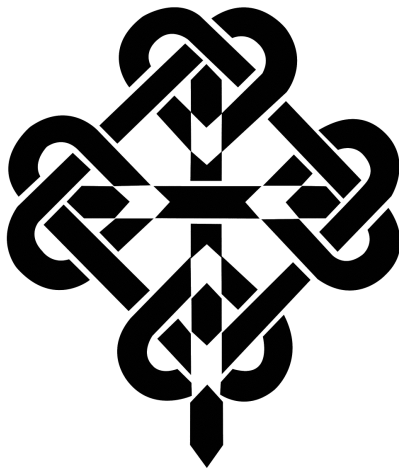


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

THE PARABLES OF JESUS

JUNE 18, 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

Music of the World Church

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*\* Congregation stands.*



You made the star-ry hosts, You traced the moun-tain peaks; You  
You reached in - to the dust; in love, Your Spi - rit breathed. You  
Let sym - pho-nies re-sound, Let drums and choirs ring out, All



paint the eve-ning sky with won-ders. The earth, it is Your throne, from  
formed us in your ve - ry like-ness. To know Your won-drous works, to  
heav - en hear the sound of wor-ship. Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its



de - sert to the sea; All na-ture tes - ti - fies Your splen-dor. Praise the  
tell Your won-drous deeds; To join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus:  
hon - ors to the King; a roar of har-mo-nies e - ter - nal.



Lord, Praise the Lord; sing His great - ness all cre - a - tion. Praise the



Lord, raise your voice; you heights and all you depths, from fur - thest east to



west, let ev - 'ry thing that has breath praise the Lord.

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHERINE ANDERSON

Leader: The psalmist testifies:  
Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened.**

Leader: But truly God has listened;  
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**People: Praise be to God,  
because he has not rejected my prayer  
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

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

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV from *The Worship Sourcebook*

SONG OF CONFESSION: *The Gospel Song* (Sing 2 times)

Bob Kauflin, Drew Jones

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.

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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

**All:** Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing. 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: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

arr. Larry Sue  
BUURSMA AND DURBIN FAMILIES, handbells

\* 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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR HARVEY MYOUGEUN MAYELL

*(Children come forward.)*

BAROCHA

Michael Card

The Lord bless you and keep you. The  
 The Lord be gra - cious to you. The  
 3 We wel - come you to Im - man - u - el. We  
 Lord make His face shine up - on you, and give you peace,  
 Lord turn His face to - ward you, and give you peace,  
 6 pledge to raise you; may you know well God's per - fect peace,  
 and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.  
 and give you peace, and give you peace for - ev - er.  
 God's per - fect peace, God's per - fect peace for - ev - er.

PARABLE READING

RACHEL EHORN

*(Children ages 3 through 1st grade are dismissed.)*

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

\* HYMN: *Lord, Whose Then Shall They Be?*



1. Lord, whose then shall they be, These  
 2. We trust earth's tran - sient gifts To  
 3. But noth - ing born of earth Un -  
 4. O Christ, who of - fered all, Teach  
 5. Help us to hold in trust The



treas - ured goods we store? Shall all the wealth we  
 feed and sat - is - fy, To form a rock on  
 shak - en can a - bide. Like sand it soon is  
 us the truth a - gain: That on - ly what we  
 treas - ured goods we store And share them where you



gain and guard Be - yond a day en - dure?  
 which to stand Un - til, at last, we die.  
 swept a - way In time's swift, swirl - ing tide.  
 give in love Shall through all time a - bide.  
 bid us serve The dis - pos - sessed and poor.



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 Tune: SOUTHWELL, SM; Daman's *Psalms*, 1579, alt.

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## **WE HEAR GOD SPEAK**

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 12:13-21*

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup> “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’”

<sup>20</sup> “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup> “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.” NIV

SERMON: *What Really Matters*

## **WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *Like a River Glorious*

HYMN 699

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **TODAY**

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Seth Ehorn, Nathaniel Holman, Ellie Durbin, Buursma family, Durbin family

**If you would like someone to pray with you after the service,** Sarah Holman will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open  
NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT**

## **This Week**

Tuesday

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

**Food Pantry open**

Thursday

6:30 p.m.  
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Softball game** at Grace Church of Du Page  
**Bible Study at Terra's**

## **In Immanuel and Beyond**

Sunday, June 25, 9:30 a.m.

**International Café breakfast with Zagamis**

Tuesday, June 27, 5:30 p.m.

**Northside park bring-your-own picnic  
with Zagamis**

Wednesday, June 28, 6 - 9 p.m.

**Reception for Lillian (Smoak) Cordova  
at Spradleys**

Sundays, July 9-30, 9:30 a.m.

**Book of Acts read aloud**

July 9, noon

**Bring-your-own picnic lunch with Smoaks**

July 15-21

**High School Mission Trip to Mexico**

## Why do we baptize infants?

In our culture today, we are not accustomed to thinking of the head of a household as deciding the spiritual commitments of all its dependent members. However, the biblical perspective is that the head of a household represents the family to God and commits them to his worship. The representative role of heads of households has great Scriptural precedent and rich implications in both the Old and New Testaments. (cf Eph. 5:25-27; Heb. 11:7)

Does the requirement of faith for salvation preclude the possibility of administering a covenant sign to children of believers? It did not in the Old Testament practice of circumcision, and the New Testament tells us why. The apostle Paul says in the book of Romans that circumcision was a “seal” as well as a “sign” of the righteousness that Abraham had by faith (Rom 4:11).

The seal acted as a visible pledge by the author to honor what He had covenanted to do in a document when the conditions it described were met. Like the seal of a document, the seal of circumcision could be applied long before the recipients of promised and signified blessing met the conditions of the covenant.

The Apostle Paul was very explicit about the continuation of the Abrahamic covenant and proclaimed, “Those who believe are children of Abraham” (Gal. 3:7). He goes on to say that the law of Moses “does not set aside the covenant previously established by God. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise” (Gal.3:17,29). Since the shedding of Christ’s blood to remove our sin was prefigured by circumcision, baptism with water has become the sign of the washing away of our sin (cf. Acts 22:6; 16:1; I Cor. 6:11; Heb. 9:14). While the sign of the covenant changes, the features of the covenant do not.

In addition to baptism as the new sign and seal of God’s covenant promise, we also feel there is other Scriptural evidence to embrace this sacrament for infants. If the apostles had chosen to exclude infants from baptism, such an important change would have been recorded. The absence of a scriptural command to prohibit administering the sign of the covenant to children after two thousand years of observing such a practice weighs significantly against the view that the apostles wanted only those who were able to profess their faith to be baptized. In fact, when we read the New Testament accounts of baptism, every person identified as having a household present at his or her conversion also had the entire household baptized.

Finally, the devotion of the parents who present their children for baptism places each child in a privileged position both to hear and to understand the truths of the Gospel. The parents together with the covenant community of the church provide spiritual nurture and instruction for the child. The child is surrounded and embraced by the testimony of Christ at every turn in life. In this atmosphere, faith generally germinates and matures so that it is possible, even common, for the children of Christian parents never to know a day that they do not believe that Jesus is their Savior and Lord. Such covenantal growth of a child is, in fact, *the normal Christian life* that God intends for his people based on the Biblical account of his covenant with them throughout history. Thus we consider it a privilege to baptize Harvey Myougeun Mayell this morning.

Adapted from *Why Do We Baptize Infant*  
by Bryan Chapell

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