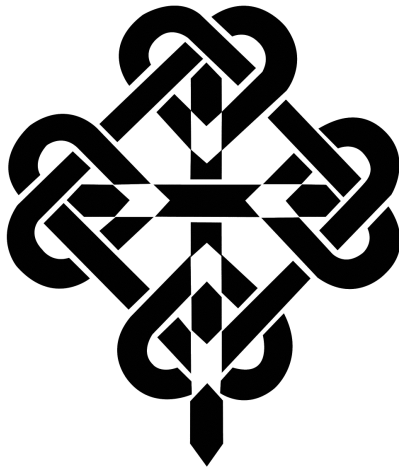


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

COMMUNION

FEBRUARY 7, 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

SAMUEL REICH

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

AMBER JOHNSON

ENVISION MOMENT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

All: Together we will praise our Creator, who does all things well.

Pastor: His name is Mighty God; his works are a marvel to us.

**All: Therefore let us recount his deeds with great joy.
Praise the Lord.**

* INVOCATION

* OPENING SONG: *Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor*

D *G* *Bm*

1. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor in the fu - ry of the storm;
 2. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor while the tem - pest rag - es on.
 3. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor thru the floods of un - be - lief.
 4. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor as we face the waves of death.

D *A* *G/A*

when the winds of doubt blow thru me and my sails have all been torn.
 When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
 Hope - less some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry!
 When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath,

D/E# *G* *D* *G* *Bm*

In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, tho' I just - ly stand ac - cused.
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure.
Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.

D *Bm* *Asus* *4th time repeat italics* *D*

I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
 And the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
We will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

CHRIS DANUSIAR

Leader: How can we be so blind, and yet see so acutely at the same time?

People: We are quick to note the dark acts of others, yet slow to recognize the evil in our own thoughts and the stains on our hands.

Leader: O, for eyes that will see and honor the good in others!

People: O, for hearts that loathe the blinding evil of indwelling sin!

Leader: Come, let us turn to the Fount of mercy, whose love heals our blindness, and whose righteousness transforms our condemning hearts into instruments of peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

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

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

**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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *A Communion Song*

KENT RICHTER

Across the land, beside a distant ocean,
Where Christian hearts in unknown tongues
familiar hungers pray,
They reach for bread in poor and plain devotion
And touch us here ten thousand miles away.
O Christ, the bread and wine!
A fellowship both human and divine
That stretches beyond our spatial frame
And makes us one to glorify Your name.

Across the room, where private anger lingers,
And tired, judgmental attitudes are solid as a wall,
The twice-torn bread in barely-brother's fingers
Reminds me God is Father of us all.
O Christ, the bread and wine!
A foretaste of a wedding feast divine
Where myriad millions lovingly proclaim
You made us one to glorify Your name.
God, make us one to glorify Your name.

Across an age, through dark, medieval histories,
Where peasant hearts in Latin verses
wonder what they say,
They humbly take the wild and common mysteries
And touch us here a thousand years away.
O Christ, the bread and wine!
A fellowship both human and divine
That stretches beyond our temporal frame
And makes us one to glorify Your name.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

RACHEL EHORN

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

DIACONAL PRAYER

HEATHER REYES

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: LORAINÉ AND DEREK MORRISON

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 56:3-11*

³ When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.

⁴ In God, whose word I praise—
in God I trust and am not afraid.

What can mere mortals do to me?

(continued)

⁵ All day long they twist my words;
all their schemes are for my ruin.
⁶ They conspire, they lurk,
they watch my steps,
hoping to take my life.
⁷ Because of their wickedness do not let them escape;
in your anger, God, bring the nations down.
⁸ Record my misery;
list my tears on your scroll—
are they not in your record?
⁹ Then my enemies will turn back
when I call for help.
By this I will know that God is for me.
¹⁰ In God, whose word I praise,
in the LORD, whose word I praise—
¹¹ in God I trust and am not afraid.
What can man do to me? NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

James 1:1-4

¹James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations:

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. NIV

Romans 5:1-4

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *The Power of Perseverance*

WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

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 am 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

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ken Wolgemuth will be glad to pray with you (630-849-7635 or knwolgemuth@taylor.edu).

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Kent Richter, Nathaniel Holman

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food pantry open

3:30 p.m.

Annual meeting (Zoom)

No Sunday School classes

No Youth Group

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

1:00- 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry (open)

7:00 p.m.

Men's book group

Coming

Ash Wednesday: The sanctuary will be open for Reflection and Imposition of Ashes (2:00 - 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.)

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,
Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson*

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*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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