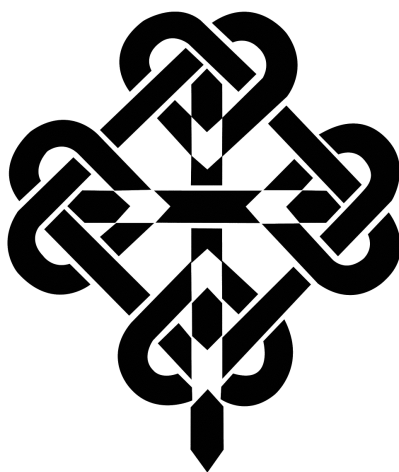


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

Lent 2023

MARCH 5, 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

ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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: *Before the Throne of God Above*

Vikki Cook

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,
strong, a per - fect plea, A great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
6 spot - less Right - eous - ness; The great un change - a - ble I
"Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
9 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him
grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
12 self I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased with His
heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free; For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
15 blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
Him and par - don me, to look on
17 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my
bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. (Isaiah 53: 6, NIV)

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found.

(Psalm 32:1 - 6, NIV)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (Please stand.) Franz Schubert
(Communion book, p. 20)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

* APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell,
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

** universal*

* 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: *Come, Lord Jesus*

KENT RICHTER

Imagine, o child of the morally weary soul,
In heav'n your mind and will made whole,
Hope and knowledge sure,
Each desire and choice now free and pure,
New understanding and innocence reclaimed,
Robed in righteousness, naked and unashamed ...
The Spirit and the Bride say: "Veni,
Veni Domine Jesu!"

Imagine, o world made holy by holy grace,
We dare at last to see God's face!
That churning human sea
Risking glimpses of wild divinity,
Their wonder kindled from love-burnt eyes
Explodes into "Holy! Holy! Holy! Cries ...
The Spirit and the Bride say: "Veni,
Veni Domine Jesu!"

Imagine, o people, the people gathered above
From every age by the Savior's love,
Every tribe and race
Calling aloud their united song of grace,
The martyrs, the sinners – their lessons sung
In every earthly language by every sainted tongue ...
The Spirit and the Bride say: "Veni,
Veni Domine Jesu!"

DIACONAL PRAYER

DEE NETZEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

(Children may return to their seats.)

* HYMN: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

HYMN 644

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: DEAN AND KAREN MILLER

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 91:9-16*

⁹ If you say, "The Lord is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
no disaster will come near your tent.
¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹² they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
¹⁴ "Because he loves me," says the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 3:1-4*

¹ Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Thinking of Our Heavenly Citizenship*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please **approach the tables from the center aisles**, and we ask that you **return to your seats on the outside aisles**.

If you would rather not go to the front, please feel free to remain seated.
Tell an usher if you would like to be served in your seat.

If you would like to be seated at the lower tables,
just take a seat in the front row while you wait for openings at those tables.

Gluten-free bread is available at the table in the balcony.
Please feel free to partake of the elements as you feel led.

If you prefer to be served by an elder who is wearing a face mask and gloves please indicate that to the usher at the front of the sanctuary.

During Communion, Sharon and Ken Wolgemuth will be available on the stair landings at the back of the sanctuary if you would like prayer.

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.)

Behold the Lamb	page 6
Eat This Bread	page 15
What Wondrous Love Is This?	page 45
God to Enfold You	page 18
Table of Plenty	page 39
I Am the Bread of Life	page 23

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder *Bill France* will be available to pray with you near the platform.

Thanks to our musicians: *Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Kent Richter.*

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Evening Mom Talk

The rosebud at the front of the sanctuary this morning is welcoming **Harvey Myoungun Mayell** born on Tuesday, newborn son of Marcus and Grace, and brother of Verity.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

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

Food Pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Evening Women's Bible Study

Friday

7:00 p.m.

Taize Service

Saturday

10:00 - noon

Choir Workshop (March 10)

IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Plan to stay after worship next Sunday, March 12, to hear a report from our Fab Five who traveled with a group from our presbytery to visit and support our missionaries Scott and Colleen Burdsalls, who work among a Muslim immigrant population in London. A light lunch will be provided! International Cafe is careful to start and end within an hour. We'll start about minutes after the end of the worship service, so come on down!

Join us for Pizza and Games on Sunday evening, March 19, beginning at 5:30. The youth group are sharing in the hosting duties, but all the church is invited. There'll be board games, group games, and video games. Come for the fun!

Prayers during Communion

Prayer to begin a new life in Christ

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman, Ron Netzel,
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*

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*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;
Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

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