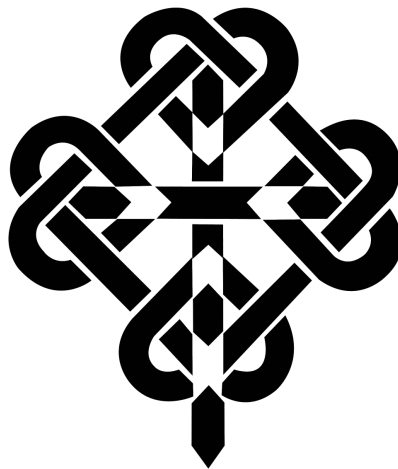


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

Summer Sermon Series
Great Stories, a Greater Savior

JULY 17, 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: *This Is My Father's World*
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

arr. Lopez
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CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Colossians 1:18

Howard Whitaker

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He is the head of the bod - y, the church; he, the be -

gin-ning, the first born son, so that he_ might come to be

1. first place _____ 2. in all _____ rit. things.

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand.)*

Pastor: Praise be to you, our Heavenly Father, from everlasting to everlasting.

All: Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power,

Pastor: And the glory and the majesty and the splendor.

All: For everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Pastor: You are exalted as head over all; you are ruler of all things.

All: Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

HYMN 100

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: God's Word assures us: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

All: And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God

Based on I John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

** Congregation stands.*

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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.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from 1 John 1:8-9*)

Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is true that “if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” But it is equally true, amazingly true, that “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand.*)

All: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory 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.)

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

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

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *My Lord, What a Mornin'*

H. T. Burleigh
SARAH HOLMAN

My Lord, what a mornin,
When the stars begin to fall.

Done quit all my worldly ways
Joined that heavenly band.

Oh, my Lord, what a mornin,
When the stars begin to fall.

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God_ from whom all bless - ings flow; praise Him_ all crea - tures here be -
low. Praise Him_ a - bove, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

* HYMN: *Be Thou My Vision*

HYMN 642

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: JOHN SCHUURMAN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 32:17-32*

¹⁷ He instructed the one in the lead: "When my brother Esau meets you and asks, 'Who do you belong to, and where are you going, and who owns all these animals in front of you?' ¹⁸ then you are to say, 'They belong to your servant Jacob. They are a gift sent to my lord Esau, and he is coming behind us.'"

¹⁹ He also instructed the second, the third and all the others who followed the herds: "You are to say the same thing to Esau when you meet him. ²⁰ And be sure to say, 'Your servant Jacob is coming behind us.'" For he thought, "I will pacify him with these gifts I am sending on ahead; later, when I see him, perhaps he will receive me." ²¹ So Jacob's gifts went on ahead of him, but he himself spent the night in the camp.

²² That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two female servants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴ So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with humans and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip. ³² Therefore to this day the Israelites do not eat the tendon attached to the socket of the hip, because the socket of Jacob's hip was touched near the tendon.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 12:6-10*

⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say, ⁷ or because of these surpassingly great revelations. Therefore, in order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Wrestling with God*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

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

HYMN 498

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Sarah Holman.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, Ron Netzel (RonNetzel@comcast.net) is available today and during the week.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

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**Food Pantry open
No Youth Group**

This Week

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

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open
Bible study @ Terra Vincent's**

In Immanuel and Beyond

Summer Art Series: We are building an art piece above the Communion table during the summer sermon series. Each week another work will be added to illustrate the Bible reading for that week. *Five Smooth Stones quilt* (David LaPlaca), *Tower of Babel photo collage* (Howie Whitaker), *The Ark in the Jordan painting* (Samantha Durbin), *One True King embroidery* (Rachel Ehorn), *Peniel calligraphy* (Bev Burch).

VBS JULY 25-29, 2022: Go to www.immanuelpresbyterian.net/vbs to register kids for VBS week!

Look for the donation board in the narthex for ways to contribute to VBS week through donations of supplies and financial support. Thanks!

July 30th, **PrimeTimers** will meet in the narthex at 10:00 a.m. Contact Alva Steffler (alvasteffler@yahoo.com) or sign up in the narthex.

Back-to-School Carnival for Johnson School—Saturday, August 6. School supplies for under-resourced third-graders are already being purchased. Donate for this outreach event in the box provided in the narthex or with a check with “Johnson School” in the memo line.

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