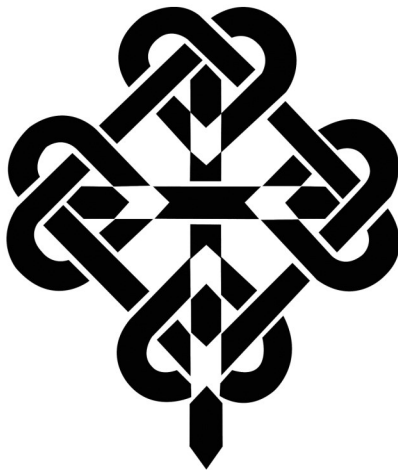


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

NOVEMBER 17, 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

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us worship God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ.

All: We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Pastor: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

**All: Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all. Let us worship God in spirit and in truth. Praise God!
We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!**

based on John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING HYMN *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 ngs
 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
 died; 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!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*from Isaiah 53*)

Leader: Receive God's forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ: He has taken up your infirmities and carried your sorrows. He was pierced for your transgressions and crushed for your iniquities; upon him was the punishment that brings you peace and by his wounds you are healed. Amen.

* ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

HYMN 735

All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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.)

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

DON BAUER

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Autumn Song, from The Seasons, Op. 37A, #10* Tchaikovsky
STEVE WALL, JOHN ZIMMERMAN

* DOXOLOGY



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'nly host; praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost! A - men.

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

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

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

PHYLLIS LE PEAU



1. Love of God re- vealed in won- der by the works of a Ma- ker's
 2. Love of God re- vealed in frail- ty through the gift of a ser- vant
 3. Love of God, what price- less trea- sure ov - er all this_ world af-



hand; Seas that roar with thun- d'rous splen - dour, fields that
 King; Joy of Heav'n robed in hu - mi - li - ty, Prince of
 fords; To be His and His for - ev - er, this my



whis - per at His com mand. All the joys of life we
 Peace crowned with suf - fer - ing. Oh, what grace, that calls hu -
 glo - ry and my re - ward! May this love be - yond all



cher - ish are God's gra - cious sign we are child - ren of His
 ma - ni - ty to kneel at the cross, and ex - change our sin's fu -
 know - ing so cap - ture my soul, that I'm filled to ov - er -



pro - mise, heirs of mer - cy and grace di - vine. Un - fail - ing
 ti - li - ty for the joy of a Fa - ther's love.
 flow - ing with a pas - sion for Him a - lone!



love from Hea - ven's throne, that sought me out and brought me_



home; My song of praise shall ev - er be: The Fa - ther's love for

2

1. 2.

me. 2. Love of me.

-6-

Detailed description: This musical staff contains two endings. The first ending (1.) consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, a quarter rest, a quarter rest, and a quarter note G4. The second ending (2.) consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter rest, and a quarter note G4 with a fermata. A bracket above the staff spans from the first ending to the second ending. A '-6-' is written above the final note of the second ending.

3.

3. Love of me. Un-fail-ing love from Hea-ven's throne, that sought me

Detailed description: This musical staff begins with a third ending (3.) consisting of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. This is followed by a double bar line with repeat dots. The main melody continues with a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4.

out and brought me home; My song of praise shall ev - er

Detailed description: This musical staff continues the melody from the previous staff. It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by eighth notes A4 and B4, eighth notes C5 and D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4.

be: The Fa-ther's love for me.

Detailed description: This musical staff continues the melody. It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter rest, a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The staff ends with a double bar line.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: TAYLOR FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Genesis 29:15-30*

¹⁵ Laban said to him, "Just because you are a relative of mine, should you work for me for nothing? Tell me what your wages should be."

¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, "I'll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel."

¹⁹ Laban said, "It's better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.

²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife. My time is completed, and I want to make love to her."

²² So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. ²³ But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. ²⁴ And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant.

²⁵ When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn't I? Why have you deceived me?"

²⁶ Laban replied, "It is not our custom here to give the younger daughter in marriage before the older one. ²⁷ Finish this daughter's bridal week; then we will give you the younger one also, in return for another seven years of work."

²⁸ And Jacob did so. He finished the week with Leah, and then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel to be his wife. ²⁹ Laban gave his servant Bilhah to his daughter Rachel as her attendant. ³⁰ Jacob made love to Rachel also, and his love for Rachel was greater than his love for Leah. And he worked for Laban another seven years. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *John 1:6-13*

⁶ There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. ⁸ He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

⁹ The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. ¹⁰ He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. ¹¹ He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. ¹² Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— ¹³ children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Idolatry in Love*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

HYMN 535

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

Thanks to our musicians: John Zimmerman, Steve Wall, Rob Noll, Beth Bauer, Immanuel orchestra

11:15 - noon	Sunday School and Adult Ed <i>(No high school Sunday school today.)</i>
12:15 - 1:15 p.m.	International Café with Haywards
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open No Youth Group (retreat)

Be sure to visit our **Bake Sale** this morning to support the Youth Mission Fund.

International Café: Plan to stay after the education hour to share in 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 and get to know the Haywards and their work.

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 (<i>childcare</i>) Food Pantry open Pioneer Clubs for kids Women's Bible study
Wednesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Mom Talk (<i>childcare</i>)
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry open
Saturday	10:00 - noon	Prayer Retreat

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

Adult Ed special classes: On Sundays November 24 and December 1, our current adult ed classes will take a break (no Abernethy or Thom classes those days). Instead, we'll gather in the sanctuary and hear personal testimonies from current members of Session.

Prayer Retreat next Saturday morning, Nov. 23rd, 10:00- 12:00 pm. Come join us as we pray for the needs of those in our congregation, our ministries, as well as the IPC Renovation project. This is always a meaningful time and with the busyness of the holidays looming, we hope all who can will take advantage of this opportunity to seek the Lord together in prayer.

Saturday, Nov. 23
Wednesday, Nov. 27

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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