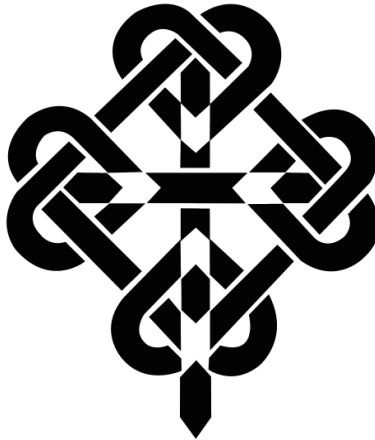


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

— Ephesians 4:16 —

JANUARY 16, 2022

## 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: *Old 120th*  
*Be Still*

David Thorne  
Ashley Grote

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

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: *Bless the Lord, O My Soul* (sung by soloist)

Andre Crouch  
KEVIN RITCHIE

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul,  
And all that is within me,  
Bless his holy name.  
He has done great things  
He has done great things  
He has done great things:  
Bless his holy name.

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: Our God, we come to you recognizing that we fail; our human flesh is weak, our sins are many. But we are assured that sincere confession is met by your saving forgiveness:

**People: Through your Son our sins are forgiven. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.**

Leader: Our guilt is dealt with, our burdens are lifted, our lives begin again. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.

**People: Through your Spirit we know your presence, our loneliness is shared; our blind eyes made to see, our love is rekindled. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.**

Leader: You and you alone can heal, restore, forgive. Your compassion and your understanding seep into us, your wisdom enlightens us, new courage grips us, and we find your Spirit at work in us bringing together everything that was fractured by our selfishness and sin.

**People: O Lord our God, to you be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the comforting word of the Scriptures to all who truly repent. As far as the East is from the West so far does he remove our transgressions from us. If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

\* ACCLAMATION

**All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. 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.)*

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

*(Children 3 years through 5th grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

KEVIN RITCHIE

Why should I feel discouraged,  
Why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely,  
And long for Heav'n and home,  
When Jesus is my portion?  
My constant friend is He:  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me;

Let not your heart be troubled,  
His tender word I hear,  
And resting on His goodness,  
I lose my doubt and fear;  
I draw the closer to Him,  
from care He sets me free;  
His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

Refrain

I sing because I'm happy,  
I sing because I'm free,  
For His eye is on the sparrow,  
And I know He watches me.

\* DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You\_ to re-ceive the food of Your  
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu  
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your

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Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;\_ shape and  
 mil - i - ty\_ Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes; in the  
 plans for us\_ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

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fash - ion us\_ in Your like - - - - - ness; That the light of Christ might be  
 ra - di - ance\_ of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. and by grace we'll stand on Your

10



seen to day\_ in our acts of love and our deeds of\_ faith.  
 eyes to see\_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.  
 prom - is - es;\_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with\_ us.

13



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us\_ all Your  
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;\_ Let their  
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,\_ and the

15



pur - pos - es\_ for Your glo - - - - - ry.  
 truth pre - vail\_ o - ver un - be - lief.  
 earth is filled\_ with Your glo - - - - - ry.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: JOY HUDSON

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 36:5-10*

- <sup>5</sup> Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the skies.  
<sup>6</sup> Your righteousness is like the highest mountains,  
your justice like the great deep.  
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.  
<sup>7</sup> How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!  
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.  
<sup>8</sup> They feast on the abundance of your house;  
you give them drink from your river of delights.  
<sup>9</sup> For with you is the fountain of life;  
in your light we see light.  
  
<sup>10</sup> Continue your love to those who know you,  
your righteousness to the upright in heart.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 11:33-36; 12:1-2*

- <sup>33</sup> Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!  
<sup>34</sup> “Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?”  
<sup>35</sup> “Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?”  
<sup>36</sup> For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *Thinking Through the Pandemic*

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

1. May the mind of Christ my Sav - ior live in me from day to day,  
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,  
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,  
4. May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa - ters fill the sea;  
5. May his beau - ty rest up - on me as I seek the lost to win,  
by his love and pow'r con - trol - ling all I do and say.  
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly through his pow'r.  
• that I may be calm to com - fort sick and sor - row - ing.  
him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, this is vic - to - ry.  
and may they for - get the chan - nel, see - ing on - ly him.

Kate B. Wilkinson, 1925

ST. LEONARDS 8.7.8.5.  
A. Cyril Barham-Gould, 1925; alt. 1990

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE: *Praise the Lord on High*

Rachel Sawyer

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## TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Sheroll Ritchie (soritchie@gmail.com) is available today or during the week.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Kevin Ritchie

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry**

**Iglesia Roca Eterna**

**IPC College Group** meeting this Sunday for pizza and “The Reluctant Convert.” Contact Cindy at 630-386-1534.

**Youth Group (Zoom game night)**

**Adult Ed (Zoom)**

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Food pantry open**

**Women’s Bible Study**

**From the Finance Committee:** WHAT A FINISH! Having set ambitious goals for both Renovation and the church budget, the people of Immanuel responded in an amazing way! Not only did you provide more than \$300,000 toward Renovation in 2021, but General giving was \$841,000—\$59,000 (7.6%) above the budget and \$92,000 (12.6%) above what you gave in 2020. That puts us on very solid ground for the year ahead. Thank you! And praise God for his overwhelming blessing!

## COMING

Sunday, February 6 **Congregational Meeting (Zoom) 4:00 p.m.**

### *ELDERS*

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

### *DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehom, Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

### *STAFF*

*George A. Gamison, 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*