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IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

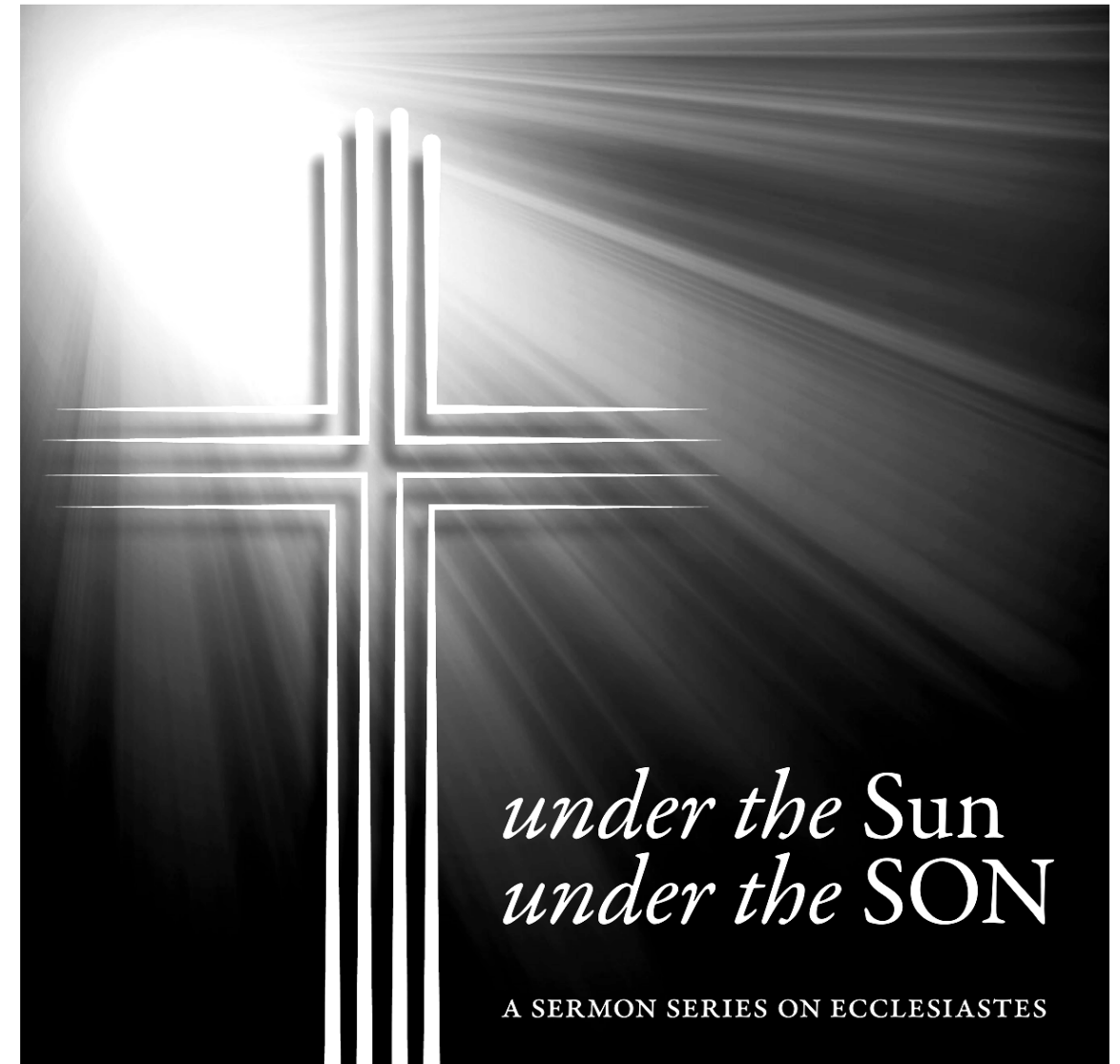
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Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for choosing to attend Immanuel this morning. We hope you will find a warm welcome and 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

AMBER JOHNSON

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord and be glad! Shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

All: For the Lord is our refuge. His eye is upon us. His unfailing love enfolds us.

Pastor: Let us worship him together.

* INVOCATION



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 - joice. 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!

World Christian History through Biographies

Sanctuary

This class uses biographies to highlight the great shift in world Christianity from a predominately Western to a majority non-Western faith. Each week includes a capsule account of major Christian developments in a specific region of the world. But the main emphasis will be on exploring the biographies of exemplary, but little known believers, from that part of the world.

Carolyn Nystrom spent much of her career as a working writer and some-time editor. "A career highlight was working with Mark and Maggie as we studied together the lives of the little-known Christian leaders who are the subject of this class." **Mark Noll** is a retired history professor who has been privileged to teach courses in the history of world Christianity at Wheaton College, the University of Notre Dame, and Regent College (Vancouver).

