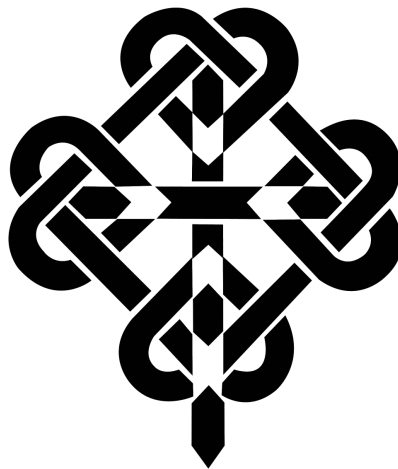


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

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 24, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP
July 24, 2022

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

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
first place in all things.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*)

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: We will exalt you, O God our King.

All: **And bless your name forever and ever.**

Leader: This day will we bless you.

All: **And praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

* *Congregation stands.*

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* Getty/Boswell/Kauflin/Merker/Papa



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
5 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That our souls to Him be
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
9 lives!" And what re-ward will hea-ven bring? Ev-er-last-ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise Who stands a -
12 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from HIS com-mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
16 death will be de-stroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is



Christ, in which we stand. _____ O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our
shore, the rock of Christ?
21 ours for - ev - er-more



hope springs e - ter-nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con
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fess Christ our hope in life and death.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: Our God, we come to you recognizing that we fail; our human flesh is weak, our sins are many. But we are assured that sincere confession is met by your saving forgiveness:

**People: Through your Son our sins are forgiven. For your mercies,
O God, we thank you.**

Leader: Our guilt is dealt with, our burdens are lifted, our lives begin again.
For your mercies, O God we thank you.

**People: Through your Spirit we know your presence, our loneliness is shared;
our blind eyes made to see, our love is rekindled. For your mercies,
O God, we thank you.**

Leader: You and you alone can heal, restore, forgive. Your compassion and your understanding seep into us, your wisdom enlightens us, new courage grips us, and we find your Spirit at work in us bringing together everything which was fractured by our selfishness and sin.

People: O Lord our God, to you be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Fa-ther, we have sinned in word, and deed, and thought: through

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ig-nor-ance, through weak-ness, through de-li-berate fault. We've

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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

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand.*)

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.)

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

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *As the Deer*

Martin Nystrom
arr. John Wilson
MARCUS MAYELL, violin

As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.
You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye!
You alone are my strength and shield; to you alone, may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship Thee.
I long to worship Thee.

* 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 Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

* HYMN: *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

Dawn Rodgers/Eric Wyse

1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re - deem - er and Friend; —
 2. Coun - se - lor, Com - fort - er, Keep - er, Spir - it we long to em brace; —
 3. Al - might - y, in - fi - nite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly lov - ing Your own; —

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Who would have thought that a Lamb could res - cue the souls of men? Oh, — You
 You of - fer hope when our hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way, Oh, — we
 Here in our weak - ness You find us fall - ing be - fore Your throne, Oh, — we're

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res - cue the souls of men. You are the One that we praise, — You are the
 hope - less - ly lost the way.
 fall - ing be - fore Your throne.

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One we a - dore. — You give the heal - ing and grace our hearts al - ways

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hun - ger for, — Oh, our hearts al - ways hun - ger for —

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MATHUES FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 4:1-16*

¹Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.¹¹ Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.¹² When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear.¹⁴ Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

¹⁵But the LORD said to him, "Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.¹⁶ So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Hebrews 11:1-4*

¹ Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. ² This is what the ancients were commended for.

³ By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

⁴ By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *What It Means to Keep One Another*

RON HAYDEN

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG

Sung to the tune Dundee

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.

And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

We're glad to have our own Ron Haydon to open God's Word for us today.

Though Dr. Haydon has been teaching mostly Old Testament at the college level in recent years, he's about to take up a new job as Upper School Bible Teacher at Naperville Christian Academy, where he will teach both Old and New Testament and direct chapel services. Ron and Julie and their son, Graham, have been part of the Immanuel family for more than a decade.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Marcus Mayell, Eric Durbin

Thanks for the Tech! We often mention our gratitude for the team of savvy helpers who make the sound system work on Sunday mornings as well as manage the livestream for those worshipping at home. If you see one of these behind-the-scenes servants, tell them thank you! Chris Danusiar, Henri Dietlin, John Economides, Marc Johnson, Doug Reneker, and Peter Welander

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, a prayer elder will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the service.



Stick around to help today?

Right after the service today we will transform the sanctuary (and other areas of the building) for VBS week, and we would love your help! Thanks!

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

Youth Group (Water Night—wear clothes you can get wet in.)

This Week

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - noon

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

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

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

VBS at Immanuel

Food Pantry open

Bible study @ Terra Vincent's

PrimeTimers Cathy Sayer will share her *This Is My Story*

Contact Alva Steffler at

alvasteffler@yahoo.com or sign up in the narthex today.

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), *Sin Is Crouching at the Door charcoal* (Luciana Balzer).

Back-to-School Carnival for Johnson School—Saturday, August 6. School supplies for under-resourced third-graders are already being purchased. Please 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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