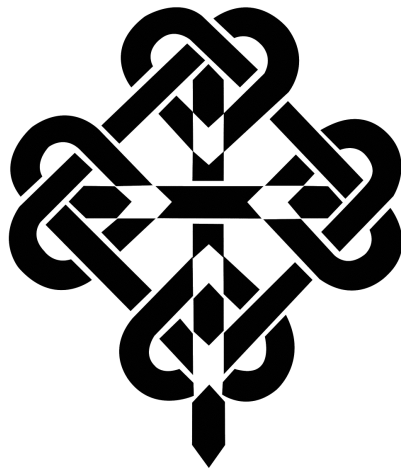


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

JANUARY 22, 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.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Praise Ye the Father for His Loving Kindness*  
*Deep River*

Fleming/arr. by Rodriguez  
Spiritual/arr. by Fettke

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *At the Name of Jesus*

R. Vaughn Williams  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship God, for his love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Let us praise God, for anyone in Christ is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold the new has come.

**All: We know that he died for us, that we who live should no longer live for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again on our behalf.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God. Let us worship him together.

### \* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *At the Name of Jesus*

HYMN 163

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: Let us confess our sins to our holy and gracious God with the words of Psalm 32.

**People: Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.**

Leader: Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

**People: While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.**

Leader: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

**People: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Leader: Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

**People: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.**



Lord, I need You, Oh I need You; ev -'ry hour I

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need You. My one de - fense, my

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right - eous-ness, Oh God, how I need You.

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1. Lord, I come, I con - fess; bow - ing  
2. Where sin runs deep Your grace is more. Where grace is  
3. Teach my song to rise to You when temp

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here I find my rest. With - out You I fall a -  
found is where You are. And where You are, Lord, I am  
ta - tion comes my way. When I can't stand I'll fall on

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part; You're the one that guides my heart. (Lord, I)  
free; hol - i - ness is Christ in me.  
You; Jes - us, You're my hope and stay.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is greater than our sinfulness: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, rest in this good news – in Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Amen.

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: Gloria Patri (*Please stand*)

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.)*

MISSION FOCUS

ANGELA MAINS  
OUTREACH WARRENVILLE

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

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Beautiful Savior*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Beautiful Savior, King of Creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels in the sky.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in flowers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forevermore be thine!

\* DOXOLOGY

HOWARD WHITAKER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-  
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Father,  
Son, and Holy Ghost! A - men.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature has one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "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! A - men." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

1.He is Lord, he is Lord! He is ris - en from the dead and he is Lord! Ev - ery  
 2.He is King, he is King! He will draw all na - tions to him, he is King; and the  
 3.He is Love! he is Love! He has shown us by his life that he is Love; all his  
 4.He is Life, he is LIFE! He has died to set us free and he is Life; and he

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knee shall bow, ev - ery tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord!  
 time shall be when the world shall sing that Je - sus Christ is King!  
 peo - ple sing with one voice of joy that Je - sus Christ is Love!  
 calls us all to live ev - er - more, for Je - sus Christ is Life.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: DAVID LAPLACA

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 45:20-25*

<sup>20</sup> “Gather together and come;  
 assemble, you fugitives from the nations.  
 Ignorant are those who carry about idols of wood,  
 who pray to gods that cannot save.  
<sup>21</sup> Declare what is to be, present it—  
 let them take counsel together.  
 Who foretold this long ago,  
 who declared it from the distant past?  
 Was it not I, the Lord?

*(continued)*

And there is no God apart from me,  
a righteous God and a Savior;  
there is none but me.

<sup>22</sup> “Turn to me and be saved,  
all you ends of the earth;  
for I am God, and there is no other.  
<sup>23</sup> By myself I have sworn,  
my mouth has uttered in all integrity  
a word that will not be revoked:  
Before me every knee will bow;  
by me every tongue will swear.  
<sup>24</sup> They will say of me, ‘In the Lord alone  
are deliverance and strength.’”  
All who have raged against him  
will come to him and be put to shame.  
<sup>25</sup> But all the descendants of Israel  
will find deliverance in the Lord  
and will make their boast in him.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 2:5-11*

<sup>5</sup> In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:  
<sup>6</sup> Who, being in very nature God,  
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;  
<sup>7</sup> rather, he made himself nothing  
by taking the very nature of a servant,  
being made in human likeness.  
<sup>8</sup> And being found in appearance as a man,  
he humbled himself  
by becoming obedient to death—  
even death on a cross!  
<sup>9</sup> Therefore God exalted him to the highest place  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup> that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup> and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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



SERMON “Our Lord and our God”

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power*

HYMN 300

\* BENEDICTION

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**Baptismal side:** He who began a good work in you  
**Pulpit side:** will perfect it 'til the day of Christ Jesus.  
**All:** Amen.

\* POSTLUDE

**TODAY**

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, John Zimmerman, Immanuel Choir

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, **Ron Netzel** will be available near the platform.

**Newcomers lunch:** If you and your family are new to Immanuel, you are invited to have lunch with church staff members in the lower level following today's worship.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**  
**Youth Group**

**This Week**

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (childcare)  
**Food Pantry open**  
**Women's Bible Study**  
**Men's Book study**

**In Immanuel and Beyond**

**Blood drive:** Immanuel will have a mobile unit in the parking lot on February 2, from 2-6 p.m. See the IPC newsletter for link to sign up.

