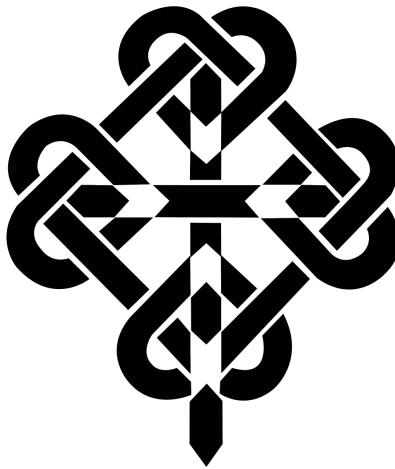


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

MAY 9, 2021

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: *The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*
I Am Not Skilled to Understand

Fettke
arr. by Phemister

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

JIM WILHOIT

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: *In Christ Alone*

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 -
 stands 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 - for - 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!

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION (from Colossians 3:5-10)

JIM WILHOIT

Leader: Brothers and sisters, put to death whatever is earthly within you:

People: Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, dirty-mindedness, uncontrolled passion, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry.

Leader: Because of these very things, the holy anger of God falls upon those who refuse to obey him.

People: But now, put all these things behind you. No more evil temper or furious rage;

Leader: No more malicious thoughts or words about others; no more thoughts or words belittling God's worth;

People: No more filthy language. Stop telling lies, for you have finished with the old life and its ways.

Leader: Let us confess before God our disobedience this past week, and our yearning to live according to our new nature in Christ.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The second system of music is identical to the first, featuring the same vocal melody and piano accompaniment for the lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me."

Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!

The third system of music continues the piece with the lyrics: "Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!" The vocal line has a more active melody with some grace notes, and the piano accompaniment provides harmonic support.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

The fourth system of music returns to the main theme with the lyrics: "Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me." It includes a fermata over the final note of the vocal line and a final chord in the piano accompaniment.

Daniel Iverson, 1926

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Colossians 1:21-22)

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

Lloyd Larson
JOEL AND KARIN BUURSMA

Sing praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation.
My soul with comfort rich He fills,
And every grief He gently stills;
To God all praise and glory.

Let all who name Christ's holy name
Give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know His power proclaim
Aloud the wondrous story.
Cast every idol from its throne;
The Lord is God, and He alone:
To God all praise and glory!

We sought the Lord in our distress;
O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness
And came in peace to cheer us.
For this we thank and praise the Lord,
Who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

ANNIKA DURBIN

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: JIM AND CAROL PLUEDDEMANN

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 65:17-66:2*

¹⁷“See, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

¹⁹I will rejoice over Jerusalem
and take delight in my people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.

²⁰“Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
the one who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere child;
the one who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

²¹They will build houses and dwell in them;
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of my people;
my chosen ones will long enjoy
the work of their hands.

²³They will not labor in vain,
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
and dust will be the serpent's food.

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

¹ This is what the LORD says:
“Heaven is my throne,
and the earth is my footstool.
Where is the house you will build for me?
Where will my resting place be?
² Has not my hand made all these things,
and so they came into being?”
declares the LORD.
“These are the ones I look on with favor:
those who are humble and contrite in spirit,
and who tremble at my word. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 8:18-25*

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *New People, New Land*

RON HAYDON

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *To God Be the Glory*

(Congregation sings with masks.)

G D⁷ G D G C

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be -
 3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -

G A⁷ D G D⁷ G

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; but pur - er and high - er and

D G C G D⁷ G

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that we may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

REFRAIN
G D G D D⁷

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord,

G D⁷ G F D⁷ G

praise the Lord, let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'

Je - sus the Son, and give him the glo - ry, great things he has done!

Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; alt.
Mod.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11.11.
William H. Doane, 1875

Please remember to keep proper social distancing immediately following the service for the well-being of everyone here this morning. Thank you!

- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Steve Westfall will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Seth Ehorn, Karin and Joe Buursma, Nathaniel Holman

Thanks to our technical crew.

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Food Pantry Closed today

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School (Zoom)

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Adult Ed class (Zoom)

Seth Ehorn continues "The Use of the Old Testament in the New Testament."

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

(continued)

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Congratulations to four Immanuel women graduating from college this month: Bella Danusiar (Biola), Sylvia Eltherington (Wheaton), Hannah Johnson (Wheaton), and Esther Smoak (Liberty). Pray for them as they move on to their next adventures.

Just ring: Our Buildings & Grounds team respectfully ask everyone to steer clear of the church during the work week, if possible, since workers are on site. If you need to drop off or pick up materials, just ring the bell and let someone from staff come down to meet you at the door.

ELDERS

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

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