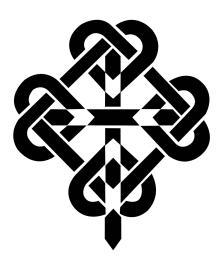
# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

— Ephesians 4:16 —

#### 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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the heavens be glad. Let the earth rejoice before the God of all.

All: For God comes in power to judge the earth.

Leader: Let us open our hearts in worship and trust, and offer our lives in

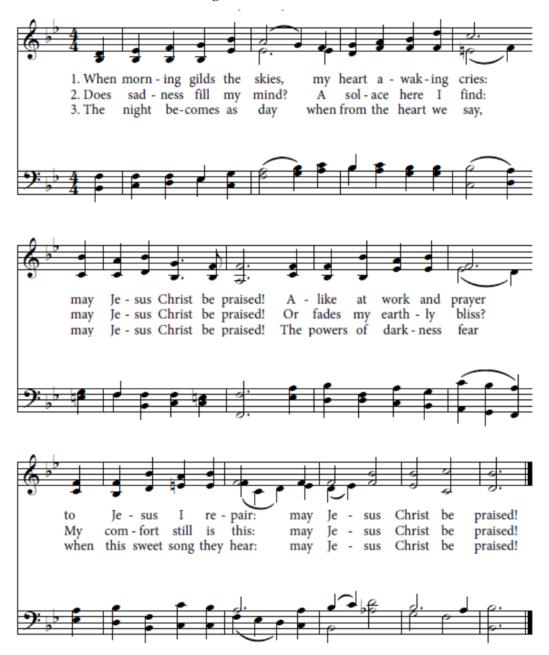
willing service,

All: For God shall judge the world with righteousness and the people

with truth.

\* INVOCATION

# \* Opening Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies



Text: German hymn, c. 1800; trans Edward Caswall, 1858 Music: Joseph Barnby, 1868

## WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: When we come into the holy presence of God, our own humanity is laid bare. When we stand in the living presence of truth, our own falsehood is revealed. People of God, let us acknowledge who we are and ask our ever-present God to forgive us.

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

## SONG OF CONFESSION



#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

#### Assurance of Pardon

Leader: If we confess our sins he is able and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us

from all unrighteousness.

## \* Acclamation

## All: Praise God for his great mercy and love!

#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Annika Durbin

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ANNETTE LAPLACA

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

# Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

# Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

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Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence (feel free to name those for whom you are praying)

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence (feel free to name those who we remember)

Lord, in your mercy *Hear our prayer*.

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth; Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord *Amen*.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

Special Music: Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Ahnfelt Katie Abernethy

Day by day and with each passing moment, strength I find to meet my trials here; trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He whose heart is kind beyond all measure gives unto each day what he deems best-lovingly, it's part of pain and pleasure, mingling toil with peace and rest.

## READERS: JOHN AND JOYCE ECONOMIDES

- \* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: Lamentations 3:19-24
  - <sup>19</sup>I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.

<sup>20</sup> I well remember them,

- and my soul is downcast within me.
- <sup>21</sup> Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope:
- <sup>22</sup> Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.

<sup>23</sup> They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

- great is your faithfulness.

  24 I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." NIV
- \* New Testament Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-22
  - <sup>8</sup> For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
  - <sup>11</sup> Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called "uncircumcised" by those who call themselves "the circumcision" (which is done in the body by human hands)— <sup>12</sup> remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
  - <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. NIV

# \* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: Listening for Peace

## WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* Closing Song: God Be with You Till We Meet Again



- \* BENEDICTION
- \* Postlude

# Today

**If you are in need of prayer**, contact elder Katherine Anderson (630-292-4376 or katand@sbcglobal.net)

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Katie Abernety, Heather Klassen

Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Doug Reneker, Peter Welander.

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Today	9:30 a.m.	Worship online (Livestream)
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.	Youth Group
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible study with Cathy Deddo
	11:00 a.m 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study with Cathy Deddo
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Book group
	Wednesday	7:00 - 8:00 p.m.  Combined Youth Group Game Night (Zoom)
Thursday	7:00 - 8:45 p.m.	Women's Bible study @ Terra Vincent's, 26W430 Natalie Ct., Carol Stream

## IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

**Ongoing giving**: If you happen to be in the church on a Sunday, there is a box in the Gathering Place where you can put your offering. Otherwise, it's just fine to continue sending your check in to the church, or set up regular giving with your bank. If you need help with how to set up giving with your bank, Amber is glad to talk with you.

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (<u>immanpres@gmail.com</u>).

#### **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

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