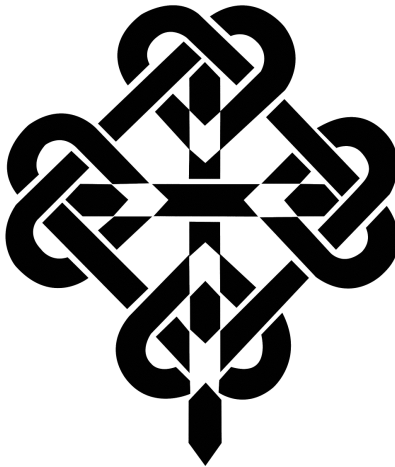


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

JANUARY 31, 2021

## 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

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

ENVISION MOMENT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: All who thirst, come to the water.

**People: Come, all who are weary;  
Come, all who yearn for forgiveness.**

**All: The Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ  
has washed over us, and our gracious  
and holy God beckons and blesses us.  
Let us drink deeply of these living waters.  
Glory to you, O Lord, Glory to you.**

*Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook*

### \* INVOCATION

*\* Congregation stands*

\* OPENING HYMN: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* (Verses 1, 2 and 4)

D                      G    D/F#                      Em

1. Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2. What God's al - might - y power has made in mer - cy He is  
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but through all grief dis -  
 4. Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud His

Asus D                      G    D/F#                      Em

a - tion; the God of power, the God of love, the God of our  
 keep - ing; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade His eye is nev -  
 tress - ing, an ev - er - pre - sent help and stay, our peace and joy  
 prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song my voice un - wea -

Asus D                      C#    F#m    Bm    Esus    A

sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul He fills, and  
 er sleep - ing; with - in the king - dom of His might, lo!  
 and bless - ing; as with a moth - er's ten - der hand He  
 ried rais - es: "Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart! Both

D                      Bm    Esus    A    D/F#    G    /E                      Asus D

eve - ry faith - less mur - mur stills— to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 all is just and all is right— to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 leads His own, His cho - sen band— to God all praise and glo - ry!  
 soul and bod - y bear your part— to God all praise and glo - ry!"

# WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

GABY SOSA

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*

## SONG OF CONFESSION: *Father, We Have Sinned*

The musical score is written on a single staff in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four lines of music. The lyrics are: 'Fa-ther, we have sinned in word, and deed, and thought: through ig-nor-ance, through weak-ness, through de-li-berate fault. We've sinned a-gainst our neigh-bors and a-gainst You, Lord. Yet we are tru-ly sorr-y, and we turn to You once more.' The score includes measure numbers 5, 9, and 13. The final measure of the fourth line ends with a double bar line.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God the Creator brings you new life, forgives, and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

\* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

**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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

Arr. G. Anderson  
SARAH HOLMAN

My faith has found a resting place,  
not in device nor creed.  
I trust the Everliving One,  
His wounds for me shall plead.

(Chorus)  
I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea.  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that he died for me.

(Viola)  
Jesus saves.  
This ends my fear and doubt.  
A sinful soul, I come to him,  
He'll never cast me out.

My heart is leaning on the word,  
The written Word of God.  
Salvation by my Saviour's name,  
Salvation through His blood.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

RACHEL EHORN

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KATHERINE ANDERSON

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: BOB BRABENEC

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 103:8-14*

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is compassionate and gracious,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
<sup>9</sup> He will not always accuse,  
nor will he harbor his anger forever;  
<sup>10</sup> he does not treat us as our sins deserve  
or repay us according to our iniquities.  
<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
<sup>12</sup> as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.  
<sup>13</sup> As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;  
<sup>14</sup> for he knows how we are formed,  
he remembers that we are dust. NIV

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

*Mark 6:30-37*

<sup>30</sup> The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup> Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

<sup>32</sup> So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup> But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

<sup>35</sup> By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. <sup>36</sup> Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

<sup>37</sup> But he answered, "You give them something to eat."

They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

*Luke 7:11-17*

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. <sup>12</sup> As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.”

<sup>14</sup> Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” <sup>15</sup> The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

<sup>16</sup> They were all filled with awe and praised God. “A great prophet has appeared among us,” they said. “God has come to help his people.” <sup>17</sup> This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *The Compassion of Christ*

# WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING SONG: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how  
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my  
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing, no  
3  
vast be - yond all mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly  
sin up - on his shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing  
6  
gifts, no power, no wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus  
6  
Son to make a wretch his trea - sure. How  
voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
9  
Christ, his death and re - sur - rec - tion. Why  
9  
great the pain of sear - ing loss: the  
was my sin that held him there un -  
11  
should I gain from his re - ward? I  
11  
Fa - ther turns his face a - way as  
til it was ac - com - plished; his  
13  
can - not give an an - swer, but  
13  
wounds, which mar the cho - sen one, bring  
dy - ing breath has brought me life - I  
15  
this I know with all my heart - his  
15  
ma - ny sons to glo - ry.  
know that it is fin - ished.  
wounds have paid my ran - som.

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\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## Today

**If you are in need of prayer**, elder Katherine Anderson will be glad to pray with you (630-292-4376 or [katand@sbcglobal.net](mailto:katand@sbcglobal.net)).

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Sarah Holman, Timothy Holman

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**Thanks to our Livestream video crew:** Peter Welander, John Economides

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Zoom practice with Dan Balzer**

**No 3rd - 5th grade Sunday School today**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group (Zoom)**

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Adult Ed class (Zoom)**  
Beyond the Christian West: Becoming  
a Truly Worldwide Faith in the  
20th Century

## This Week

Tuesday

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

**Women's Bible Study (Zoom)**  
**Food Pantry open**

## COMING

Sunday, Feb. 7

3:30 p.m.

**Congregational Meeting (Zoom)**

## NOTES

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*ELDERS*

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

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,  
Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson*

*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;  
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