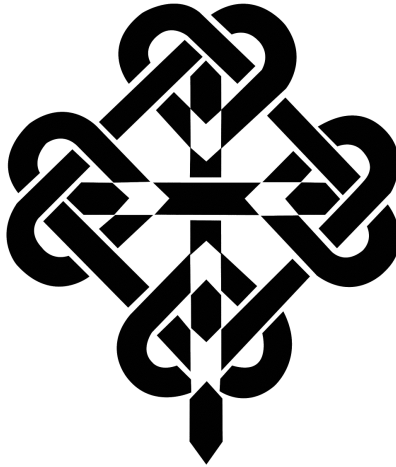


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

2 CORINTHIANS 5
OUR LIFE IN CHRIST IN ONE CHAPTER

NOVEMBER 21, 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: *All Creatures of Our God and King*
All Things Bright and Beautiful/For the Beauty of the Earth

Sandborn
arr. Rodriguez
ALETHEA FUNCK

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: We will exalt you, O God our King.

All: And bless your name forever and ever.

Pastor: This day will we bless you.

**All: And praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.**

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING SONG: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

♯ F Gm F C F C F C7 F C 7

1. Come, thou Al - might - y King, help us thy name to sing,
 2. Come, thou In - car - nate Word, gird on thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To the great One in Three e - ter - nal prais - es be,

F C C F C7 F C F C7

help us to praise. Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic -
 our prayer at - tend. Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy
 in this glad hour. Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in
 hence ev - er - more. His sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in

F ♯ Gm F C7 F 7

to - ri - ous, come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 Word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of pow'r.
 glo - ry see, and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

Anon., ca. 1757

TRINITY 6.6.4.6.6.4.
 Felice de Giardini, 1769

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

CARL PICKARD

Leader: The psalmist testifies:
Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**People: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.**

Leader: But truly God has listened;
he has given heed to the words of my prayer.

**People: Praise be to God,
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.**

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

based on Psalm 66:16, 18-20, NRSV from *The Worship Sourcebook*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins he is able and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *His Mercy Is More* (verse 3)



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done; Om
 2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam; What
 3. What rich - es of kind - ness He la - vished on us; His



ni - sient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown
 Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home. He
 blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We



in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore;— Our
 wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;—
 stood 'neath a debt we could ne - ver af - ford;—



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord!—



His mer - cy is more ——— Stron - ger than dark - ness,



new ev' - ry morn; ——— Our



sins they are ma - ny, His mer - cy is more.

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* 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.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *He's Always Been Faithful to Me*

Sara Groves
LAUREN MATHUES

Morning by morning, I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine
Season by season, I watch him, amazed
In awe of the mystery of his perfect ways
All I have need of, his hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me

This is my anthem, this is my song
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long
God has been faithful, he will be again
His loving compassion, it knows no end
All I have need of, his hand will provide
He's always he's always been faithful
He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting his hand
All I have need of, his hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me

DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

ALVA STEFFLER

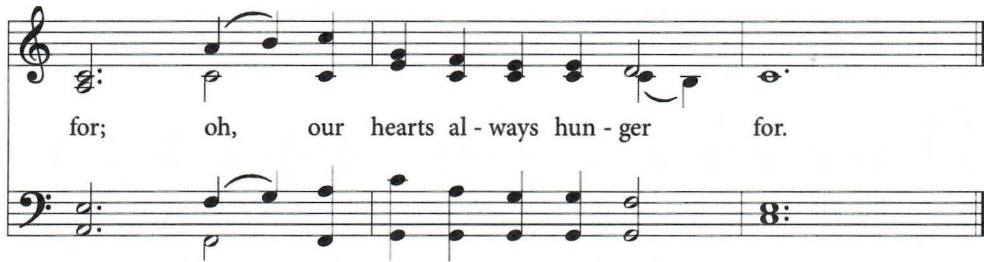
1. Won-der-ful, mer-ci-ful Sav-ior, pre-cious Re-deem-er and
 2. Coun-se-lor, Com-fort-er, Keep-er, Spir-it we long to em-
 3. Al-might-y, in-fi-nite Fa-ther, faith-ful-ly lov-ing Your

