



IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • JANUARY 1, 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.

## BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW

A SERVICE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

PRELUDE: *Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne  
Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine*

arr. by Shackley  
arr. by Hayes  
ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

## A NEW DAY

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: We will be glad and rejoice in it.**

Leader: This is the year that the Lord has begun.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning.

**All: Great is your faithfulness.**

Leader: The Lord is good to those whose hope is in him, to those who seek him.

**All: Great is your faithfulness, Lord.**

### \* INVOCATION

\* SONG: *The Steadfast Love of the Lord Never Ceases*

E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's

E<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>/G A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7sus B<sup>b</sup>

mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are

A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> Gm7 Cm7 Fm7

new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your

A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>/D Cm7 Fm7 A<sup>b</sup>/B<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>7 E<sup>b</sup>

faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Words: Lamentations 3:22-23

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\* HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

HYMN 32

## A NEW NAME

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 62:1-5, 11-12*

ELIZA AND JEFF GISSING

- <sup>1</sup> For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,  
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
her salvation like a blazing torch.
- <sup>2</sup> The nations will see your vindication,  
and all kings your glory;  
you will be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.
- <sup>3</sup> You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,  
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- <sup>4</sup> No longer will they call you Deserted,  
or name your land Desolate.  
But you will be called Hephzibah,  
and your land Beulah  
for the LORD will take delight in you,  
and your land will be married.
- <sup>5</sup> As a young man marries a young woman,  
so will your Builder marry you;  
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,  
so will your God rejoice over you.
- <sup>11</sup> The LORD has made proclamation  
to the ends of the earth:  
"Say to Daughter Zion,  
'See, your Savior comes!  
See, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense accompanies him.'"
- <sup>12</sup> They will be called the Holy People,  
the Redeemed of the LORD;  
and you will be called Sought After,  
the City No Longer Deserted.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *I Peter 2:9-10*

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. <sup>10</sup> Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. NIV

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN OF CONFESSION: *O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 3 and 4)*

HYMN 201

\* RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING (*Please stand*)

RON NETZEL

Leader: Through the work of Jesus Christ, we belong to him.

**People: Through Jesus' work on the cross, God gave us a new name.**

Leader: Let us discover anew and accept with new assurance that we are who God says we are – holy and redeemed people who belong to him.

**People: Thank you, our Father, for changing our name.**

Leader: We shall no longer be called Wounded Outcast, Lonely, or Afraid.

**People: Our new name shall be the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord, Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted.**

Leader: People of God, let us take up our new name with new confidence to live this year as the people of God we are called to be, so that we may indeed be "Sought After." May others seek God's face because of us in this coming year.

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

OFFERTORY

ALETHEA FUNCK

Appalachian Yuletide  
I Wonder as I Wander

arr. by Forrest  
John Jacob Niles

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky  
how Jesus the Savior did come for to die.  
For poor ordinary people like you and like I  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, all in a cow's stall,  
Came wise men and farmers and shepherds and all,  
And high from the heavens a star's light did fall,  
The promise of the ages it then did recall.

\* DOXOLOGY

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

RON NETZEL

A NEW SONG

READERS: JERRY FIREBAUGH, MONA REINHARD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Psalms 98:1*

<sup>1</sup> Sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Ephesians 5:18-20*

<sup>18</sup> Be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup> speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, <sup>20</sup> always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SONGS OF PRAISE

\* HYMN: *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

HYMN 218

\* SONG: *Glorious Light*

1. Glor - i - ous light! See the dawn of sal - va - tion:  
2. Long has the world fought the song of the an - gels;  
3. There is a day all cre - a - tion has longed for,  
5 An - gels in white fill the skies with their won - drous song, a -  
Hea - ven - ly mus - ic is drowned by a war - ring world. Yet  
when all of time has been spent and the Lord re - turns. His  
10 wak - en - ing earth with news of His birth; Join the hymn of the  
hope burns a light that shat - ters the night; Turn your heart to the  
song we'll re - peat as Hea - ven com - pletes pro - mised peace that will  
15 high - est hea - vens. Glo - ry to God in the high - est!  
call of glo - ry.  
fill the na - tion.  
21 Peace to men on earth. Come and a - dore Him with  
27 won - der - Christ, Lord of Hea - ven and earth.

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## A NEW WAY

\* NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Hebrews 10:19-25*

SETH EHORN

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. NIV

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Looking Back, Looking Forward*



\* HYMN OF REDEDICATION: *Lead Me, Guide Me*

(Congregation join on refrain.)

Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way,

for if you lead me, I can-not stray.

Lord, let me walk each day with you;

lead me my whole life through.

Fine

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## A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

SCRIPTURE: *Revelation 21:1-5*

READER: JOYCE ECONOMIDES

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### PARTING WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

God says: “Behold, I am making everything new!” In this new year, let us move forward with the confidence our new name gives, with a new song in our hearts and on our lips, with the new way before us, and with our eyes fixed on the horizon when Christ will return and make a new heaven and a new earth.

\* PARTING HYMN: *To Us a Child Is Born*

HYMN 233

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## TODAY

Thank you to Seth Ehorn for filling in today so Pastor George can take some time away. Seth is a member of Immanuel and currently serves as chair of the deacons. He is a New Testament scholar and teacher and is currently teaching at Wheaton College.

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

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Lauren Mathues

**The Food Pantry is closed today.**

## THIS WEEK

<b>Tuesday</b>	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry open</b> <b>Evening women's Bible Study</b>
<b>Next Sunday, January 8</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<b>Sunday School, Adult Ed</b> <b>Worship with Communion</b> <b>Evening Mom Talk</b>

## IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

### Adult Ed Classes for the month of January

#### **How to Read the Bible** (sanctuary)

Often, Christians are told, "You need to read the Bible," but we usually receive no guidance on how to do this. To read the Bible well, we need an approach for reading it that aligns with the nature of the Bible itself. This four-week class draws upon *Savoring Scripture: A Six-Step Guide to Studying the Bible* to guide us in reading the Bible in a way that not only leads to greater historical understanding but ultimately to communion with God and faithful living.

*Andy Abernethy is Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College and the author of numerous books, including Savoring Scripture: A Six-Step Guide to Studying the Bible (IVP). Andy has been married to Katie for thirteen years, and all three of his children were baptized at Immanuel.*

#### **Leader Testimonies** (Ministry House)

We appreciate our elders at Immanuel, leaders who have been elected based on recommendations from within the church family. It can be a blessing to hear them tell a little about their personal journey with the Lord and how it brought them to ministry at Immanuel. On each of the four Sundays in January, two elders will share short testimonies.

**Ron Netzel, Steve Westfall, Annie Rose, Steve Bretsen, Carl Pickard, Katherine Anderson, Gaby Sosa, and Dan Balzer.**

**BLOOD DRIVE:** There is a critical need for blood. Immanuel will have a mobile unit in the parking lot on February 2, from 2-6 p.m. See newsletter for link to sign up.

*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*