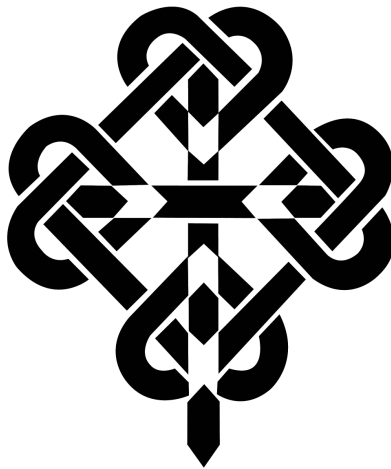


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

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: *This Is My Father's World*
All Creatures of our God and King

arr. by Mark Hayes
arr. by Brian Chung

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us praise the Lord.

All: We give our thanks to God.

Pastor: May the God of hope fill us with all joy and all peace in believing, that we may be overflowing with hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands*

* OPENING HYMN: *We Gather Together*

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.
 the Lord was at our side: all glo - ry be Thine!
 Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

TEXT: Adrianus Valerius, 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894
 MUSIC: *Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clank*, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: **But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.**

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Trisagion*

3 Times Fernando Ortega

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y.

Ho - ly im - mor - tal One, Have

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 irreproachable before him.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Take My Life*

arr. By Craig Courtney
MIRIAM AND KARIN BUURSMAN

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARY HOPPER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: LARRY FUNCK

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 40:25-31*

²⁵“To whom will you compare me?
Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.
²⁶Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens:
Who created all these?
He who brings out the starry host one by one
and calls forth each of them by name.
Because of his great power and mighty strength,
not one of them is missing.
²⁷Why do you complain, Jacob?
Why do you say, Israel,
“My way is hidden from the LORD;
my cause is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Do you not know?
Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He will not grow tired or weary,
and his understanding no one can fathom.
²⁹He gives strength to the weary
and increases the power of the weak.
³⁰Even youths grow tired and weary,
and young men stumble and fall;
³¹but those who hope in the LORD
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

* New Testament Scripture: *Romans 5:1-5*

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Strength for What Lies Ahead*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

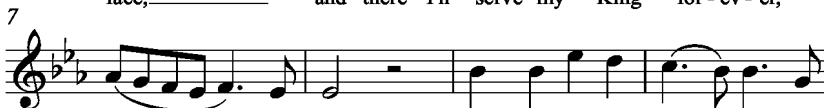
* CLOSING SONG: *There Is a Redeemer*



1. There is a Re - deem - er, Je - sus, God's own
2. Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, name a - bove all
3. When I stand in glo - ry I will see His



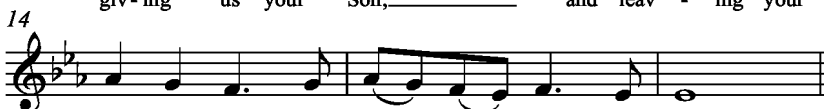
Son, _____ pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
names, _____ pre - cious Lamb of God, Mes - si - ah,
face, _____ and there I'll serve my King for - ev - er,



Ho - ly One. Thank you, O my Fa - ther, for
hope for sin - ners slain.
in that ho - ly place.



giv - ing us your Son; _____ and leav - ing your



Spir - it 'til the work on earth is done.

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE: *Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. by Stephen Nielson

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder Alva Steffler is available to pray with you (630-802-0207 or alvasteffler@yahoo.com).

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Karin and Miriam Buursma, Alethea Funck

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1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

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Food Pantry open

3rd - 5th grade Sunday School Zoom

Youth Group Zoom

Adult Ed Zoom (Theology 101)

Dan Treier on the person and work of Jesus.

This Week

Tuesday

No Women's Bible Studies this week.

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

7:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

Men's Book Group

Thanksgiving Watch your email for a greeting from the church.

IN IMMANUEL

Advent materials: Watch for these to arrive in your mail this week. Next Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent.

Sign up for a time to give blood on December 3, between 2 and 7 p.m. at the church
See the recent newsletter for a link.

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