Friend; who would have thought that a Lamb could res-cue the
 brace; You of-fer hope when our hearts have hope-less-ly
 own; here in our weak-ness You find us fall-ing be-

souls of men? Oh, You res-cue the souls of men.
 lost the way; oh, we've hope-less-ly lost the way.
 fore Your throne; oh, we're fall-ing be-fore Your throne.

You are the One that we praise, — You are the One we a-dore. —

You give the heal-ing and grace our hearts al-ways hun-ger



WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: *Christian Rothrock, Emily Stier*

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 93*

- ¹ The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.
- ² Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.
- ³ The seas have lifted up, Lord,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
- ⁴ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the Lord on high is mighty.
- ⁵ Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV

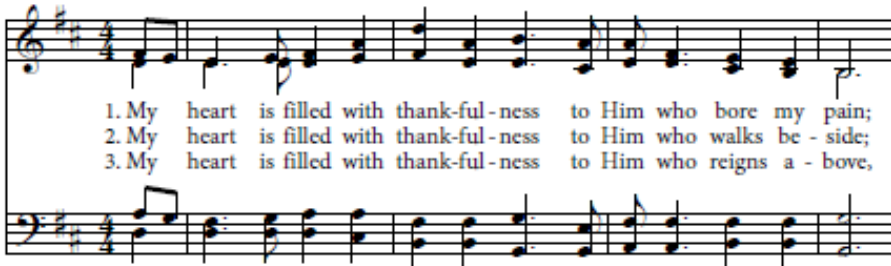
* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

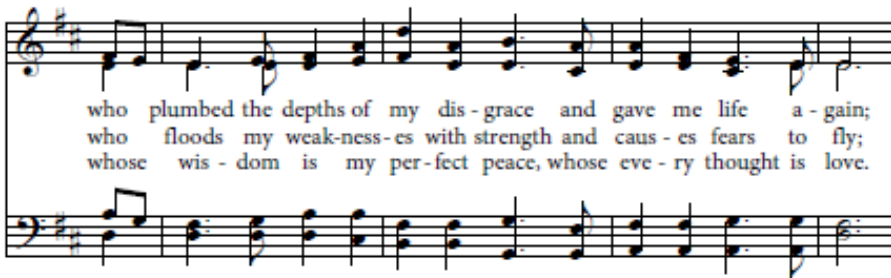
WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*

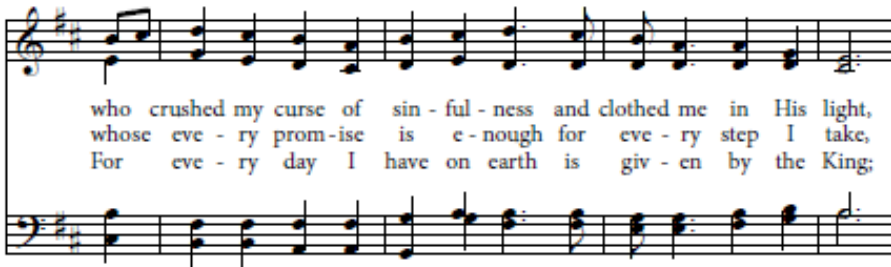
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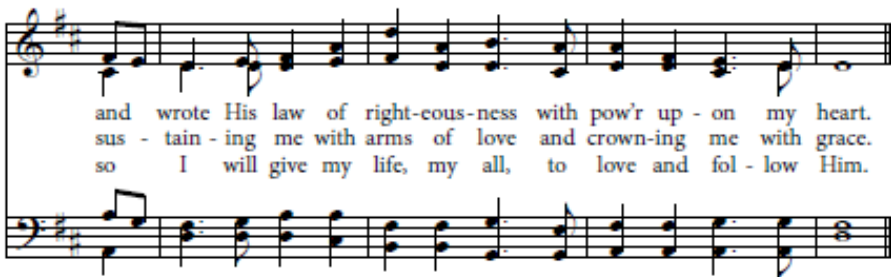
1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who bore my pain;
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who walks be - side;
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to Him who reigns a - bove,



who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain;
who floods my weak-ness-es with strength and caus - es fears to fly;
whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose eve - ry thought is love.



