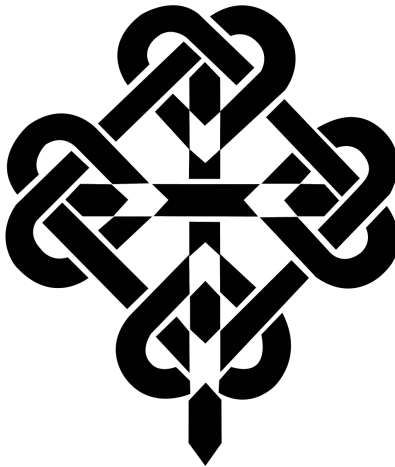


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

JANUARY 9, 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

ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in the presence of God, through whom all families on earth receive their life and their name.

People: We wish to be strengthened in our inner selves, that the Light of the World may shine in our hearts.

Leader: We seek to be rooted and grounded in God's love and in the love of Christ which surpasses understanding.

All: We come to worship and praise the source of true love and peace throughout the world. Glory be to God in the church and in Jesus Christ to all generations forever and ever!

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

SONG: *Saw You Never in the Twilight* (Sung by soloist)

MATTIE HAMMER

1. Saw you nev - er, in the twi - light, when the sun had left the skies,
 2. Heard you nev - er of the sto - ry how they crossed the des - ert wild,
 3. Know ye not that low - ly ba - by was the bright and morn - ing Star?

up in heav'n the clear stars shin - ing through the gloom, like sil - ver eyes?
 jour - neyed on by plain and moun - tain, till they found the ho - ly child?
 He who came to light the Gen - tles and the dark - ened isles a - far?

So of old the wise men, watch - ing, saw a lit - tle strang - er star,
 How they o - pened all their trea - sure, kneel - ing to that in - fant King;
 And we, too, may seek his cra - dle; there our hearts' best trea - sures bring:

and they knew the King was giv - en, and they fol - lowed it from far.
 gave the gold and fra - grant in - cense, gave the myrrh in of - fer - ing?
 love and faith and true de - vo - tion for our Sav - ior, God, and King.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

GABY SOSA

Leader: O God, our guide, who once used a star to lead people to Christ,
we confess our poor sense of direction.

All: We let ourselves become confused, easily distracted, and lose our way.

Leader: We fail to follow the signs you provide.

**All: Forgive our waywardness, O God. Lead us to the Christ so that we may
follow his way to you.**

from The Worship Sourcebook

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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. And that is what we are!

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Franz Schubert

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell,
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.
All: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

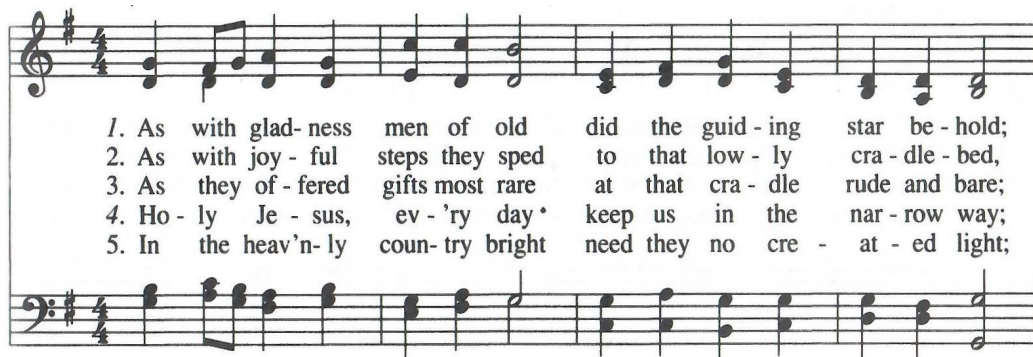
OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *A Prayer of Need* by Penny Rodriguez
Text adapted from a prayer by Thomas A Kempis (1380-1471)
MATTIE HAMMER

