

IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



THE TOOLS OF SPIRITUAL RENOVATION
— LENTEN SERMON SERIES —

March 8, 2020

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children's Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we'll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

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: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*
I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Phemister
Helvey

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Gather Us in Mercy, Lord*

Cantor/All repeat

Gath - er us in mer - cy, Lord.

Cantor/All repeat

From the depths we cry to you.

* 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

* OPENING SONG: *Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights*

1 Through-out these Lent - en days and nights we turn to walk the
 2 The pil - grim Christ, the Lamb of God, who found in weak-ness
 3 We bear the si - lence, cross and pain of hu - man bur - dens,
 4 And though the road is hard and steep, the Spir - it ev - er

in - ward way, where, meet - ing Christ, our guide and light, we
 great - er power, em - brac - es us, though lost and flawed, and
 hu - man strife, while sis - ters, bro - thers help sus - tain our
 calls us on through Cal - vary's dy - ing, dark and deep, un -

live in hope till Eas - ter day. (till Eas - ter day.)
 leads us to his ris - ing hour. (his ris - ing hour.)
 cou - rage till the feast of life. (the feast of life.)
 til we see the com - ing dawn. (the com - ing dawn.)

for canon only

5 So let us choose the path of one
 who wore for us the crown of thorn,
 and slept in death that we might wake
 to life on Resurrection Morn!

6 Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing
 and shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
 For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings,
 on Easter day will live again!

WE ARE RENEWED BY 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 1 John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

SONG OF CONFESSION

The musical notation consists of three staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The first staff is divided into two parts: the first part is labeled 'Cantor' and the second part is labeled 'All'. The lyrics for the first staff are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The second staff is also divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics for the second staff are 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Chri - ste e - le - i - son.' The third staff is divided into two parts: 'Cantor' and 'All'. The lyrics for the third staff are 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' followed by 'Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with quarter and eighth notes.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God, the Creator, brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who is able to keep us from falling and to present us before his glorious presence without guilt and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power, and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! 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: *Blessed Is the One*

Craig Courtney
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven.
Blessed is the one whose sins are covered,
the one to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
in whose spirit is no guile.

You are my hiding place.
You will preserve me from trouble,
surrounding me with songs of deliverance.

When mighty waters rise,
they will not reach me.

* DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs to continue their worship.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN: *Spirit of the Living God*

HYMN 726

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 143*

Baptismal side:

Lord, hear my prayer,
listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness
come to my relief.
Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.

Pulpit side:

*The enemy pursues me,
he crushes me to the ground;
he makes me dwell in the darkness
like those long dead.
So my spirit grows faint within me;
my heart within me is dismayed.*

Baptismal side:

I remember the days of long ago;
I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done.
I spread out my hands to you;
I thirst for you like a parched land.

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Pulpit side:

*Answer me quickly, Lord;
my spirit fails.*

*Do not hide your face from me
or I will be like those who go down to the pit.*

*Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.*

*Show me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my life.*

Baptismal side:

Rescue me from my enemies, Lord,
for I hide myself in you.

Teach me to do your will
for you are my God;
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Pulpit side:

*For your name's sake, Lord, preserve my life;
in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble*

*In your unfailing love, silence my enemies;
destroy all my foes,
for I am your servant. NIV*

(Reading in unison.)

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 4:4-9*

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵ Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹ Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Prayer in Relationship*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise*

HYMN 388

* BENEDICTION

All: Almighty God, our Great Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing to live and witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, your first born Son, and our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Pastor: All our problems

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All our difficulties

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All the devil's works

All: We send to the cross of Christ.

Pastor: All our hopes

All: We set on the Risen Christ.

Pastor: Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, who is the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. Amen.

Adapted from the Kenyan book of Common Prayer

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Sheroll Ritchie will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Chuck King, John Zimmerman, Immanuel choir

11:10 a.m.

Sunday School

No Adult Education, no high school Sunday school

Congregational Meeting (Part 2) Meets in the sanctuary.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

2:00 p.m.

Iglesia Roca Eterna

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group in the Ministry House

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	11:00 - 1:00 p.m.	No Women's Bible Studies this week Food Pantry
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Book group (<i>Pastor's office</i>) Pioneer Clubs
Wednesday	6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper and Vespers
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
Saturday	10:00 a.m. - noon	Prime Timer's "This Is My Story"

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

God's Renovation Work in Us: Out in the Gathering Place, pick up a little booklet of short testimonies from Immanuel friends about how God has worked renovation of the soul in unexpected ways.

Easter flowers: If you would like to help decorate our sanctuary for Easter, beginning next Sunday, March 15, you may purchase a blooming plant in memory of a loved one. The cost of the plant is \$12 and you may take your plant home following the Easter service. *The last day to order is March 29.*

Lenten Soup suppers will be held at 6:00 p.m., every Wednesday in Lent, through April 1, vespers to follow. You will have an opportunity to sign up the Sunday before each one. Sign up today for this Wednesday, indicating if you can bring bread.

Saturday, March 14, 10:00 a.m. - noon: **Prime Timers "This Is My Story."**
Sign up today if you'd like to attend.

Sign up today for Fellowship Dinners: Join us Saturday, March 21, for a Fellowship Dinner. Choose from two options. Adults are welcome in groups of about eight for potluck dinners at 6:00 hosted in homes. Immanuel friends of all ages are welcome for a potluck supper/games night at the church beginning at 5:30. Sign up in the Gathering Place on today or next Sunday, March 15, if you'd like to attend a dinner or to host a meal in your home. Questions? Ask Dottie Mann or Amy Treier!

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
SESSION 4 • February 23—April 5

No class today.
Congregational meeting in sanctuary.

Traveling through Another Dimension: Christians, Culture, and the Twilight Zone

Michael Kendrick and Ron Netzel
meets in the Sanctuary

This class will explore topics and ways how Christians can engage our friends and co-workers as we talk about questions of “fairness” (or justice) and “does the punishment fit the crime.” We will revive the class previously run by Roger Lundin and Michael Kendrick, as a way to have this dialogue, as a tribute to Roger, and as a mechanism to connect with our world about Christ.

Michael Kendrick just celebrated with Andrea their 30th year as Immanuel members. He is proud to say he has four generations of family at our church. He has taught several Sunday School classes during the past few decades, including a couple courses on the Christian Year. This will be his third offering on the Twilight Zone, a remarkable television series that continues to be timely and relevant today. (And yes, he has watched all 156 episodes!)

Ron Netzel has been a member of Immanuel for several years. He is married to Dee and has one daughter, Sophie. He attended Wheaton College where he first learned about how God writes our story and the importance of listening to God’s writing of his Story in our daily lives.

Following Jesus Then and Now: Discipleship According to the Gospel of Matthew

Anna Gissing
meets in the Ministry House

Discipleship is a “churchy” word, but it hasn’t always been that way. What did it mean to be a disciple in the first century? In this class, we’ll consider portraits of discipleship in the Gospel of Matthew in light of relevant concepts in other Jewish movements. What does it mean to be a disciple now? We’ll end each session with a brief discussion about how these Scripture passages help us follow Jesus today.

Anna Moseley Gissing is associate editor for IVP Academic, where she acquires and develops projects in biblical studies and related disciplines. She is married to Jeff and is mama to Nathan and Eliza. The Gissings have been at Immanuel since they moved to Wheaton in 2017.

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