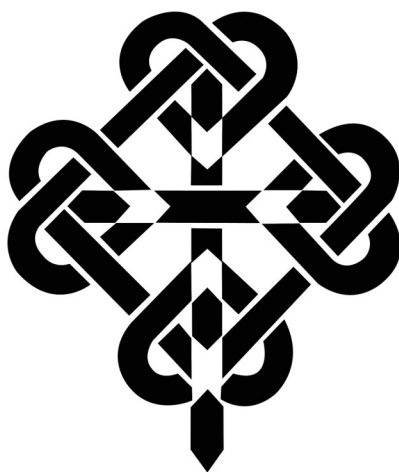


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

The Winter of Our Souls

JANUARY 26, 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: *Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord*

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Come to the Water*

John Foley, SJ
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Oh, let all who seek,
let them come to the water.
And let all who have nothing,
let them come to the Lord;
without money, without strife.
Why should you spend your life,
except for the Lord?

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We will exalt you, O God our King.

All: And bless your name forever and ever.

Pastor: This day will we bless you.

**All: And praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *O God Beyond All Praising*

HYMN 660

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: How can we be so blind, and yet see so acutely at the same time?

People: We are quick to note the dark acts of others, yet slow to recognize the evil in our own thoughts and the stains on our hands.

Leader: O, for eyes that will see and honor the good in others!

People: O, for hearts that loathe the blinding evil of indwelling sin!

Leader: Come, let us turn to the Fount of Mercy, whose love heals our blindness, and whose righteousness transforms our condemning hearts into instruments of peace.

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. —

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever 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.)

RENOVATION PRAYER FOCUS

AMY DANUSIAR

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *True Light*

Keith Hampton
IMMANUEL CHOIR

This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Almighty God is light.
He lives in us as True Light.

In the beginning
out of the darkness
God created True Light
He lives in us as True Light.

Don't let the light that You've given me die,
And don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves You
Praise You again and again.
He lives in us as True Light.

You are the one who judges right from wrong.
Your glory excites to envy.
But let the one who serves You
Praise You again and again.
He lives in us as True Light.

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! Amen.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN: *As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams*

HYMN 662

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: DOUG AND BAMBI PENNEY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 42:5-11*

⁵ Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.

⁶ My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.
⁷ Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.
⁸ By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.
⁹ I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”
¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony
as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”
¹¹ Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God. NIV

Proverbs 18:1-2

¹ Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire;
he breaks out against all sound judgment.
² A fool takes no pleasure in understanding,
but only in expressing his opinion. ESV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 10:32-35*

³² Remember those earlier days after you had received the light, when you endured in a great conflict full of suffering. ³³ Sometimes you were publicly exposed to insult and persecution; at other times you stood side by side with those who were so treated.
³⁴ You suffered along with those in prison and joyfully accepted the confiscation of your property, because you knew that you yourselves had better and lasting possessions.
³⁵ So do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Introspection: the Default of Winter*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!*

HYMN 498

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Mary Hopper, Immanuel choir

11:10 a.m.	Adult Ed and Sunday School
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
2:00 p.m.	Iglesia Roca Eterna
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group in the Ministry House

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
	.	Pioneer Club
		Men's Book group (<i>Pastor's office</i>)
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

From the Finance Committee – The giving goal for the operating budget in December was \$140,000. The actual giving in December was \$127,754 or 91% of the giving goal. Giving during all of 2019 for the operating budget was \$740,121 or 98.5% of the giving goal of \$751,000. In addition, the total Renovation giving in 2019 was \$121,402.

The 2019 giving statements are available this morning. Please pick yours up in the Gathering Place after the worship service.

Art at Immanuel: During January and February 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.

Renovation Prayer Open House Saturday, February 15, from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. A family-friendly event, so Immanuel friends of all ages are encouraged to participate.

The Renovation Team is made up of Doug Anderson, Annika Durbin, George Garrison, Susan Garrison, Sarah Holman, Sue Lundin, Rob Noll, Anna Scheidt, Scott Scheidt, Alva Steffler, and Steve Wall (chair).

PrimeTimers' meeting will be Saturday, February 15, at 10:30 a.m. when we will hear from Mark and Maggie Noll.

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. You may pick up copies of the agenda for the meeting in the Gathering Place this morning, as well as packets containing ministry and budget reports.

Food Pantry News: The IPC Food Pantry could use diapers (especially size 5 and size 6), paper towels, and toilet paper. There is a Food Pantry cart in the entry where items may be placed. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

OFFICER CANDIDATE BIOS

CANDIDATES FOR DEACON

Becky Eggimann has been a part of Immanuel since 2015. She is currently the Dean of Sciences at Wheaton College and loves that the Immanuel family lets her talk about chemistry at church. She enjoys helping others and finding creative ways to solve problems.

Seth Ehorn and his family have been attending Immanuel since 2015, when they relocated (back) to the United States from Edinburgh, Scotland. Currently, Seth teaches New Testament and Koine Greek (at Wheaton College) and he enjoys reading, writing, fishing, and spending time with his children. At Immanuel, Seth has served by leading Children and Worship, helping with music ministries, and occasionally teaching. Seth is excited about the prospect of serving Immanuel as a deacon because he believes that the church should be a visible expression of the love of Christ.

Debby France felt at home the first time she and her husband, Bill, attended Immanuel in August of 2017. She can often be seen in the kitchen, since she serves on the Social Team and the Memorial Team. She has also been known to run around with a microphone as part of the Adult Ed Team. She and Bill volunteer at the Food Pantry on Thursday evenings. Debby feels honored to have been asked to be a deacon.

Thamngu (Tom) Nguyen has been attending Immanuel since 2015. He enjoys serving on the Ushers team and helping out whenever he can with the Missions Team. During the weekdays he travels around the country fixing industrial lasers. On his off-time he enjoys playing online games and practicing kung fu at the local park district. He is very much looking forward to working with the deacons to support our church family and the extended community.

Jack Swanson has been a member of Immanuel since he married Zondra in 2007 and has served as an elder and as a member of the Missions Team. He decided to be a candidate for deacon after reading the deacon reports while a member of the Session. Leadership roles at Windsor Park and summer golf keep him happy and healthy.

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CANDIDATES FOR ELDER

Sheroll Ritchie and her husband, Kevin, have attended Immanuel for 26 years, serving on many different committees throughout those years. She loves Immanuel for the wonderful community, amazing music, and solid expository teaching. Sheroll works full-time as controller for a commercial general contractor in Des Plaines and also manages the payroll and bookkeeping for her husband's business. Sheroll and Kevin have a married daughter, Faith, and a son, Connor, along with one grandson whom they are fortunate to babysit frequently. Sheroll's mother, Cindy Oslund, also attends Immanuel.

Gabriela Chuta Saenz de Sosa has been part of the Immanuel family since 2016. She, her husband, Carlos, and two sons, Scott and Daniel, came from Guatemala and felt very welcome at Immanuel from the first day. She identifies with the commitment Immanuel has to the children's ministry and believes in the work being done for the community through the pantry. Gaby has been volunteering in the nursery. She enjoys nature and long walks.

RETURNING FOR A SECOND TERM: **Carl Pickard, Alva Steffler**

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.)*

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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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