who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in His light,
whose eve - ry prom - ise is e - nough for eve - ry step I take,
For eve - ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King;



and wrote His law of right-cous-ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
so I will give my life, my all, to love and fol - low Him.

TEXT and MUSIC: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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- * SENDING PRAYER FOR ROB AND KATE LEE NOLL AND FAMILY
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

TODAY

We are coming near the end of “Ordinary Time,” which stretches between Easter and Advent. Colors of liturgical seasons became a common practice in the Western church in about the fourth century. Advent and Lent are periods of preparation and repentance and are represented by the color purple. Green is the color for Ordinary Time. Green represents life, hope, and anticipation.

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

Following the service we will have a brief meeting to present the vision behind the 2022 time switch for Sunday School and the worship service (Sunday School at 9:30, Service at 10:30). This time will also include Q & A.

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Lauren Mathues

Thanks to our technical crew.

Today

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food pantry open

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

College Fellowship @ Bretsens'
502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton. Let Cindy know you are coming (630-386-1534).

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group

7:00 p.m.

Adult Ed with Mark Noll (Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

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

Food Pantry

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve service

IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND

GIVING UPDATE: With giving at \$615,000, we ended the third quarter (October 31) within one percent of our giving goal. That puts us on target for the remaining \$167,000, or 21% of our budget for November and December. With expenses below budget because of COVID and reduced activity during renovation, we are in a position to end the year very well, poised to move ahead in 2022. Speaking of Renovation, which we celebrated last Sunday, the Immanuel family is to be commended for its remarkable support, which amounted to more than a million dollars over the past three years—on top of very strong ongoing support for all IPC ministries. We thank God for using you to bless his work at Immanuel.

Welcome, New Members

Jerry Blackstone lives in Aurora with his wife, Dody. They have attended Immanuel since 2019, when they moved here shortly after Jerry retired from his position as director of choirs at the University of Michigan School of Music, Theatre & Dance in Ann Arbor. Jerry conducted the Concert Choir at Wheaton College during the 2019-20 school year, and now divides his time between being a grandpa to Carter and Abbott Klassen, father-in-law to Wes, dad to Heather, under-foot husband to Dody, and artistic director of a documentary film project. He rejoices in God's provision and leadership over the years and during the years to come. (Spring 2021)

Dody Blackstone, and her husband Jerry, feel like they have come full circle. Having both graduated from Wheaton College in 1974, they then lived in Indiana, California, Oklahoma, Michigan, and now are back in the Wheaton area. Dody enjoyed playing violin in several orchestras, working as a special ed assistant in a middle school, serving in a music school admissions office, and coordinating a summer arts program for high school students. She now fills her life with joyous times with her daughter and her family and assisting at Immanuel with the food pantry, as well as singing in the choir and helping with the music library. The Bible verse they have inscribed in their wedding bands is Psalm 34:3: "O magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt His name together." (Spring 2021)

Diane Jerdan moved to Warrenville with her husband ten years ago, shortly after they returned to the U.S. from France, where they served with the Reformed Evangelical Church for thirty-seven years. In addition to singing in the choir and attending Bible study, Diane serves with the Mission Team and has also helped at the Food Pantry and done citizenship tutoring with World Relief. She has recently completed training to be a Stephen Minister. Diane appreciates social media, which lets her stay connected with friends and former colleagues around the world. Her favorite leisure activities are reading, walking, and doing puzzles. Her most precious treasure is her family, especially her fourteen grandchildren. She expresses her deep gratitude for the welcome and care she has experienced at Immanuel. (Summer 2021)

