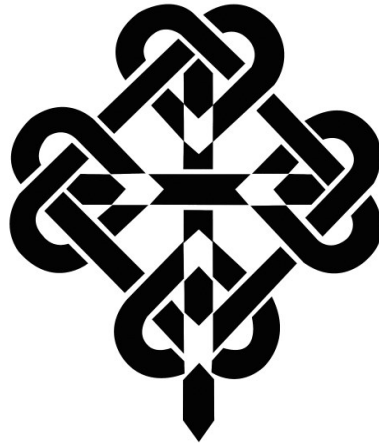


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



*The whole body joined and knit together...
building itself up in love.*

— Ephesians 4:16 —

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ♦ JANUARY 12, 2020

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children's Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we'll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

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: Two hymn settings by Mark Sedio

Lord, Your Hands Have Formed this World (Philippino)

If You but Trust in God to Guide You (German)

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Come to the Water*

* 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.

All: Praise the Lord.

(Adapted from John 3:19-21)

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
(verse 3 men, verse 4 women)

HYMN 30

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KEN WOLGEMUTH

Leader: Lord Jesus, we acknowledge you as the Light of the World:

People: Lord, lead us from darkness to light.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we acknowledge you as a light to the nations:

People: Lord, help us to reflect the light of your love.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we acknowledge you as the true light from heaven:

People: Lord, may we always live in the light of your holiness.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we acknowledge you as the light that overcomes the darkness:

People: Lord, guide us and shine your light on our daily path.

Leader: Lord Jesus, we acknowledge you as the eternal light of our life:

People: Lord, we are your children of light, aglow and ever praising you, our Sun of Righteousness forever. Amen.

SONG OF CONFESSION *(Sing three times.)*

Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line is in a soprano or alto range, and the piano accompaniment is in the left hand. The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —' and 'set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —'. The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note pattern in the left hand and a more melodic line in the right hand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God, who speaks his holy law to you and hears our confession, also promises his forgiveness. There is no promise he won't keep.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

HYMN 735

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

* 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.)

RENOVATION UPDATE

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Winthrop

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down thou weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast."

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

I looked to Jesus and I found
in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
till trav'ling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live."

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him all crea - tures here be -
low. Praise Him a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs to continue their worship.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN: *Like a River Glorious*

HYMN 699

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: NETZEL FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 29*

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.
⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *James 1:2-4*

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

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *The Inevitability of Winter*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- * CLOSING HYMN: *How Firm a Foundation*
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

HYMN 94

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, [Ken Wolgemuth](#) will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Mary Hopper, Priscilla Witte, Marilyn Sands, Immanuel choir

11:10 a.m.
after Sunday school
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m.

Adult Ed and Sunday School
Youth Group mission trip to Chicago
Food Pantry
Iglesia Roca Eterna

THIS WEEK

Tuesday 9:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Food pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study
Men's Book Study (*Pastor's office*)

Thursday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

RENOVATION FOCUS

A beckoning star guided the Wise Men's bold journey. Upon their arrival, Mary and Joseph graciously welcomed these startling visitors as they worshiped young Jesus.

How will we respond to Christ's light with courage, curiosity, and obedience? As individuals and as a church body, may we consider prayerfully how we will greet and come alongside other pilgrims—even the unexpected—desiring to honor the incarnate Son of God.

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Update your directory information: Please look for a draft of the church directory and look for your entry. Mark OK if the information is correct, or mark corrections or changes legibly in red pen. Please do not move the copy from the table.

Trouble accessing the online directory? Look for handouts in the Gathering Place this coming Sunday--one that explains clearly how to get to the online directory and one that shows how you can put an app right on your phone or device to take you straight to Immanuel's website. Speaking of the online directory, it lacks a lot of photos of Immanuel's members and regular attenders. Rather than wait for more professional photos, feel free to send a photo of you and/or your household to Annika, who will upload it to the directory. annika@immanuelpresbyterian.net

Register for Snow Camp: A group from Immanuel will be spending the Martin Luther King, Jr., weekend at Honey Rock Camp in northern Wisconsin. We head up Friday, January 17 and leave Monday morning Jan 20. There will be cross-country skiing, snowshoeing on the lake, big and small hill tubing, a sleigh ride and horseback riding in the snow if the weather cooperates! Many more activities as well. Some just like to sit by a roaring fire with hot cocoa and a good book, knitting or maybe a jigsaw puzzle. On Sunday morning we'll have a wonderful hymn sing. We hope you will join us for a time of refreshment in the beautiful woods of northern Wisconsin. For more information, contact John Burch: burch.jr@att.net. All are welcome. Cost is \$160 for adults and teens, \$80 for children under 13. That covers three nights and seven meals from Saturday breakfast to Monday breakfast with a late Friday snack on arrival.

Art at Immanuel: During the month of January we are having an exhibit of Michelle Arnold Paine's art of sacred places/sacred spaces. She is the daughter of Dean and June Arnold and sister of Andrea Carradus. The work will remain up until the beginning of Lent.

PrimeTimers' next meeting will not be until Saturday, February 15, when we will hear from Mark and Maggie Noll.

Pioneer Club resumes January 21.

Annual Congregational Meeting, Sunday, February 2: To keep this meeting contained within the education hour, we'll cover time-sensitive issues (officers, budgets, renovation, etc.) in this all-business meeting. A second congregational meeting will take place during the education hour on March 8, when we'll get to hear more ministry updates and information about the church, now and moving forward.

SESSION 3 • January 5—February 16

Christianity and American Politics: Lessons from the Past for the Present

Mark Noll
meets in the Sanctuary

This class is a non-partisan examination of crucial times in American history when political and Christian commitments were intermingled. It tries to show how better understanding of far-away events like the French & Indian War, the Election of 1800, and the American Civil War might help believers keep our political balance today.

Although Mark Noll was a history professor for almost thirty years at Wheaton College and for a decade at the University of Notre Dame, he considers adult ed classes at Immanuel his most challenging and most rewarding experiences as a teacher. Mark and his wife, Maggie, are long-time members.

Grandparenting: Loving Our Children's Children

Phyllis and Andy Le Peau
and other Immanuel grandparents
meets in Pastor's office

Grandparents have a special role in the lives of children. Together we'll explore how we can bless our grandchildren in a variety of ways and meet some of the challenges. Each session will focus on what we can learn from the Scripture and from each other's stories. We will consider topics like prayer, favoritism, forgiveness, nurturing contentment, loving the parents of our grandchildren, learning to let the next generation lead, and more.

Andy and Phyllis Le Peau have attended Immanuel since its inception and served in a variety of roles, most recently for Phyllis as elder and for Andy as a K-2 Sunday school teacher. They have thirteen world-class grandchildren and are the authors of several books and Bible study guides including the LifeGuide Bible Study Grandparenting, which will be the basis for the class.

Youth Membership Class (6th - 12th grade)

George Garrison and IPC elders
meets in the Ministry House

IPC youth will learn about the essential doctrines our faith, what it means to be a part of a church community, and how to share your testimony of faith. At the conclusion of the class, youth will have the option of pursuing IPC membership (but this is not required). We ask at least one parent to attend this important class with their child. *(If not attending this class, Middle School students should attend the High School SS class for this 6-week session.)*

NOTES

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Phyllis LePeau, Lew Luttrell,
Carl Pickard, Leon Sinclair, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Judy Bryson (Chair), Tim Curley, Colin Holman, Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick,
Jim Mann, Harv Meyers, Jeanette Myra, Heather Reyes*

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;
Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

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