My love is weak, my heart imperfect, so I have great need of You.
I need your strength'ning and your comfort, your instruction, and your freedom.
Let your love dissolve my hard heart.
Let your love lift me up.
Let your love reveal to me joy beyond imagination.
Let my soul exhaust itself in singing praises of your love.
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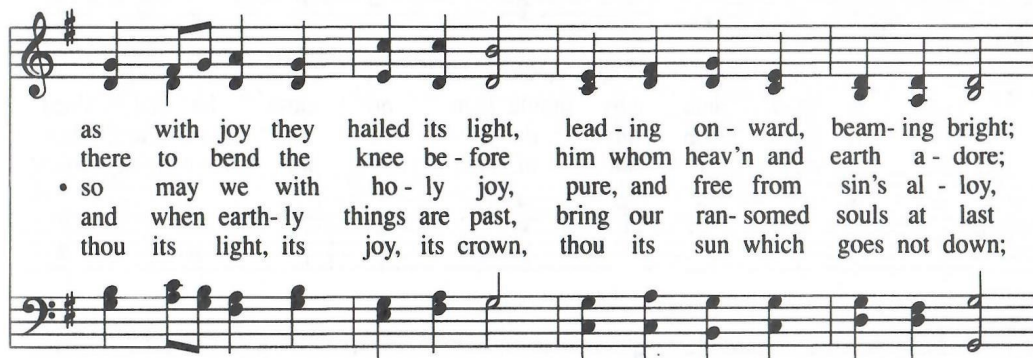
DIACONAL PRAYER

HEATHER REYES

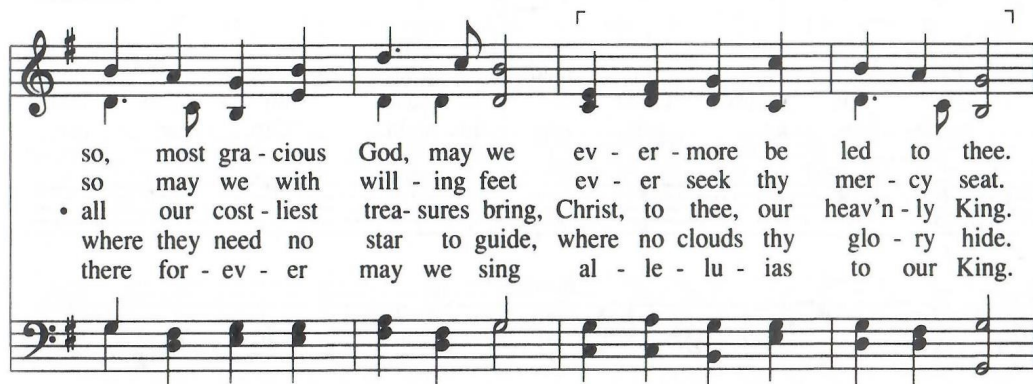
* HYMN: *As with Gladness Men of Old*



1. As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold;
 2. As with joy-ful steps they sped to that low-ly cra-dle-bed,
 3. As they of-fered gifts most rare at that cra-dle rude and bare;
 4. Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day* keep us in the nar-row way;
 5. In the heav'n-ly coun-try bright need they no cre-at-ed light;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright;
 there to bend the knee be-fore him whom heav'n and earth a-dore;
 • so may we with ho-ly joy, pure, and free from sin's al-loy,
 and when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last
 thou its light, its joy, its crown, thou its sun which goes not down;



so, most gra-cious God, may we ev-er-more be led to thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 • all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.
 there for-ev-er may we sing al-le-lu-ias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix, 1860
 Alt. 1961

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Arr. by William H. Monk, 1861

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: WISDOM FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 29*

- ¹ Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
- ³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the Lord strikes
with flashes of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
- ¹¹ The Lord gives strength to his people;
the Lord blesses his people with peace.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 2:1-12*

¹ After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ² and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him."

³ When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴ When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶ "But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel."

⁷ Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸ He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹ After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹ On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Serving the King*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder Gaby Sosa will be available to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: [Mary Hopper](#), [Alethea Funck](#), [Mattie Hammer](#)

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adult Ed class (Zoom)

No Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (in person or Zoom)

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

Food Pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Men's Book Group (Zoom)

COMING

February 6

4:00 p.m.

Congregational meeting (Zoom)

NOTES

ELDERS

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

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