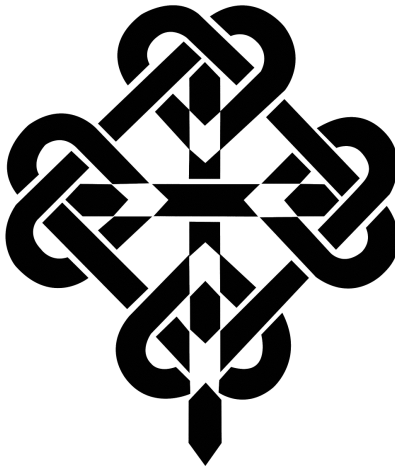


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

JANUARY 10, 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: *Morning Has Broken*

arr. Dicie

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come!

All: The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Pastor: The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,

All: For the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.

Pastor: The Lord will be our everlasting light, and our days of sorrow will end.

All: Let us worship our light and our salvation!

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing.____
2. You're rich in love and You're slow to ang - er.____
3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing.____



It's time to sing Your song____ a - gain.____ What-
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.____ For
The end draws near and my time has come.____



ev er may_ pass_ and what - ev er lies be - fore_ me,
all_ Your_ good ness I will_ keep on_ sing - ing,
Still_ my_ soul will sing Your_ praise un - end - ing,



let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing_ comes.
ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to_ find.
ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more.



Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh,____ my soul.



Wor - ship His ho - ly name.____ Sing like nev - er be - fore,



oh, my soul. I wor - ship Your ho - ly name.____

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEON SINCLAIR

Leader: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words:
Search me, O God, and know my heart;

People: **Test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: We express our longing for God's leading
by our own transparent confession.

based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Father, We Have Sinned*

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in 3/2 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with measure numbers 5, 9, and 13 indicated on the left side of the staff.

Fa - ther, we have sinned in word, and deed, and thought: through
5 ig - nor - ance, through weak - ness, through de - li - berate fault. We've
9 sinned a - gainst our neigh - bors and a - gainst You, Lord. Yet
13 we are tru - ly sorr - y, and we turn to You once more._____

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you.
Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus.
Amen.

* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

All: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN LEADERS ANGELA WISDOM, LEON SINCLAIR, ANNETTE LAPLACA

Leader: As part of the priesthood of believers, Christians are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ. It is our privilege to support those who are trained for specific ministries in this congregation, as we affirm Stephen Ministry and its leaders.

Because of your gifts, calling, and training, we charge you to cast a vision for this crucial ministry, to carefully recruit and train congregation members with the gifts, talents, and character to serve as Stephen ministers, to work with the leadership of this congregation to identify members who could benefit from this confidential caring ministry, to match hurting people with Stephen ministers based on their needs and to supervise these confidential caring relationships and offer regular opportunities for continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry.

Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that it comes from God?
If so, respond, "Yes, with the help of God."

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them to support, encourage, and build up people, and to enable excellent care while trusting in God's healing?

Answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Members of Immanuel Presbyterian Church, will you open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen leaders and pray for them as servants of Christ?
If so, answer, "Yes, with the help of God."

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader: Gracious God, you have called these people to a caring ministry. Grant them joy in their service and a spirit of bold trust in you, that their ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be willing servants, so your name may be glorified, your people live in peace, and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

May the Lord fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless, and keep you, so you may be faithful in ministry.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

arr. Powell
GRACE MAYELL

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: ANGELA WISDOM

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 35*

¹ The desert and the parched land will be glad;
the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.
Like the crocus, ² it will burst into bloom;
it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.
The glory of Lebanon will be given to it,
the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;
they will see the glory of the LORD,
the splendor of our God.

³ Strengthen the feeble hands,
steady the knees that give way;
⁴ say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

⁵ Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.
⁶ Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷ The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.
In the haunts where jackals once lay,
grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸ And a highway will be there;
it will be called the Way of Holiness;
it will be for those who walk on that Way.
The unclean will not journey on it;
wicked fools will not go about on it.

⁹ No lion will be there,
nor any ravenous beast;
they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there,
¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return.

They will enter Zion with singing;
everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them,
and sorrow and sighing will flee away. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Corinthians 15:56-58*

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *A Stream in the Desert*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6)

The image shows a musical score for the closing song. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The time signature is 4/4. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains verses 1, 2, 3, and 4. The second system contains the continuation of verse 4 and the beginning of verse 5.

1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2. Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
4. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home.
suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
from ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, to end - less years the same.
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be Thou our Guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home!

Words: Isaac Watts, 1719
Music: William Croft, 1708

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder [Katherine Anderson](#) (630-292-4376 or katand@sbcglobal.net) will be available to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: [Mary Hopper](#), [Heather](#), [Carter](#) and [Abott Klassen](#), [Grace Mayell](#).

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
4:00 - 5:00 p.m.	3rd - 5th grade Sunday School (Zoom)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group (Zoom)
7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Adult Ed class (Zoom) "Beyond the Christian West: Becoming a Truly Worldwide Faith in the 20th Century"

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
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Men's Book Group

COMING

Sunday, Feb. 7	3:30 p.m.	Congregational Meeting (Zoom)
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