Chuck and Karen King were drawn to Immanuel by its thoughtful, heartfelt worship, including the Scots' Form (table) communion service. Karen enjoys quilting and baking; she oversees scheduling at Wheaton College. Chuck teaches music and worship and directs the choir at Trinity International University; he bicycles as much as time and weather permit. They both sing in the choir. Chuck plays trombone and is on the worship committee. Chuck and Karen have four adult children and a son-in-law who live across the country—they are delighted everyone comes home to Winfield for Christmas! (Spring 2021)

David Mathues lives in Bartlett with his wife, Lauren, and children, Jackson (6) and Isaiah (2.5). He is a graduate of Notre Dame Law School and a partner in a small firm in Itasca where he represents local governments and their employees in a variety of litigation matters. His interests outside of work include backpacking, cooking, and reading history and historical fiction. At Immanuel, he recently joined the Adult Ed planning team. (Spring 2021)

Lauren Mathues lives in Bartlett with her husband, David, and their children, Jackson (6) and Isaiah (2). After working in different administrative and clinical roles in behavioral health, Lauren came home to homeschool and to launch her romantic relationship consultation practice. She helps individuals, parents, and church leaders as their roles intersect with romantic relationships. At Immanuel, Lauren sings in the choir, helps with Children in Worship, and leads the Tuesday morning Women's Bible study. (Spring 2021)

Grace and Marcus Mayell reside in Glen Ellyn and are the parents of Verity Mayell. Grace is the orchestra director at Wheaton North High School and Marcus works as an acoustician at Threshold Acoustics. They both enjoy serving through music at Immanuel, working on home improvement projects, and cooking. (Summer 2021)

Anna Treier is an eighth grader at Wheaton Christian Grammar School. She lives in Wheaton with her parents and their dog. She has been at Immanuel since she was two years old. She volunteers in the church nursery and in Children and Worship. In her free time, she enjoys reading, art, and playing violin. (Fall 2021)

Kathy Wetters lives in Geneva with her husband, Brian. Brian and Kathy have owned a senior homecare business for eighteen years. Prior to 2003, Kathy worked for BP/Amoco mostly as an industrial engineer for twenty years. She enjoys visiting her seventeen-month-old granddaughter, Amelia, in Texas and spending time at her childhood home in Southwest Georgia. Being a greeter has been an enjoyable way to learn names and faces at IPC. She's looking forward to getting more involved in 2022. (Spring 2021)

Brian Wetters lives in Geneva and is a native Hoosier. Retired from BP/Amoco, he is currently an adjunct instructor in Accounting at Waubensee Community College. Brian enjoys golf, history, genealogy, and reconnecting with old friends from high school, college, and from the Southeast. He is looking forward to getting more involved in adult education and Prime Timers. (Spring 2021)

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Jacob Williams is a freshman at Wheaton College, majoring in mathematics to pursue an MAT in five years. Jacob is on the tennis team, enjoys participating in the Glee Club with Dr. Hopper, loves playing the piano, and being on his floor, Traber 6. At Immanuel, Jacob has grown up through the church since fourth grade, is involved in work with the food pantry while intending to make more regular trips in the Spring by not registering for a class at the same time, and has played in preludes and postludes on the piano when the opportunity arises. (Fall 2019)

Ben Wisdom lives in West Chicago with his brother Trent and parents Jeff and Angela Wisdom. He is a freshman in high school and attends Greenhouse Christian Co-School. For fun he enjoys reading, time with friends, video games, and fencing. He is currently taking a Technical Arts class and hopes to apply what he's learning in services and events at Immanuel. He enjoys being a part of the youth group. (Fall 2021)

NOTES

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard,
Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

STAFF

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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