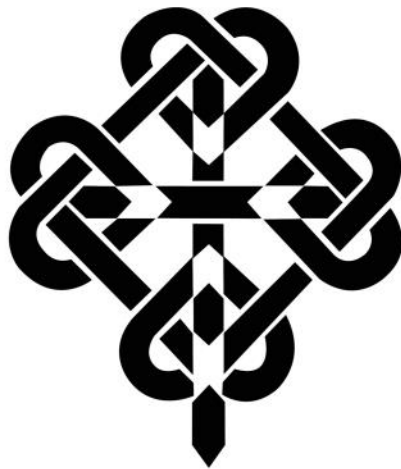


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

JULY 23, 2023

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

GATHERING MUSIC

HYMN REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

All: Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

All: For he is our God and we are the sheep of his pasture, the flock under his care.

* INVOCATION

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SARAH HOLMAN

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can heal and restore us.

All: We are not able to heal ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to forgive ourselves,

All: We are not able to restore ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to sanctify ourselves,

All: We are not able to satisfy ourselves.

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can make us whole.

Leader: Lord of light, enter our past, dispel the works of darkness,

All: Destroy the deeds of evil, defeat the thoughts of darkness.

Leader: Enter the recording room of our memories,

All: Enter the dark room of guilt and shame,

Leader: Enter the secret room of sins hidden or forgotten.

**All: Come, Lord of Light, and forgive.
Come, Lord of Love, and set us free.
Come and scatter our darkness.
Come, draw us closer to you.**

(adapted from "The Open Gate" by David Adam)

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Shine on Me* (Verse 1)

Refrain
Capo 1

(D) (F#m7) (Bm7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Bm7) (E7) (Em/A)
 Eb Gm7 Cm7 Eb/Bb AbM7 Gm7 Cm7 F7 Fm/Bb

Shine on me, shine on me; Je - sus, shine on me.

(Bb7) (D/A) (GM7) (F#m7) (Fm7) (Em7) (A7) (D) *Fine*
 B7 Eb/Bb AbM7 Gm7 Gbm7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

Through the dark - ness of my heart, Je - sus; shine on me.

(D) (Daug) (G) (D) (Bm) (D/A) (E/B) (A7)
 Eb Ebaug Ab Eb Cm Eb/Bb F/A Bb7

1 See my heart, for I re - pent; hear my hum - ble plea
 2 In your mer - cy I im - plore, make the dark - ness flee.
 3 New be - gin - nings light my way toward e - ter - ni - ty.

(D) (F#7) (G) (C#7) (F#m7) (B7) (Em7) (A7) (D) *Refrain*
 Eb G7 Ab D7 Gm7 C7 Fm7 Bb7 Eb

to re - new your cov - e - nant. Je - sus, shine on me.
 Heav'n - ly light up - on me pour. Je - sus, shine on me.
 Lead me in your light to - day. Je - sus, shine on me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Colossians 1:21- 22*)

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreprouchable before him.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us, who leads and feeds us, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, to him be glory and honor and praise throughout all generations. 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *This Little Light of Mine*

arr. Mark Patterson
FAMILY CHOIR

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

CHORUS: *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*

(Children come forward.)

Tell me the sto-ries of Je - sus, Just as his fol-low ers heard.

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff.

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Les-sons he taught his di - sci - ples, Writ-ten for us in His Word.

The second system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the treble staff. A measure rest '5' is placed above the first measure of the top staff.

PARABLE READING

JOHN SCHURMAN

(Children ages 3 through 1st grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: WILL DURBIN

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 55:6-11*

⁶ Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
⁷ Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the Lord.
⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**



1.O lift your eyes to Hea- ven, see The
 2.Now see the King who wears a crown, One
 3.Now see the Sav- ior lift - ed up, The



Ho - ly One e - ter - nal; Be - hold the Lord of Ma - je - sty Ex -
 made of shame and splin - ters; The sac - ri - fice for ru - ined man, The
 Lamb who reigns in splen - dor; The hope of ev - ery tribe and tongue His



al - ted in His tem - ple. As sym - pho nites of an - gels praise Now
 sub - sti - tute for sin - ners. As Earth is stained with roy - al blood And
 king - dom is for - e - ver. Bring praise and ho - nor to His courts, Bring



strain to sound His glo - ry; Come wor - ship, fall be - fore His grace The
 quakes with love and fu - ry; He breathes His last and bows His head The
 wis - dom, po - wer, bless - ing; For end - less a - ges we'll a - dore The



King in all His beau - ty. How wor - thy, How
 King in all His beau - ty.
 King in all His beau - ty.



wor - thy, How wor - thy: The King in all His beau - ty.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 18:21-35*

²¹ Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”

²² Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.

²³ “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him. ²⁵ Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.

²⁶ “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ ²⁷ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.

²⁸ “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.

²⁹ “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’

³⁰ “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. ³¹ When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.

³² “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. ³³ Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ ³⁴ In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.

³⁵ “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” NIV

SERMON: *Unmeasured Forgiveness*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing*

HYMN 384

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Lauren Mathues, family choir

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder **Ron Netzel** will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**

No Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**

Thursday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. **Bible Study at Terra's**

In Immanuel and Beyond

Children's Ministry 2023-2024 - Planning is underway for the upcoming year of children's ministry! We are so amazed by all that God is doing in children's ministry and within our families. Would you be willing to pray about joining our teams in some capacity? (Stay tuned: Next week Annika will provide specific areas where volunteers are needed.)

Sunday, July 30 9:30 a.m. **Book of Acts read aloud**
(lower level)

Threat and Response Briefing
(Ministry House)

Saturday, August 5 9:00 a.m. - noon **Back-to-School Carnival**
at Johnson elementary

Sunday, August 13 (evening) **Sing-Along Worship on the lawn**

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman,
Ron Netzel, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;
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