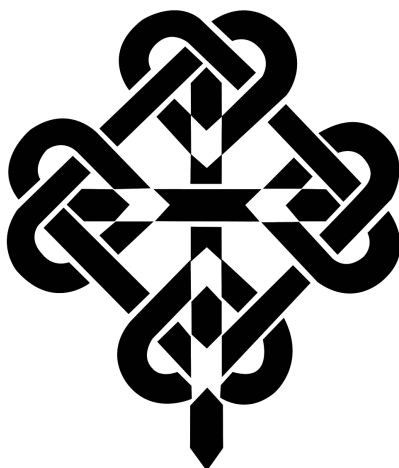


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

ASCENSION SUNDAY

MAY 21, 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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*
The Lord's My Shepherd

arr. by Wood
arr. by Funderburk
ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus Christ has come into heaven and is at God's right hand—
with angels, authorities, and powers in submission to him.

**All: Since we have a great high priest who has gone into heaven—
Jesus, the Son of God—let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.
Let us praise his holy name!**

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!

**All: Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanks, honor, power, and strength
be to our God forevermore! Alleluia, Amen!**

based on Hebrews 4:14; Revelation 5:10, 12

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*



1. Who has held the o - ceans in His hands? Who has num bered
 2. Who has giv - en coun - sel to the Lord? Who can ques - tion
 3. Who has felt the nails up - on His hands, Bear - ing 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 - jice. 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!

Him!

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 the earth
ev-er_ You will reign for ev-er_

Let your glo - ry fill Be - hold our God. Seat-ed on His
You will reign for - ev-er_

throne. Come, let us a-dore Him. Be-hold our King. No-thing can com

pare. Come, let us a - dore Him Be dore Him!

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: Almighty God,
You have raised Jesus from death to life
and crowned him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him
or acknowledged his rule in our lives.

**People: We have gone along with the ways of the world
and failed to give him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen**

Leader: While we claim to celebrate the ascension of our Lord,
the way we live proclaims our lack of faith
in his power to deal with the world.
Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Trisagion*

3 Times

Fernando Ortega

Ho - ly God. Ho-ly and might - y.

5 Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, Have

7 mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: “But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions-it is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus.” (Ephesians 2:4-7; TNIV)

* ACCLAMATION

All: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, now and always. 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.)

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *The Lord’s Prayer*

Albert Hay Malotte
JOANNA SIRE

Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done,
in 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,
the power, and the glory,
for ever.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KEN WOLGEMUTH

* HYMN: *To God Be the Glory*

HYMN 55

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: SUSAN SHADID

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 47*

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.
- ² For the Lord Most High is awesome,
the great King over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued nations under us,
peoples under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob, whom he loved.
- ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble
as the people of the God of Abraham,
for the kings of the earth belong to God;
he is greatly exalted.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 4:1-7*

¹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

² I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

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. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Living in Light of Our Future*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

HYMN 295

* BENEDICTION

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Baptismal side: He who began a good work in you

Pulpit side: will perfect it 'til the day of Christ Jesus.

All: **Amen.**

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Joanna Sire, Jack Durbin, Russ Adkins, Alethea Funck, Immanuel orchestra

Congrats to seniors finishing high school: Jack Durbin, Caleb George, Andrew Monson, and Bex Rizo.

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, Katherine Anderson will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open
Youth Group**

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

Men's Book Group

In Immanuel and Beyond

Next Sunday: Quick, low-key fire drill at the end of worship service.

All-Church Picnic next Sunday: Bring your lawn chairs and blankets--and maybe a Frisbee?--and plan to stay for the brats, hot dogs, and fun after worship.

Do you play bass? If there is anyone in the congregation who plays bass and would like to join a rhythm section once a month, contact Mary Hopper (mhopperweland@gmail.com)

Memorial Service for Don Bauer at Immanuel on Saturday, June 3, 2:00 p.m., with light refreshments to follow.

Carwash Fundraiser: Bring your vehicle by the church on Saturday, June 3, between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Donations to support teen mission to Mexico.

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 Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel,
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

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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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