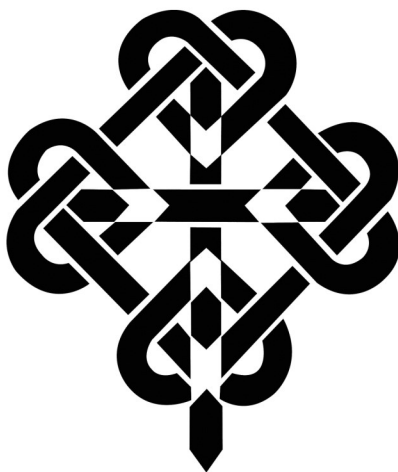


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

NOVEMBER 10, 2019

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope that you will find a warm welcome and that you will experience the presence of our Lord here. Our congregation comes from all kinds of backgrounds, so wherever you are in your faith journey, you are welcome here.

Do you have young children with you this morning?

At Immanuel we believe God deeply loves and values children and mysteriously begins His work in them long before they may be able to articulate it. We joyfully welcome children of all ages into our worship service to join the larger body of Christ in worship, confession, giving, and fellowship. We offer a nursery for children under the age of three, a worship program designed for children in preschool through second grade, and Sunday School for ages preschool through fifth grade during the school year. Please stop by the **Children's Ministry Station** (in the Gathering Place) before the service to sign your children in and get more information on our ministries.

Let us contact you.

At the end of each row, there is a friendship folder with welcome cards and a place for you to let us know you were here. If you simply sign your name and address, we'll send you a letter with more information about Immanuel. If you include your phone number and email, we'll be glad to contact you that way too. Thank you for coming!

Note: If you need **hearing assistance**, please speak to one of our ushers or sound crew.

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

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

IMMANUEL CHOIR

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Christ is the mediator of a new covenant. Since he has died for our sins, those who are called may receive the eternal inheritance promised them.

All: The Lord remembers his covenant forever.

Pastor: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all; with Christ he will surely give us all things that we may glorify him. Praise the Lord.**

* INVOCATION

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

HYMN 302

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION *(From Colossians 3:5-10)*

STEVE WESTFALL

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: *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 *(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 irreprouchable before him.

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him whose sovereignty is never-ending and whose kingdom endures through all generations, to the Most High, the Ever-Living One, be blessing and honor and glory. 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.)

RENOVATION PRAYER FOCUS

CHRIS DANUSIAR

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *How Shall I Sing?*

Arr. John Ronald Daniels

IMMANUEL CHOIR

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;
Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace,
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heaven is but once begun,
There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire;
Then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
Yet, when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep;
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

* DOXOLOGY (*unison*)

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

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

PASTORAL PRAYER

* SONG: *Speak, O Lord*



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;— shape and
mil - i - ty— Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes; in the
plans for us— Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us— in Your like - - - - - ness; That the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance— of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. and by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to day— in our acts of love and our deeds of— faith.
eyes to see— Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
prom - is - es;— And by faith we'll walk as You walk with— us.



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us— all Your
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;— Let their
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,— and the



pur - pos - es— for Your glo - - - - - ry.
truth pre - vail— o - ver un - be - lief.
earth is filled— with Your glo - - - - - ry.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: *Samuel Reich, Noah Kim*

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 22:9-19*

⁹ When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹² "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."

¹³ Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided."

¹⁵ The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶ and said, "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷ I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸ and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

¹⁹ Then Abraham returned to his servants, and they set off together for Beersheba. And Abraham stayed in Beersheba. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 8:31-34*

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Family Idolatry*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *All to Jesus I Surrender*

HYMN 562

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, [Katherine Anderson](#) is available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Mary Hopper, Immanuel choir

11:15 - noon

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School and Adult Ed

Food Pantry open

Youth Group service project

1210 E. Lowden, Wheaton

College Fellowship at Bretsens' home,
502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton.

RSVP to Cindy (630-386-1534).

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

9:15 - 11:00 a.m.

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

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Women's Bible study (*childcare*)

Food Pantry open

Pioneer Clubs for kids

Women's Bible study

Men's book group (*Pastor's office*)

Thursday

5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

Saturday

10:00 - noon

Choir workshop

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

International Cafe on Sunday, November 17: Next Sunday we'll have a light lunch provided by the missions team and hear from David and Katie Hayward, SIM missionaries to Guinea West Africa. David is Anne Osielski's brother, and the Haywards, together with their three sons and one daughter, are worshipping at Immanuel this year while they are on home assignment. International Cafe is 12:15 to 1:15. Come get to know the Haywards and their work.

Saturday, Nov. 16

Sunday, Nov. 17

Saturday, Nov. 23

Wednesday, Nov. 27

Choir workshop (10:00 a.m. - noon)

International Café with Haywards

(12:15 -1:15 p.m.)

Prayer Retreat (10:00 a.m. - noon)

Thanksgiving Eve service (7:00 p.m.)

ADULT EDUCATION
SESSION 2
(Nov. 3—Dec. 15)

A Disruptive Hope: Advent through an Old Testament Lens

Andy Abernethy
Ministry House

The Christmas season in America works against the very concept of Advent in the church calendar. The “most wonderful time of the year” hypnotizes us into thinking that life doesn’t get any better than this. We become blind to the darkness or simply accept it as is, and we cease yearning for the Light to come again. In this class, we will allow passages from the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, to quicken our hearts to celebrate the joy and disruption of God with us.

Andy Abernethy is an Associate Professor of Old Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Katie, have been members of Immanuel for 5 years. They have three little ones: Anna (7), Bethany (5), and Oliver (1).

Stress Is Good for You!

Nate Thom
Sanctuary

In this series we'll gain a deeper understanding of the relationship between brain and soul, how the brain functions, what stress is, how stress affects the brain and body, and how to prevent the negative effects of stress on brain and body.

Nate Thom is an Associate Professor of Biology at Wheaton College. Dr. Thom studies ways to promote an adaptive response to stress. He began this work in graduate school at the University of Georgia by evaluating the effects of exercise on brain function and behavioral outcomes, extended this research to cognitive training programs like mindfulness during his post-doc with the Navy, and is now applying this research to missionaries at Wheaton College. Dr. Thom lives in Wheaton with his wife, Sarah, and four young boys and enjoys spending as much time outdoors as he possibly can.

El Evangelio de la Gloria de Dios - Juan 13-21

(The Book of Glory - John 13-21)

Carlos Sosa
Ministry House, upstairs

This is an introduction to the Gospel of John in Spanish. Those who have even a basic knowledge of the language are very welcome to join us. We will read together John 13-21, paying attention to the main characters and theological themes. We will also discuss some implications of the message of the Gospel to contemporary life.

Carlos Sosa was born and raised in Guatemala, Central America, and currently teaches New Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Gaby, are members of Immanuel, attending along with sons Scott and Daniel.

NOTES

ELDERS

*Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Phyllis Le Peau, Lew Luttrell,
Carl Pickard, Leon Sinclair, Alva Steffler, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth*

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Judy Bryson (Chair), Tim Curley, Colin Holman, Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick,
Jim Mann, Harv Meyers, Jeanette Myra, Heather Reyes*

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*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**;
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