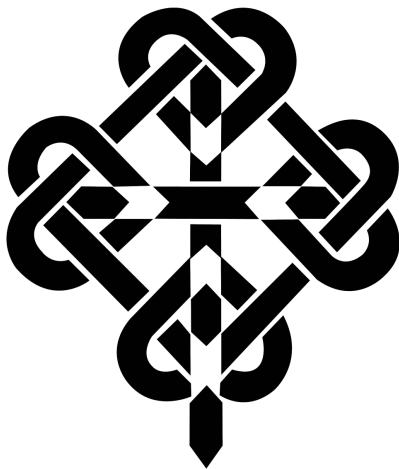


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

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## 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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**All: And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.**

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

**All: And since he has given us a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.**

1. All my days I will sing this song of glad-ness, give my  
 2. I will trust in the cross of my Re-deem-er; I will  
 3. long to be where the praise is ne-ver end-ing; Yearn to  
 praise to the Foun-tain of de-lights; for in my help-less-ness You  
 sing of the blood that nev-er fails, of sins for-giv-en, of  
 dwell where the glo-ry ne-ver fades, Where count-less wor-ship-ers will  
 heard my cry, and waves of mer-cy poured-down on my life.  
 con-science cleansed, of death de-feat-ed and life with-out end.  
 share one song, And cries of "wor-thy" will hon-or the Lamb!  
 1. Beau-ti-ful Sa-viour, 2. Won-der-ful Coun-se-lor, clothed in  
 maj-es-ty, Lord of his-to-ry, You're the Way, the Truth, the Life, Star of the Morn-ing,  
 glo-ri-ous in ho-li-ness, You're the Ris-en One, heav-en's  
 Cham-pi-on, and You reign, You reign o-ver  
 all! 3.1

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our God, we come to you recognizing that we fail; our human flesh is weak, our sins are many. But we are assured that sincere confession is met by your saving forgiveness:

**People: Through your Son our sins are forgiven. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.**

Leader: Our guilt is dealt with, our burdens are lifted, our lives begin again. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.

**People: Through your Spirit we know your presence, our loneliness is shared; our blind eyes made to see, our love is rekindled. For your mercies, O God, we thank you.**

Leader: You and you alone can heal, restore, forgive. Your compassion and your understanding seep into us, your wisdom enlightens us, new courage grips us, and we find your Spirit at work in us bringing together everything that was fractured by our selfishness and sin.

**People: O Lord our God, to you be glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to the triune God.

\* 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: *Agnus Dei*

RACHEL, CHRIS AND HANNAH GILMORE  
Smith/Hine/arr. Raney

Alleluia! For the Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Alleluia! Worthy are you, Lord God Almighty.  
Worthy is the Lamb,

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made.  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder;  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.  
Then sings my soul, my Savior, God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.

DIACONAL PRAYER

TIM CURLEY

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

*(Children may return to their seats.)*

\* HYMN: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

HYMN 32

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: ANDY LE PEAU

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 87*

<sup>1</sup> He has founded his city on the holy mountain.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord loves the gates of Zion  
more than all the other dwellings of Jacob.

<sup>3</sup> Glorious things are said of you,  
city of God:

<sup>4</sup> "I will record Rahab and Babylon  
among those who acknowledge me—  
Philistia too, and Tyre, along with Cush.—  
and will say, 'This one was born in Zion.'"

<sup>5</sup> Indeed, of Zion it will be said,  
"This one and that one were born in her,  
and the Most High himself will establish her."

<sup>6</sup> The Lord will write in the register of the peoples:  
"This one was born in Zion."

<sup>7</sup> As they make music they will sing,  
"All my fountains are in you."

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 3:17-21*

<sup>17</sup> Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup> For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup> Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup> who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Citizens of Change*

## 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.*

*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, **Jeff and Anna Gissing** 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.)

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Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery	page 10
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Nothing but the Blood	page 34
Jesus Is Our King	page 26

## 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**, Ron Netzel will be available to pray with you near the platform.

**Sign up this morning** for Parents' Night Out, a fundraiser for our high schoolers' mission trip to Mexico. Drop your children at church at 5:30 on Friday and return for them at 8:00.

Thanks to our musicians: *Mary Hopper, Zak Reynolds, Seth Ehorn, Graham Haydon, Mike Dietrich*

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open**  
**Youth Group** (Game Night)

## THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
6:30 p.m.  
7:00 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (childcare)  
**Food Pantry open**  
**Softball game**  
(Grace Church of DuPage)  
**Men's Book Group**

Friday

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

**Parent's Night Out**

Saturday

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Special Pantry Hours**  
**(Pantry will be closed**  
**on Sunday, May 14.)**

## COMING

**Open House for Bella Danusiar and Mark Gobrail:** RSVP to Dee Netzel if you can stop by the Netzel home on May 20 between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. to celebrate this upcoming marriage. Everyone's welcome. Registry at Zola.com

**Plan ahead:** All-Church Picnic on Sunday, May 28

## **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.

## NOTES

*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*

*STAFF*

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

*STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS*

*Leon Sinclair, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca*