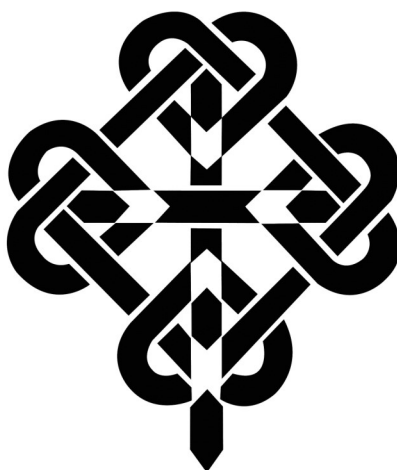


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

MAY 10, 2020

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord.

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

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

**All: Therefore let us recount his deeds with great joy.
Praise the Lord.**

* INVOCATION

* OPENING SONG: *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

G C G C Dsus G

1. Come, Christians, join to sing, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

G C G C Dsus G

Loud praise to Christ our King, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!

G C/G D Em Am G D

Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore His throne re - joice;
 He is our Guide and Friend, to us He'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore, His good - ness we'll a - dore,

C/E G/D C G C Dsus G

praise is His gra - cious choice, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 His love shall nev - er end, Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!"

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

People: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible; thrones, powers, rulers and authorities—all things were created by him and for him.

Leader: He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

People: He is the head of the body, the Church;

Leader: He is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.

People: Lord Jesus Christ, crucified, risen, and ascended for us: we have not loved you as our Redeemer nor obeyed you as our Lord;

Leader: We have not brought our prayers to you, nor heeded your tears shed over the world.

People: Forgive us, we pray; breathe into us a new spirit of service, and make us joyfully obedient to your will: for your glory's sake. Amen.

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.”

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us, who leads and feeds us, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, to him be glory and honor and praise throughout all generations. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SERMON: *The Scenery of His Supremacy (Part 2)*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SPECIAL GUEST

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

READERS: DEAN AND JUNE ARNOLD

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 31:1-5*

¹ In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame;
deliver me in your righteousness.
² Turn your ear to me,
come quickly to my rescue;
be my rock of refuge,
a strong fortress to save me.
³ Since you are my rock and my fortress,
for the sake of your name lead and guide me.
⁴ Keep me free from the trap that is set for me,
for you are my refuge.
⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit;
deliver me, LORD, my faithful God. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Colossians 1:15-20*

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC: *This Is My Father's World*

SAMUEL REICH

SERMON

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are as follows:

1. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor in the fu - ry of the storm;
2. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor while the tem - pest rag - es on.
3. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor thru the floods of un - be - lief.
4. Christ the sure and stead-y an - chor as we face the waves of death.

when the winds of doubt blow thru me and my sails have all been torn.
When temp - ta - tion claims the bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
Hope - less some - how, O my soul, now lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry!
When these trials give way to glo - ry, as we draw our fi - nal breath,

In the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my sink - ing hopes are few,
deep - er still then goes the an - chor, tho' I just - ly stand ac - cused.
This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see His love for - ev - er proved.
we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be - hind and life se - cure.
Christ the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true.

I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
I will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.
And the calm will be the bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
We will hold fast to the an - chor— it shall nev - er be re - moved.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Steve Westfall (630-717-7708 or steve.westfall@comcast.net) who will be happy to pray with you.

Thanks to our musicians: *Seth and Rachel Ehorn, and Samuel Reich* (Note: Samuel is playing from Paraguay).

Thanks to our video editor, Peter Welander.

Today	(See adult education listing.)	
	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Middle School Youth Group (Zoom)
	7:15 - 8:15 p.m.	High School Youth Group (Zoom)
Tuesday	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible study (Zoom)
	11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Bible study (Zoom)
		Men's book group (Zoom)
Thursday		Food Pantry closed

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Congratulating Katie Melone on receiving her MA in Higher Education Student Development.

If you are not on the **Constant Contact** email list to receive our weekly newsletter and updates, contact Barb (immanpres@gmail.com).

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES
SESSION 5 • April 19—May 17

Deuteronomy: The Heartbeat of the Old Testament

Cooper Smith
11:00 a.m.

The goal of this course is to survey the content and theology of this rich book by examining one text each week that is paradigmatic of a key theme. We also will reflect on the way that the New Testament assumes and builds on these themes from Deuteronomy.

Cooper Smith earned his Ph.D. from Wheaton College, where he teaches Old Testament as an adjunct instructor. Cooper and his wife, Marie, have been worshipping and participating at Immanuel since 2016. They have two daughters, Abby and Lilah.

The Twilight Zone class
(This class continues through May 17)

Michael Kendrick and Ron Netzel
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

This class explores topics and ways Christians can engage our friends and co-workers as we talk about questions of “fairness” (or justice) and “does the punishment fit the crime.” This class previously was 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 Netzel. 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.

ELDERS

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