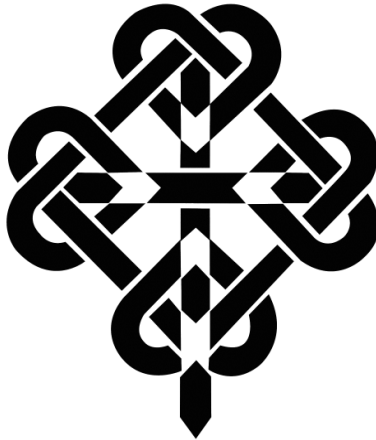


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

— Ephesians 4:16 —

JANUARY 2, 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: *Fum Fum, Fum*
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Spanish / John Carter
Polish / Teresa Wilhelmi
JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

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 sing to our light and our salvation!

from *The Worship Sourcebook*

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Angels From the Realms of Glory* (Sing verses 1, 4, and 5)

1. An - gels, from the realms of glo - ry, wing your flight o'er all the earth;
 2. Shep - herds in the fields a - bid - ing, watch - ing o'er your flocks by night,
 3. Sa - ges, leave your con - tem - pla - tions, bright - er vi - sions beam a - far;
 4. Saints be - fore the al - tar bend - ing, watch - ing long in hope and fear,
 5. All cre - a - tion, join in prais - ing God the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son;

ye who sang cre - a - tion's sto - ry, now pro - claim Mes - si - ah's birth:
 God with man is now re - sid - ing, yon - der shines the in - fant Light:
 • seek the great De - sire of na - tions; ye have seen his na - tal star:
 sud - den - ly the Lord, de - scend - ing, in his tem - ple shall ap - pear:
 ev - er - more your voic - es rais - ing to th'e - ter - nal Three in One:

REFRAIN

Come and wor - ship, come and wor - ship, wor - ship Christ, the new - born King.

James Montgomery, 1816, 1825

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Smart. 1867

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: God is light, yet we have been so blind when truth has been so clear.

**People: When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.
When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part.**

Leader: When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way.

**People: We need forgiveness for our dim apprehension of love's clear leading.
We need faith that trusts when it cannot see,**

**All: We seek to walk in the light that lingers when all else fails;
We long to follow the bright Morning Star of our faith,
Jesus Christ, the Savior.**

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from The Worship Sourcebook)*

Leader: The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.
To all who have received him, to those who believe in his name,
he gave the right to become children of God.

* ACCLAMATION

**All: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud
and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and saying, holy,
holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory,
now and always. 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

BUURSMAS FAMILY

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen (arr. Joel Buursma)

Infant Holy (arr. James Kimball)

Bring a Torch, Jeanette Isabella (arr. James Kimball)

* HYMN: *Within a Crib*

Introduction Unison

1. With - in a crib my
 2. Up - on a cross my
 3. A vic - tor's crown my

Sav - ior lay, a wood - en man - ger filled with hay, come down for
 Sav - ior died, to ran - som sin - ners, cru - ci - fied, his lov - ing
 Sav - ior won, his work of love and mer - cy done, the Fa - ther's

love on Christ - mas Day: all glo - ry be to Je - sus!
 arms still o - pen wide: all glo - ry be to Je - sus!
 high - as - cend - ed Son: all glo - ry be to Je - sus!

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1968

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LORD OF LOVE 8.8.8.7.
 Norman L. Warren, b. 1934

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: TRUDY ZIMMERMAN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Genesis 1:1-3

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. ³ And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

John 13:34

³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Hebrews 9:15

¹⁵ For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Revelation 21:1-5

¹ 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. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ 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. ⁴ 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."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *The God of New Beginnings*

ALVA STEFFLER

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *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.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder [Katherine Anderson](mailto:katand@sbcglobal.net) (katand@sbcglobal.net) is available today or during the week.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Buursma family, John Zimmerman

2:00 p.m.

Food Pantry closed today
Iglesia Roca Eterna
NO Youth Group

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Food pantry open

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 Ehorn, Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

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