February 5  
February 10-12  
Save the Date!

**Annual Meeting** (During education hour)  
**Youth Group Winter Retreat**  
**VBS June 26-30**

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**Cards with summer artwork:** Cards featuring the artwork contributed by various Immanuel artists for the summer sermon series are still available! \$5 each (just covering printing costs). You can pick them up in the narthex this Sunday!

## **2022 Giving Report and 2023 Challenge**

Thanks to God for his provision through your continued generosity. The \$857,138 given to the General Fund in 2022 was not only well above the original budget of \$808,600, but above projected year-end expenses of roughly \$827,000 (which allowed expansion of the budget moving into 2023—more on that at the Annual Meeting February 5). Continuing the exuberant giving of the past few years will allow us to not simply meet the budget but rise to fresh challenges that will increase Immanuel's kingdom impact.

## **CANDIDATES FOR ELDER**

**Bill France** and Debby came to Immanuel in 2017 after their church of 25-plus years closed due to low attendance. Trained to work hard and wholeheartedly in his 22 years in the U.S. Army, Bill jumped in immediately, helping with the social team and memorial services, with the food pantry, and as treasurer for the missions team. Bill looks forward to helping Session as it reaches out to the church family to promote its spiritual growth. In Bill's free time, he builds wooden ship models and writes books he self-publishes on Kindle.

**Sarah Holman** and Colin came to Immanuel at the invitation of her colleague, Mary Hopper, back when the congregation was still meeting at the College of DuPage. She has served in the Music Ministry, Children in Worship/Following Jesus, Nature Camp/Vacation Bible School, and Sunday School. She previously served as an Elder and traveled with the Arizona Missions Trip. She looks forward to supporting the ministries of Immanuel and collaborating in prayer with Elders, Deacons, and church leadership. In her free time she most enjoys spending time with her family, Colin, Nathaniel and Sylvia, and Timothy.

**Sheroll Ritchie** (standing for a second term) and Kevin came to Immanuel thirty years ago looking for an evangelical church that welcomed female leadership and had a strong music program. They've felt blessed to continue to call it our church home. The Ritchies have two adult children, Faith (29, married to James) and Connor (27). Over the years Sheroll has served in many ways and on most committees, but she definitely prefers behind-the-scenes leadership and administrative support areas. Professionally Sheroll has worked in finance for a general contractor for many years, but her greatest joy is spending time with their three local grandchildren ages 4, 2, and 1.

## CANDIDATES FOR DEACON

**Tim Curley** values the important work of the deacons and knows that the deacon board benefits from a diversity of skills, viewpoints, and friendships. Having served off and on over the years as a deacon before, he considers it an honor to take up the role again. He and Dawn have been members since Immanuel's founding. They value sound theology but also see a sound community of saints as vastly important. That sense of community has kept them at Immanuel through the years. Tim cites Ephesians 2:19: "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

**Seth Ehorn** (standing for a second term) completed his doctoral studies in Edinburgh, Scotland, so it seemed fitting that their family would land in a Presbyterian church when they returned to the U.S. They came in 2015 and became members soon after. Seth has served with Children in Worship, has played music during worship services, has taught middle schoolers, has preached on occasion, and has been serving as a deacon. Seth enjoys witnessing the church family's generosity and being involved in serving our members in times of need. In his free time, Seth enjoys reading, writing, cooking, and training his bird dog.

**Debby France** (standing for a second term) felt at home the first time she and her husband, Bill, visited Immanuel in August of 2017. She can often be found wearing an apron and serving on both Social Team and Memorial Team. She sometimes runs around with a microphone in Adult Ed classes. She enjoys reading in her spare time. She has been blessed to serve as a deacon for the past three years.

**Ron Hayden** and his family (Julie and son, Graham) came to Immanuel after moving to Warrenville, more than a decade ago, desiring a more-reformed church to attend. Ron has served in the past as an elder as well as chair of the Adult Education committee. As a deacon he looks forward to serving in a hands-on capacity and getting to know fellow members of Immanuel. In his free time, he enjoys board games, Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, and reading books.

**Tom Nguyen** (standing for a second term) came to Immanuel around June 2015. He's been active as an usher and on the Missions Team. For the past three years, he's served his first term as a deacon. He looks forward to seeing the Immanuel community blessed by the helping hands of the deacons, while continuing as head usher. The nature of Tom's work means he's traveling a lot, but when he's here, he enjoys practicing Kung Fu at the Wheaton Park District and playing online games.

**Joel Rose** came to Immanuel sixteen years ago when he moved to the Chicago area to marry Annie. The Roses moved out of state for four years but happily rejoined the Immanuel family in 2021. Joel has previously served as a deacon and helped in the nursery, Following Jesus, and occasionally with technology and the website. Joel looks forward to the fellowship and service that comes with the office of deacon. In his free time, Joel enjoys spending time with Annie and his daughters, Malena (twelve) and Eliza (ten). Joel also likes traveling and keeping up with the latest in technology and games.

*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 Ehorn (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*

*STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS*

*Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca*