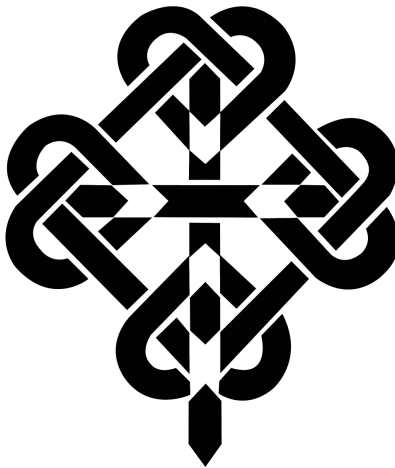


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

LENTEN SERIES
The Character of Christ

FEBRUARY 28, 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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNIKA DURBIN

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and their name.

All: We wish to be strengthened in our inner selves, that Christ may dwell in our hearts.

Leader: We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ, which surpasses understanding.

All: We come to worship and to praise the source of love and peace. Glory be to God in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*



1.What gift of



grace, is Je - sus my re - deem - er, there is no
 2.dark but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
 3.dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
 4.breath I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav-en now to give. He is my
 side, the Sav-ior He will stay. I la - bor
 sure, the price it has been paid. For Je - sus
 said that He will bring me home, And day by



joy, my right- eous- ness and free- dom, my stead- fast
 on in weak- ness and re - joic - ing, for in my
 bled and suf - fered for my par - don, and He was
 day I know He will re - new me, un - til I



love, my deep and bound - less peace. To this I
 need, His pow - er is dis played. To this I
 raised to o - ver - throw the grave. To this I
 stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I



hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus. For my
 hold, my Shep- herd will de - fend_ me, through the
 hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed, Je - sus
 hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, all the



life is whol- ly bound to His. Oh how
 deep - est val- ley He will lead. Oh the
 now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the
 glo - ry ev - er- more to Him. When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing all is mine! yet not
 night has been won, and I shall o - ver- come, yet not
 chains are re- leased, I can sing; I am free, yet not
 race is com- plete, still my lips shall re - peat: yet not



I but through Christ in me.
 I but through Christ in me.
 I but through Christ in me.
 I but through Christ in me.



2.The night is
 3.No fate I
 4.With ev - 'ry

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Reader: He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

(Isaiah 53:5, NIV)

Reader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Reader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all day long.

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

Reader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity.

People I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Reader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found

(Psalm 32:1-6, NIV)

SONG OF CONFESSION

Sing first line.

All:

Refrain

Dm C Dm C Dm

I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer, hear my
Alternate What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my

C Am F Am Em Dm

prayer. I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer.
soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:2, NIV)

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

Sing alternate line.

All:

Refrain

Dm C Dm C Dm

I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer, hear my prayer.
Alternate What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

C Am F Am Em Dm

prayer. I lift my soul to you; hear my prayer.
soul! What won-drous love is this, O my soul!

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *O Divine Redeemer*

Charles Gounod
SYLVIA ELTHERINGTON

O divine Redeemer, O divine Redeemer!
I pray thee grant me pardon,
And remember not,
Remember not my sins!
Forgive me!

O divine Redeemer! I pray Thee,
grant me pardon
And remember not, remember not,
O Lord, my sins!

Night gathers round my soul
Fearful, I cry to Thee,
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!

Hear my cry, hear my cry
Save me, Lord in Thy mercy;
Hear my cry, hear my cry!
Come and save me, O Lord!
O divine Redeemer! O divine Redeemer!
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not,
Remember not, O Lord, my sins!

Save in the day of retribution
From death shield Thou me, O my God!
O divine Redeemer, have mercy!
Help me Savior!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNIKA DURBIN
ANNALYN TAYLOR

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: EMILY STIER AND SHAYNE BOWER

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 130*

- ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, LORD;
² Lord, hear my voice.
Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.
³ If you, LORD, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?
⁴ But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.
⁵ I wait for the LORD, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

⁶ I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

⁷ Israel, put your hope in the LORD,
for with the LORD is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.

⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 11:25-30*

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷ “All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Christ's Character: Gentle and Humble*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* (verses 1, 2, and 3)

Dm A7 Dm A Dm A7 Dm A

1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to thy bo - som fly,
 2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none, hangs my help - less soul on thee;
 3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
 4. Plen - teous grace with thee is found, grace to cov - er all my sin;

Dm A7 Dm A Dm C F C7 Dm A7 Dm

while the near - er wa - ters roll, while the tem - pest still is high:
 leave, ah! leave me not a - lone, still sup - port and com - fort me!
 raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
 let the heal - ing streams a - bound; make and keep me pure with - in:

F Bb F Bb C7 F C7 F Dm A Dm C F E7 Am

hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
 All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
 Just and ho - ly is thy name; I am all un - righ - teous - ness;
 thou of life the foun - tain art, free - ly let me take of thee;

Bb F Dm Gm A Dm A7 Dm 7

safe in - to the ha - ven guide, O re - ceive my soul at last!
 cov - er my de - fense - less head with the shad - ow of thy wing.
 false and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.
 spring thou up with - in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

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

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Sylvia Eltherington, Nathaniel Holman, Seth Ehorn

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Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Peter Welander, John Economides

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)

Michael Allen will begin a session on Augustine's *City of God*.

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

Saturday

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Membership class

ELDERS

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

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