Living as a Christian in the Modern World

Ministry House

Our world is increasingly dominated by new technologies that are transforming communications, decision making, transportation and health care. How should Christians respond to these new technologies? What implications do increasingly capable machines have for humans created in the image of God? Our class will discuss a different question each week, exploring biblical principles and historical parallels and asking how we can be a Christian witness in our world. Knowledgeable guests with a moderator in panel discussion will address these questions.

Ron Netzel (Wheaton College, University of Illinois) works as a technology architect for Bank of America, where he has helped run and build technology for over 20 years. He and Dee have a daughter, Sophie. Dee and Sophie help Ron think creatively about what it means to live as a Christian in our world and how we can take our faith to a new world that, though radically different than our parent's world, is no less in need of a Savior.

El Evangelio de Juan

office upstairs

El Evangelio de Juan ha enriquecido la vida de los cristianos y cristianas a través de los siglos. Por ello, aquí proveemos una introducción a las secciones mayores y los temas y figuras más prominentes de cada capítulo. Reflexionaremos sobre las implicaciones del mensaje de este Evangelio para nuestra vida personal y comunitaria.

For this introduction to the Gospel of John in Spanish we welcome those with even a basic knowledge of the language. We will read the text, paying attention to the main characters and theological themes, discussing implications of the message of the Gospel to contemporary life.

Carlos Sosa Siliezar was born and raised in Guatemala, Central America, and currently teaches New Testament at Wheaton College. He and his wife, Gaby, are recent new members of Immanuel. They have two sons, Scott and Daniel.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT IMMANUEL

Thanksgiving Eve combined worship with La Roca
Wednesday, November 21, at 7:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols
Sunday, December 16, at 9:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Monday, December 24, 6 p.m.

Christmas cookie reception after worship
Sunday, December 23

Epiphany Celebration Dinner
January 6, 5 p.m.
with gifts for World Relief's
refugee settlement program

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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__ Be dore__ Him!
1. 2.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD’S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEON SINCLAIR

Leader: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good.

People: Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Leader: Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

People: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Leader: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

People: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

People: Let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Leader: Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *God, Be Merciful to Me (verse 2)* HYMN 486

**All: My transgressions I confess, grief and guilt my soul oppress,
I have sinned against thy grace and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just, speechless, I thy mercy trust.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(from 1 John 1:8-9)*

Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is true that “if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” But it is equally true, amazingly true, that “if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you are in need of prayer, elder Sarah Holman will be at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Katrina DiCrasto, Michael Dietrich, Rob Noll, Vic Mala, Immanuel orchestra

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

International Cafe this morning: Plan to stick around after the education hour for a light lunch, South-American-style, and a lively update from Thomas and Susanna Smoak, in the lower level from 12:15 to 1:15. After the family’s twenty-plus years of serving in Brazil, Thomas currently serves as International Direction for Action International Ministries—a job that involves a lot of traveling around the world to supervise and support and recruit Action’s missionaries.

Noon to 1:15 p.m.	International Café with the Smoaks Food Pantry open Iglesia Roca Eterna College Fellowship at Bretsens’, 502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton. Youth Group
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	
2:00 p.m.	
5:00 -7:00 p.m.	
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	

THIS WEEK

Tuesday	9:15 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. 7:00 p. m. 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Women’s Bible Study <i>(childcare)</i> Food pantry open Women’s Bible Study Pioneer Clubs <i>(lower level)</i>
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service Give thanks along with our brothers and sisters from La Iglesia Roca Eterna. The offering received will go to Immanuel’s missionaries as a Christmas love gift.
Thursday	5:30 - 8:00 p.m.	Food Pantry CLOSED

* CLOSING SONG: *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Matt Merker

1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast;
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;

When the tempt-er would pre-vail, He will hold me fast.
Pre-cious in his ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast.
Jus-tice has been sat-is-fied; He will hold me fast.

I could nev-er keep my hold Through life's fear-ful path;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom-is-es shall last;
Raised with Him to end-less life, He will hold me fast

For my love is of-ten cold; He must hold me fast.—
Brought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

— He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa-vior loves me so,

He will hold me fast.

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* ACCLAMATION *Gloria Patri*

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.)

MISSION FOCUS

THOMAS SMOAK

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Be Thou My Vision*

Traditional Irish melody

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Him all crea-tures here be-
low. Praise Him a-bove, ye Heav'n-ly host; praise Fath-er,
Son, and Hol-ly Ghost! A-men.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

(Children ages 3 to second grade are dismissed to go downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KEN WOLGEMUTH

* HYMN: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

HYMN 252

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: BILL AND DEBBY FRANCE

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ecclesiastes 5:8-20*

⁸ If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. ⁹ The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.

¹⁰ Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

¹¹ As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹² The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,
but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³ I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,
¹⁴ or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

¹⁵ Everyone comes naked from their mother’s womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.
They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶ This too is a grievous evil:
As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?
¹⁷ All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸ This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹ Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰ They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 4:10-13*

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *The Secret of Contentment*