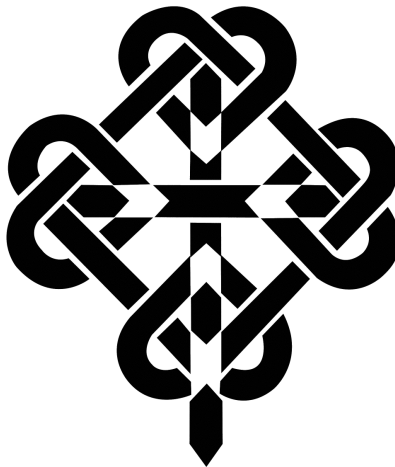


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

JULY 25, 2021



## 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: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is/Day by Day* arr. Kristin Campbell  
MIRIAM BUURSMAN, ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS AMBER JOHNSON

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP DAN BALZER

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

**All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.**

Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

**All: Let us remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God. He remembers his covenant forever.**

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God my Fa-ther, There is no shad-ow of  
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and springtime and har-vest, Sun, moon and stars in their  
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thy own dear pres-ence to

turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-pas-sions they fail not;  
 cours-es a-bove Join with all na-ture in man-i-fold wit-ness  
 cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright hope for to-mor-row,

*Refrain*

As Thou hast been Thou for-ev-er wilt be.  
 To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy and love. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!  
 Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have  
 need-ed Thy hand hath pro-vid-ed—Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

# WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (*From Colossians 3:5-10*)

DAN BALZER

Leader: Brothers and sisters, put to death whatever is earthly within you:

**People: Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.**

Leader: Because of these very things, the holy anger of God falls upon those who refuse to obey him.

**People: But now, put all these things behind you. No more evil temper or furious rage;**

Leader: No more malicious thoughts or words about others; no more thoughts or words belittling God's worth;

**People: No more filthy language. Stop telling lies, for you have finished with the old life and its ways.**

Leader: Let us confess before God our disobedience this past week, and our yearning to live according to our new nature in Christ.

## SONG OF CONFESSION

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly God, in love, be - came per - fect Man to bear my blame. On the cross He took my sin; by His death I live a - gain." The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

TEXT and MUSIC: Drew Jones and Bob Kauflin  
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from Psalm 130)*

Leader: People of God, put your hope in the Lord, for with the Lord is unfailing love, and with him there is full redemption. Hear God's forgiveness: The Lord himself will redeem you from all your sins through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

**All: To him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power 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.)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *I Will Praise Him, Still*

Fernando Ortega  
KARIN AND MIRIAM BUURSMAN

When the morning falls on the farthest hill  
I will sing His name, I will praise Him still.  
When dark trials come and my heart is filled  
With the weight of doubt, I will praise Him still.

For the Lord, our God, He is strong to save  
From the arms of death, from the deepest grave;  
And He gave us life in His perfect will,  
And by His good grace I will praise Him still.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNETTE LAPLACA

*(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing,  
then will be led to their children's worship space.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

\* HYMN: *Like a River Glorious*

1. Like a riv - er glo - rious is God's per - fect peace, o - ver all vic -  
 2. Hid - den in the hol - low of his bless - ed hand, nev - er foe can  
 3. Ev - ery joy or tri - al fall - eth from a - bove, traced up - on our

to - rious in its bright in - crease: per - fect, yet it flow - eth full - er  
 fol - low, nev - er trai - tor stand; not a surge of wor - ry, not a  
 di - al by the Sun of Love; we may trust him ful - ly all for

ev - ery day, per - fect, yet it grow - eth deep - er all the way.  
 shade of care, not a blast of hur - ry touch the spir - it there.  
 us to do; they who trust him whol - ly find him whol - ly true.

*Refrain*

Stayed up - on Je - ho - vah, hearts are ful - ly blest,

find - ing, as he prom - ised, per - fect peace and rest.

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: CHUCK AND KAREN KING

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 34:1-7*

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol the Lord at all times;  
his praise will always be on my lips.
- <sup>2</sup> I will glory in the Lord;  
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorify the Lord with me;  
let us exalt his name together.
- <sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me;  
he delivered me from all my fears.
- <sup>5</sup> Those who look to him are radiant;  
their faces are never covered with shame.
- <sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;  
he saved him out of all his troubles.
- <sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,  
and he delivers them.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Mark 8:22-26; 10:46-52*

<sup>22</sup> They came to Bethsaida, and some people brought a blind man and begged Jesus to touch him. <sup>23</sup> He took the blind man by the hand and led him outside the village. When he had spit on the man's eyes and put his hands on him, Jesus asked, "Do you see anything?"

<sup>24</sup> He looked up and said, "I see people; they look like trees walking around."

<sup>25</sup> Once more Jesus put his hands on the man's eyes. Then his eyes were opened, his sight was restored, and he saw everything clearly. <sup>26</sup> Jesus sent him home, saying, "Don't even go into the village."

<sup>46</sup> Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>47</sup> When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

<sup>48</sup> Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"



<sup>49</sup> Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” <sup>50</sup> Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

<sup>51</sup> “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

<sup>52</sup> “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Seeing Jesus*

SETH EHORN

## WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

\* CLOSING HYMN: *In Christ Alone*



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my  
 2. In Christ a-lone - who took on flesh, Ful-ness of  
 3. There in the ground His bo-dy lay, Light of the  
 2 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the  
 light, my strength, my song: this cor-ner stone, this sol-id  
 God in help-less babe. This gift of love and right-eous  
 world by dark-ness slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious  
 5 power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi-nal  
 ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm. What heights of  
 8 ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. till on that  
 day Up from the grave He rose a-gain! And as He  
 breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny. No power of  
 love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri-vings  
 11 cross, as Je-sus died, The wrath of God was sa-tis-stands in vic-to-ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on  
 hell, no scheme of man, Can e-ver pluck me from His  
 cease! My com- for- ter, my all in  
 13 fied; For ev-ery sin on Him was me, For I am His and He is  
 hand; Till He re- turns or calls me  
 all, here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ  
 home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **TODAY**

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Steve Westfall will be available at the front following the service.

**Thanks to our musicians:** Alethea Funck, Karin and Miriam Buursma  
Music is licensed.

**Thanks to our technical crew.**

**The Pentecost banners were created by Dottye Luttrell and Carol Wilhoit.**

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**

Thursday

7:00 p.m.      **Women's Bible Study** at Terra Vincent's home.

## **Coming**

Sunday, August 15

**Bridal shower for Esther Smoak**

Sunday, September 5

**Bridal shower for Julianne van Wyk**

(Gift registries for both brides can be found on [theknot.com](http://theknot.com))

**Giving Update** Your support of IPC's ministry through faithful giving continues to be strong, in spite of the pandemic! Giving for the first six months of 2021 was \$384,240—1.6% below the projected income for the period of \$390,500. That is quite remarkable, given that we have had to rely heavily on mailed (including online) contributions and have not yet started to take a "normal" offering during the worship service. In addition, giving to the Renovation project in the first half of 2021 totaled \$282,294—with total giving to the project since 2019 exceeding \$900,000.

*ELDERS*

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

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Katie Pickard,  
Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

*STAFF*

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;  
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;  
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

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