haydon, Tom Nguyen, Joel Rose

### 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.

## WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Lord, for Thy Tender Mercy's Sake*

Richard Farrant  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive what is past  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives.  
To decline from sin, and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart  
before thee now and evermore. Amen.

\* DOXOLOGY

HYMN 732

**All: Praise God from whom all blessing 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.)*

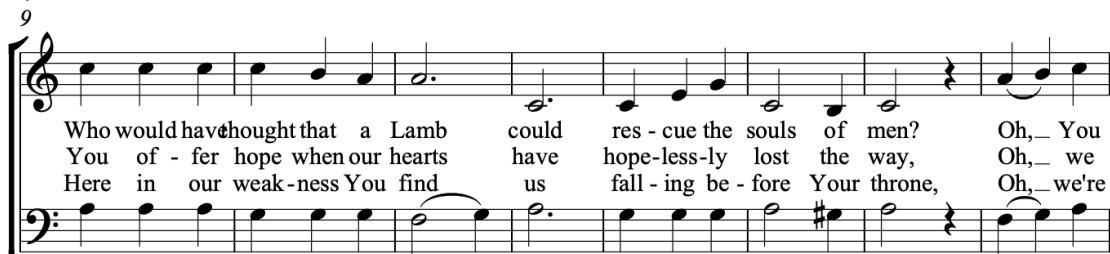
INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL



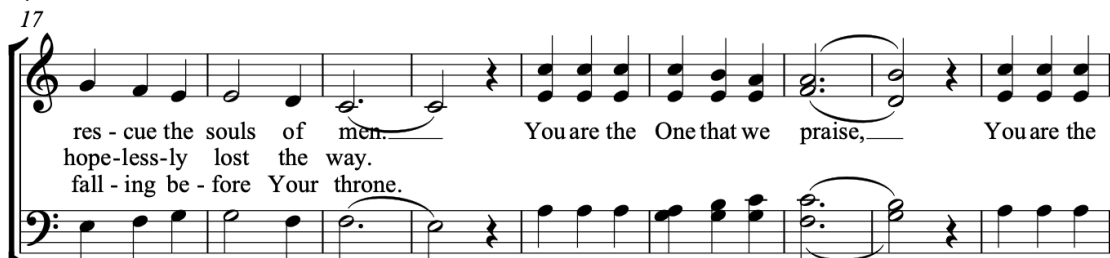
1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend; —  
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em brace; —  
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own; —

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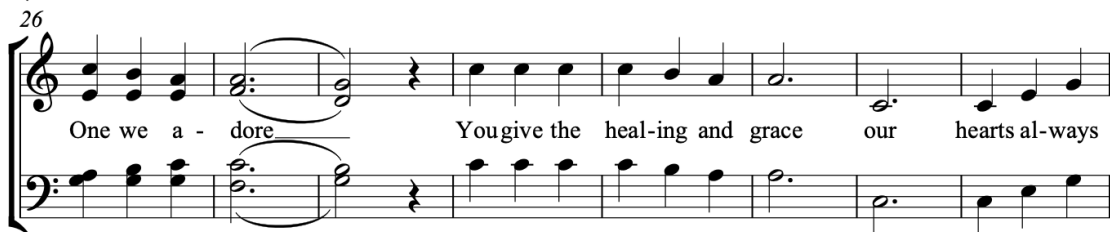
Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, \_ You  
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way, Oh, \_ we  
 Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne, Oh, \_ we're

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res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise, \_ You are the  
 hope - less - ly lost the way. fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

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One we a - dore You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways

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hun - ger for, Oh, \_ our hearts al - ways hun - ger for.



## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: HAYDON FAMILY

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 3:1-11*

<sup>1</sup> There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:

<sup>2</sup> a time to be born and a time to die,  
a time to plant and a time to uproot,

<sup>3</sup> a time to kill and a time to heal,  
a time to tear down and a time to build,

<sup>4</sup> a time to weep and a time to laugh,  
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

<sup>5</sup> a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,  
a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,

<sup>6</sup> a time to search and a time to give up,  
a time to keep and a time to throw away,

<sup>7</sup> a time to tear and a time to mend,  
a time to be silent and a time to speak,

<sup>8</sup> a time to love and a time to hate,  
a time for war and a time for peace.

<sup>9</sup> What do workers gain from their toil? <sup>10</sup> I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. <sup>11</sup> He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 11:33-36*

<sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!

<sup>34</sup> "Who has known the mind of the Lord?

Or who has been his counselor?"

<sup>35</sup> "Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?"

<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and for him are all things.

To him be the glory forever! Amen. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Hole in Our Soul: How Life Reveals Our True Citizenship*

## WE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Hymn 1

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## TODAY

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Beth Bauer, John Zimmerman

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

Be sure to visit the **Youth Group Bake Sale** after church this morning to support the Youth Mission Fund.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**  
**College Fellowship @ Bretsens'**  
**Youth Group** meets at the Ministry House

## This Week

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (childcare)  
**Food Pantry open**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
**Men's Book Group**

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

**Mom Talk** (childcare)

Friday 7:00 p.m.

**Taize service**

## **In Immanuel and Beyond**

**Friday nights in March:** On Fridays March 3, 10, 17, and 24, we'll worship together in the sanctuary with **Lenten Taize services** beginning at 7 p.m. These are short services with quiet times of singing and prayer, focusing on our need for the Savior. If night driving is a difficulty for you and you need a ride, contact Annette in the church office.

**Game Night, Sunday, March 19, 5:30—8:00 p.m:** Pizza and games. Everyone is invited.

Save the Date: **VBS 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*

*STAFF*

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;  
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;  
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

*STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS*

*Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca*