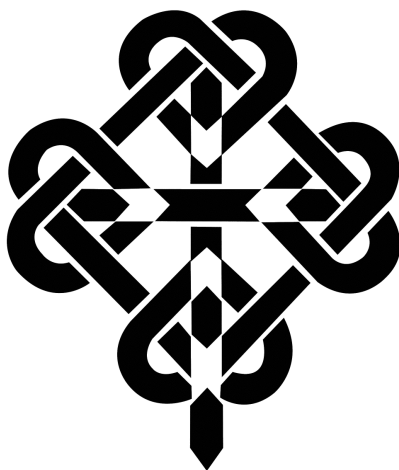


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

**CITIZENS OF HEAVEN**

Lent 2023

MARCH 12, 2023



## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *For the Beauty of the Earth*  
*May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Make a Joyful Noise*

Karle Erickson  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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

Pastor: This day will we bless you.

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

### \* INVOCATION

### \* OPENING HYMN: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

HYMN 92

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

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

*Stanzas 1,2,3*

O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,

And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;

Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for -

sak - en: 1. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
 2. Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
 3. Your peace be with us, Je - sus!

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.”

\* HYMN OF ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

HYMN 735

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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: *Psalm 130*

John Ferguson  
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Out of the depths I cry to you:  
O Savior, hear me calling.  
Lord, hear my voice,  
Let your ears consider  
the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
who, Lord, who could stand?  
For there is forgiveness with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the Lord,  
my soul waits for the Lord,  
whose word is my hope.

\* DOXOLOGY

HYMN 732

**All: Praise God from whom all blessing flow;  
Praise him all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

SHEROLL RITCHIE

\* SONG: *The Servant Song*

E $\flat$ (D)                      A $\flat$ (G)                      B $\flat$ 7(A7) E $\flat$ (D)                      Cm(Bm)

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Fm7(Em7)                      B $\flat$ (A)                      A $\flat$ (G)                      B $\flat$ 7(A7) E $\flat$ (D)                      A $\flat$ (G)                      B $\flat$ 7(A7) E $\flat$ (D)

Christ to you?                      Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road.                      We are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear.                      I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you.                      I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you?                      Pray that I may have the grace to

Fm(Em)    A $\flat$ (G)                      B $\flat$ 7(A7)    E $\flat$ (D)

let you be my ser - vant too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant too.

Text and music: Richard Gillard, harm. Betty Pulkingham  
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## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: SAMANTHA AND ABIGAIL DURBIN

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 16*

<sup>1</sup> Keep me safe, my God,  
for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;  
apart from you I have no good thing."

<sup>3</sup> I say of the holy people who are in the land,  
"They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight."

<sup>4</sup> Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.  
I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods  
or take up their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup> Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;  
you make my lot secure.

<sup>6</sup> The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
surely I have a delightful inheritance.

<sup>7</sup> I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;  
even at night my heart instructs me.

<sup>8</sup> I keep my eyes always on the Lord.  
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;  
my body also will rest secure,

<sup>10</sup> because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,  
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 22:23-33*

<sup>23</sup> That same day the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him with a question. <sup>24</sup> "Teacher," they said, "Moses told us that if a man dies without having children, his brother must marry the widow and raise up offspring for him. <sup>25</sup> Now there were seven brothers among us. The first one married and died, and since he had no children, he left his wife to his brother. <sup>26</sup> The same thing happened to the second and third brother, right on down to the seventh. <sup>27</sup> Finally, the woman died. <sup>28</sup> Now then, at the resurrection, whose wife will she be of the seven, since all of them were married to her?"

<sup>29</sup> Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God. <sup>30</sup> At the resurrection people will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will

be like the angels in heaven. <sup>31</sup> But about the resurrection of the dead—have you not read what God said to you, <sup>32</sup> ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob’? He is not the God of the dead but of the living.”

<sup>33</sup> When the crowds heard this, they were astonished at his teaching. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Recognizing Fellow Citizens*

**WE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* CLOSING HYMN: *We Are God's People*

HYMN 355

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

**TODAY**

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Immanuel choir.

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

Stay after church for an **International Café** lunch and an update from those who joined our missionaries, the Burdsalls for a week. Priscilla Heidebrecht, Joy Hudson, Mona Reinhard, Kent Richter and Linda Robinson will give us a brief rundown of their time in London.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Youth Group (Ministry House)**

**An Immanuel Easter tradition:** If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter by providing a flowering plant in memory of a loved one, sign up in the narthex to purchase one today or next Sunday. The cost of the plant is \$15; you may take your plant home on Easter morning.



## This Week

Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Women's Bible Study</b> (childcare) <b>Food Pantry open</b> <b>Women's Bible Study</b> <b>Men's Book Group</b>
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	<b>Mom Talk</b> (childcare)
Friday	7:00 p.m.	<b>Taize service</b>

## In Immanuel and Beyond

**Taize services for Lent:** On the next two Fridays, March 17 and 24, we'll worship together in the sanctuary with **Lenten Taize services** beginning at 7 p.m. These are short services with quiet times of singing and prayer, focusing on our need for the Savior.

**More coffee helpers are needed** for Sunday mornings. If you can take a turn, contact Joy Hudson.

**Pizza and Games, Sunday, March 19, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited.

**A memorial service for Dottie Luttrell will be held on Saturday, March 25, at 11:00 a.m.** at Immanuel with the family receiving friends beginning at 9:30 a.m. and light lunch to follow the service. Please wear bright colors in honor of Dottie. If you are unable to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts be made to Immanuel Presbyterian Church designated for the food pantry.

Save the Date: **VBS June 26-30**

## NOTES

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*ELDERS*

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

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,  
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, 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;  
Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

*STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS*

*Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca*