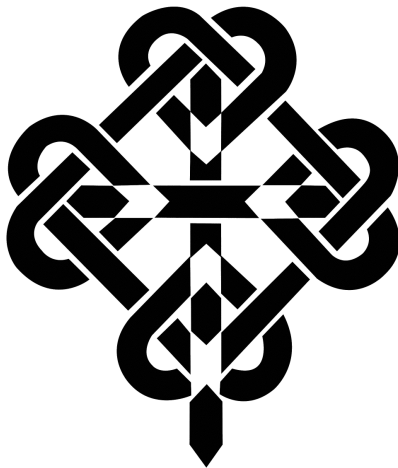


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

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## 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: Lord Jesus *Christ, Be Present Now*

Paul Manz

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**All: And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.**

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

**All: And since he has given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.**

### \* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

HYMN 10

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: Let us use the words of Psalm 5 to guide us in our confession.

**People: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.**

Leader: Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

**People: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.**

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.

**People: The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.**

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

**People: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house, I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.**

Leader: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins he is able and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Please stand.)*

Franz Schubert

**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

**All: 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: *I Know a Fount*

Benjamin Harlan  
LAUREN MATHUES

I know a fount where sins are washed away.  
I know a place where night is turned to day;  
Burdens are lifted, blind eyes made to see;  
There's a wonderworking power in the blood of Calvary.

Say, are you weary? Are you heavy laden,  
Burdened with sorrow, weighted down with care?  
Are you in bondage? Do you want deliverance?  
Come, then, with me, there is refuge from despair.

Wondrous Deliverer, sin-forgiving Savior!  
Cleanser of hearts! Unfailing Friend and Guide!  
No one has ever trusted unavailing.  
No one has claimed of his love and been denied.

DIACONAL PRAYER

SETH EHORN

*(Children may return to their seats.)*

## **WE HEAR GOD SPEAK**

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

READERS: SARAH AND RYAN HALL

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 20*

<sup>1</sup> May the Lord answer you when you are in distress;  
    may the name of the God of Jacob protect you.  
<sup>2</sup> May he send you help from the sanctuary  
    and grant you support from Zion.  
<sup>3</sup> May he remember all your sacrifices  
    and accept your burnt offerings.  
<sup>4</sup> May he give you the desire of your heart  
    and make all your plans succeed.  
<sup>5</sup> May we shout for joy over your victory  
    and lift up our banners in the name of our God.  
May the Lord grant all your requests.

<sup>6</sup> Now this I know:  
    The Lord gives victory to his anointed.  
He answers him from his heavenly sanctuary  
    with the victorious power of his right hand.  
<sup>7</sup> Some trust in chariots and some in horses,  
    but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.  
<sup>8</sup> They are brought to their knees and fall,  
    but we rise up and stand firm.  
<sup>9</sup> Lord, give victory to the king!  
    Answer us when we call!

\* New Testament Scripture: *Philippians 2:19-30*

<sup>19</sup> I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. <sup>20</sup> I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. <sup>21</sup> For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. <sup>22</sup> But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. <sup>23</sup> I hope, therefore, to send him as soon as I see how things go with me. <sup>24</sup> And I am confident in the Lord that I myself will come soon.

<sup>25</sup> But I think it is necessary to send back to you Epaphroditus, my brother, co-worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger, whom you sent to take care of my needs. <sup>26</sup> For he longs for all of you and is distressed because you heard he was ill. <sup>27</sup> Indeed he was ill, and almost died. But God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, to spare me sorrow upon sorrow. <sup>28</sup> Therefore I am all the more eager to send him, so that when you see him again you may be glad and I may have less anxiety. <sup>29</sup> So then, welcome him in the Lord with great joy, and honor people like him, <sup>30</sup> because he almost died for the work of Christ. He risked his life to make up for the help you yourselves could not give me. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



1. There's an end-less song                      wait - ing to be sung,  
 2. When the bride of Christ                    on that day of days,  
 3. We will join the feast,                      rest from bat - tles won;  
 4. Cert - ain of that day                      Christ we will pro claim,

1.



with the voice of ev - ery\_ tribe, the sound of ev - 'ry tongue  
 brings with joy un-to the\_Lamb a  
 tell with great re-joic- ing,\_ all the  
 Oh, that more would share the prize, Sal -

2. 3.



mul - ti - tude of praise.                      And like the roar of might - y seas and  
 won - ders God has done.                      And like the roar of might - y seas and  
 va - tion in His name.                      Then great - er will the an - them ring, a



rolls of thun - der hear His peo - ple sing:                      "Hal - le - lu - jah,                      hal - le  
 rolls of thun - der all the church will sing:  
 might - y chor - us ri - sing to the King:



lu\_\_ jah, for the Lord Al - might - y reigns!                      Hal - le - lu - jah,                      hal - le



lu\_\_ jah, for the Lord, our God, the Al - might - y reigns."

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MEDITATION: *Personal Ministry*



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, *Steve and Cindy Bretsen* 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.)

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O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus	page 36
Jesus Paid It All	page 29
Jesus Messiah	page 28

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Baptismal side:** He who began a good work in you  
**Pulpit side:** will perfect it 'til the day of Christ Jesus.  
**All:** Amen.

\* POSTLUDE

## **Today**

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder **Sheroll Ritchie** will be available to pray with you near the platform.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Lauren Mathues, Zak Reynolds, Seth Ehorn, Vic Mala, Michael Dietrich, Jack Durbin, Graham Haydon

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group**

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

**Women's Bible Study**

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

7:00 p.m.

**Evening Women's Bible Study**

Friday - Sunday

**Youth Retreat**

Saturday

9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

**Membership Class**

## **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.

*ELDERS*

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

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel,  
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, 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*