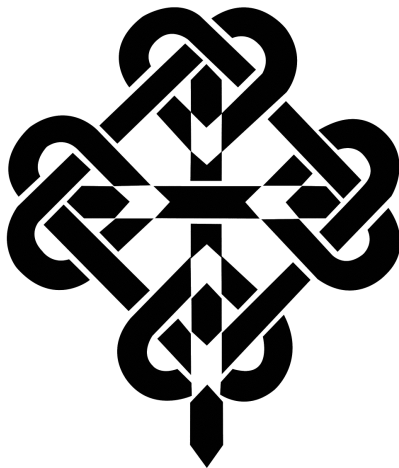


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

MAY 1, 2022

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: *How Beautiful*

Twila Paris
SAMUEL REICH

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

CARL PICKARD

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

People: Together we will praise our Creator, who does all things well.

Pastor: His name is Mighty God; his works are a marvel to us.

People: Therefore let us recount his deeds with great joy.

All: Praise the Lord.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*



1. See — what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the
 2. See — Mar - y weep - ing, "Where — is He laid?" as in
 3. One — with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem.
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



Fold - ed the grave clothes, tomb — filled with light, as the
 Hears — a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name. It's the
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise to the



an - gels an - nounce "Christ is ris - en!"
 Mas - ter, the Lord, raised to life — a - gain!
 King, crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



See God's sal - va - tion — plan wrought in
 The voice that spans the — years, speak - ing
 And we are raised with — Him, death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice. Ful - filled in
 life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us -- will sound till
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ the — Man, for He lives, Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 He ap - pears, for He lives, Christ is ris - en from the dead.
 reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is ris - en from the dead.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KEN WOLGEMUTH

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.

Based on I John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

SONG OF CONFESSION: *His Mercy Is More* (Sing verse 1 only)



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His



ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;— Our
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;—
 stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford;—



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!—



His mer - cy is more—— Stron - ger than dark - ness,



new ev' - ry morn;— Our



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

* ACCLAMATION: *(Please stand.)*

All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever 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.)

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR CHILDREN

ANGELA WISDOM

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

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERING: *Worthy Is the Lamb!*

Lloyd Larson
JOEL AND KARIN BUURSMAN

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
To receive glory and honor!
You created all things;
By your will they were created.
By your blood we have redemption.
Praise the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world!

Worthy is the Lamb
To receive power and wisdom and strength.
All glory, honor, and praise!
Worthy is the Lamb of God!

* DOXOLOGY

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

LEON SINCLAIR

* HYMN: *The Strife Is O'er*

HYMN 275

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: ANNA AND LIBBY PERSONIUS

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 25:1-8*

¹ Lord, you are my God;
I will exalt you and praise your name,
for in perfect faithfulness
you have done wonderful things,
things planned long ago.
² You have made the city a heap of rubble,
the fortified town a ruin,
the foreigners' stronghold a city no more;
it will never be rebuilt.
³ Therefore strong peoples will honor you;
cities of ruthless nations will revere you.
⁴ You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the storm
and a shade from the heat.
For the breath of the ruthless
is like a storm driving against a wall
⁵ and like the heat of the desert.
You silence the uproar of foreigners;
as heat is reduced by the shadow of a cloud,
so the song of the ruthless is stilled.
⁶ On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸ he will swallow up death forever.
The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.
The Lord has spoken.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:1-5*

¹ For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. ² Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, ³ because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. ⁴ For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵ Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Death: The Great Omnivore*

JOHN SCHURMAN

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *In Christ Alone*

Keith and Kristyn Getty



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my
2. In Christ a - lone - who took on flesh, Ful - ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
2 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the
light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe. This gift of love and right - eous
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
5 power of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal
ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm. What heights of
ness, Scorned by the ones He came to save. till on that
day Up from the grave He rose a - gain! And as He
8 breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No power of
love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when stri - vings
cross, as Je - sus died, The wrath of God was sa - tis -
fies in vic - to - ry Sin's curse has lost its grip on
11 hell, no scheme of man, Can e - ver pluck me from His
cease! My com - fer - ter, my all in
fied; For ev - ery sin on Him was
me, For I am His and He is
13 hand; Till He re - turns or calls me
all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.
mine Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ
home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to John Schuurman for preaching today in Pastor George's absence. John is "Minister Emeritus" at Wheaton Christian Reformed Church, which he served for twenty-two years. Prior to entering the ministry, John taught, did newspaper work, and acted and directed for live theater.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, Leon Sinclair (leon.sinclair@att.net) is available today and during the week.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Samuel Reich, Sylvia Eltherington, Joel and Karin Buursma, Vic Mala, Kent Richter, Nathaniel Holman, Michael Dietrich

Have you downloaded the Instant Church Directory to your phone? What a great tool! There are printed instructions in the narthex and Lauren Mathues will be available today if you need some help setting it up.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group at the Ministry House (Game Night)

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study (Galatians)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study (Psalms)

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

Food pantry open

7:00 p.m.

Men's Book Group

Wednesday 9:30 a.m.

Mom Talk

In Immanuel and Beyond

The PrimeTimers' "This Is My Story" event has been rescheduled. On Saturday, May 14, we will meet in the narthex to hear from Brian and Kathy Wetters. Look for the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Mark your calendars for VBS 2022! After two summers "off," we are excited to bring VBS back to Immanuel during the week of July 25-29. Child registration will open in late May. If you are interested in serving in some capacity during VBS week, please contact Annika ASAP to assist her planning. Email or call/text: annikadurbin@gmail.com or (630) 207-3230.

Congratulations to our college graduates!

Charlie Adkins (Purdue): Charlie will be coming back to Chicago-land to use his degree in mechanical engineering (and minors in math and music) with a firm in the city.

Serena Balzer (McMaster University, Ontario, Canada): After time off for traveling this summer, Serena will begin working as a business development analyst for the Renewable Energy Group in Iowa.

Shayne Bower (Wheaton) Shayne will be staying in the Wheaton area for the summer. She is graduating with a degree in Geology and is looking for a job in the geosciences.

Anna Claire Fulcher (Wheaton): Anna Claire will be married in late May in Pennsylvania. She's in search of a job teaching music.

Grace Kenyon (Wheaton): Grace will be attending the University of Missouri to work on a two-year MA in journalism.

Noah Kim (Wheaton) Noah will take two gap years working as a research coordinator in Maryland before applying to medical school. He hopes to get involved with the church his parents have recently joined.

Samuel Reich (Wheaton): Samuel will be starting a two-year MA in Classics at Notre Dame next fall.

Felicity Roche (Wheaton): After time with grandparents in Massachusetts this summer, Felicity will be student-teaching locally this fall.

Christian Rothrock (Wheaton): After getting married in June, he will be moving to Columbus, Ohio to work for Nationwide Children's Hospital as a project manager.

Luke Rutt (Wheaton): Luke Rutt will be attending University of Southern Florida to work on a two-year MA program in saxophone performance in hopes of joining the Air Force Band.

Joanna Sire (Wheaton): Joanna will be teaching K-4 general music and 5-12 choral music at Westminster Christian School in Elgin.

Emily Stier (Wheaton): Emily will be attending Wheaton College to work on a two-year MA in counseling.

Jordan van Wyk (Baylor): After graduating in December, Jordan will use his political science degree in Austin, Texas.

****Martin Tomszak** (husband of Betsy Welander Tomszak) recently completed his PhD in philosophy, with a concentration in ethics and theology, from Loyola University, Chicago.

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Ron Netzel, Carl Pickard,
Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Gaby Sosa, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

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*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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