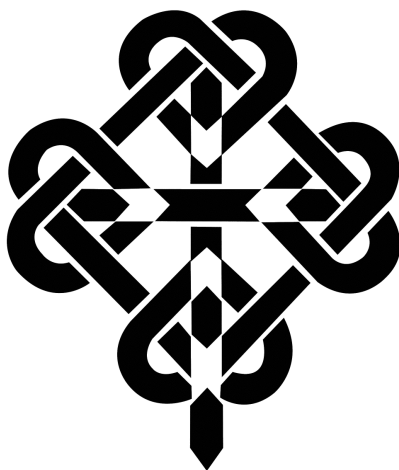


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

Lent 2023

MARCH 19, 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

PRELUDE: *Solemn Prelude*
The Divine Sacrifice

Charles Callahan

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant. Since he has died for our sins, those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance promised them.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Pastor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; with Christ he will surely give us all things that we may glorify him. Praise the Lord.

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Behold Our God (verse 1)*



1. Who has held the oceans in His hands? Who has numbered
 2. Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question
 3. Who has felt the nails upon His hands, Bearing all the

ev - ery grain of sand? Kings and na - tions trem - ble at His voice.
 an - y of His words? Who can teach the one who knows all things?
 guilt of sin - ful man? God e - ter - nal, hum - bled to the grave.

All cre - a - tion ris - es to re - joi - ce. Be - hold our
 Who can fath - om all His won - drous deeds?
 Je - sus, Sav - ior ris - en now to reign!

God, seat - ed on His throne. Come let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our

King. No - thing can com - pare. Come, let us a - dore Him!

Him! Let your glo - ry fill the earth
 You will reign for - ev - er.

Let your glo - ry fill the earth Let your
 You will reign for - ev - er You will reign for

glo - ry fill the earth_ Let your glo - ry fill Be - hold our
 ev - er_ You will reign for - ev - er_

God. Seat-ed on His throne. Come, let us a - dore Him. Be - hold our

King. No - thing can com pare. Come, let us a - dore_ Him!

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHERINE ANDERSON

Leader: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

People: love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Leader: Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

People: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Leader: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

People: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

People: let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Leader: Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *O Lamb of God Most Holy!*

Nickolaus Decius

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 Isaiah 53)

Leader: Receive God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ: he has taken up your infirmities and carried your sorrows; he was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities; upon him was the punishment that brings you peace and by his wounds you are healed. 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Glory*

Nicole Nordeman
CHRIS AND RACHEL GILMORE

One day eyes that are blind will see You clearly.
One day all who deny will finally believe.
One day hearts made of stone will break in pieces.
One day chains once unbroken will fall down at Your feet.
So we wait for that one day, come quickly.

We wanna see Your glory.
Every knee falls down before Thee.
Every tongue offers You praise with every hand raised,
Singing glory to You and unto You only.
We'll sing glory to Your name.

One day voices that lie will all be silenced.
One day all that's divided will be whole again.
One day death will retreat and wave its white flag.
One day love will defeat the strongest enemy.
So we wait for that one day, come quickly.

We know not today or the hour
Or the moments in between,
But we know the end of the story
When we'll see Your glory.

Every knee falls down before Thee.
Every tongue offers You praise with every hand raised.
Singing glory to You and unto You only,
We'll sing glory to Your name, oh one day.

**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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

RON NETZEL

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* HYMN: *Holy, Holy, Holy*

HYMN 100

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: CLAIRE AND FIONA LEDINGHAM

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Deuteronomy 34:1-8*

¹ Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the Lord showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan, ² all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea, ³ the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar. ⁴ Then the Lord said to him, "This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, 'I will give it to your descendants.' I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it."

⁵ And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in Moab, as the Lord had said. ⁶ He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is. ⁷ Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes

were not weak nor his strength gone. ⁸ The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 8:18-25*

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Processing Life on Earth as Heavenly Citizens*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

HYMN 296

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Zak Reynolds, Chris and Rachel Gilmore, Russ Adkins, Andrew Howe, Nathaniel Holman, Immanuel orchestra

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

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open
Youth Group hosts all-church pizza
and games in the lower level

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. **This will be the last Sunday we can accept orders.** The cost of the plant is \$15; you may take your plant home on Easter morning.

Sign up today for Symbolic Seder Supper on Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m.

This Week

Tuesday	9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (childcare) Food Pantry open Women's Bible Study
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Friday	7:00 p.m.	Taize service
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Saturday **Memorial service for Dottie Luttrell:** The family will begin receiving friends at 9:30 a.m. **The memorial service will begin at 11:00 a.m.** A light lunch will 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 designated for the food pantry.

A personal note from Lew: So many of you have prayed for and with Dottie and me over the past couple of years, and now, so many beautiful and touching cards are arriving that I just can't thank each of you individually. Please accept my thanks for the support and prayers I have received both in person and in the mail. I am overwhelmed with your love and care for us. We have been superbly pastored by you.

Lew Luttrell - Philippians 1:3-6

In Immanuel and Beyond

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

Communion set-up: If you would be interested in helping with Communion set-up, please contact Becky Eggimann (becky.eggimann@wheaton.edu)

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 Ehorn (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*

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