



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

— HOPE —

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH • NOVEMBER 27, 2022

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: Sleepers, Awake!
"Wake up! The Bridegroom's coming!"

Bach/Gerig
JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA


ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

MATHUES FAMILY

SONG: *Love's Pure Light*

"Gesù Bambino"
Music: Pietro Yon

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O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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Reader: In this season of Advent, we long for God's presence.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Reader: In this season of Advent, we search for God's truth.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Reader: In this season of Advent, we seek God's guidance.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

Reader: In this season of Advent, we remember God's promise.

All: Christ is our light and the source of our hope.

CANDLE LIGHTING

SONG: *Love's Pure Light* (see previous page)

* INVOCATION

* OPENING SONG: *Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*

HYMN 196

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSIION (*Please be seated*)

KEN WOLGEMUTH

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

People: we trust the Lord's goodness. We rely on God's mercy. We find shelter in God's steadfast love.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting on the Lord,

People: we walk in the Lord's way. We follow God's example of love. We keep our covenant promises.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting,

People: Lord, forgive our sins. Remember your love. Remember each one of us. Remember your people everywhere.

Leader: In this Advent season of waiting,

People: Lord, we wait for your salvation. We wait for your leading. We wait for your coming.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Be comforted and hear the good tidings of the gospel: If any one has sinned, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Believe the gospel and live in peace. Amen.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION: *Gloria Patri (Please stand)*

**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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *O Come, Redeemer of the Earth*

Brian L. Hanson
IMMANUEL CHOIR

O come, Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest Your virgin birth.
Let ev'ry age in wonder fall:
such birth befits the God of all.

O, Morning Star, come end our night.
Cast out our sin and shed Your light.
The darkness of our mortal state
with endless beams illuminate!

Begotten of no human will
but of the Spirit, You are still
the Word of God in flesh arrayed,
the promised fruit to man displayed.

All praise, eternal Son, above
whose advent shows Your matchless love,
whom with the Father, we adore,
and Holy Ghost forever more. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY

**All: 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.**

Jes-se Tree, Jes-se Tree, sign of God's fi - del-i - ty, that

5 he will love e - ter-nal - ly the prom-ise made to

9 No - ah, and Ab ra-ham and I - saac, and Ja - cob on a jour-ney, and

12 Jo - seph and the tribes, who wait-ed for the com-ing of Em - man - u - el.

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

Refrain Am Dm9 F G A

For you, O Lord, my soul in still-ness waits;

Bb C Am7 Dm9 *Fine* Am

tru - ly my hope is in you.

- 1 O Lord of
- 2 O Spring of
- 3 O Root of
- 4 O Key of

Dm9 Am Dm9 Am

Light, our on - ly hope of glo - ry, your ra-diance
 Joy, rain down up - on our spir - its; our thirst - y
 Life, im - plant your seed with - in us, and in your
 Knowl - edge, guide us in our pil - grim-age; we ev - er

Dm9 Am Dm9 Am

shines in all who look to you. Come, light the
 hearts are yearn-ing for your Word. Come, make us
 ad - vent draw us all to you, our hope re -
 seek, yet un - ful - filled re - main. O - pen to

Dm9 Am G C Am7 Dm9 *Refrain*

hearts of all in dark and shad-ow.
 whole; be com-fort to our hearts.—
 born in dy - ing and in ris - ing.
 us the path-way of your peace.—

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: DOUG AND BAMBI PENNEY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Isaiah 40:1-5*

¹ Comfort, comfort my people,
says your God.
² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and proclaim to her
that her hard service has been completed,
that her sin has been paid for,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.
³ A voice of one calling:
"In the wilderness prepare
the way for the Lord;
make straight in the desert
a highway for our God.
⁴ Every valley shall be raised up,
every mountain and hill made low;
the rough ground shall become level,
the rugged places a plain.
⁵ And the glory of the Lord will be revealed,
and all people will see it together.
For the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Luke 1:5-24*

⁵ In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶ Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷ But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁸ Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹ he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰ And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹ Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹² When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³ But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴ He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵ for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented

drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶ He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷ And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.”

¹⁸ Zechariah asked the angel, “How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years.”

¹⁹ The angel said to him, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰ And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

²¹ Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. ²² When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak.

²³ When his time of service was completed, he returned home. ²⁴ After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Making Room for Hope*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!* (verses 1-3)

HYMN 198

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Seth Ehorn, Immanuel Choir

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ron Netzel will be available to pray with you near the platform.

This Week

TUESDAY	9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study (childcare provided)
	11:00 - 1:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
	7:00 p.m.	Women's Evening Bible Study
SATURDAY	10:00 a.m.	Prime Timers meet for a time of singing and fellowship

In Immanuel and Beyond

Adult Ed classes (November 6—December 18): Kent Richter explores "Religions around Us." Diane Jerdan and Cathy Sayer teach *Walking with God through Pain and Suffering*.

Advent Devotionals are available in the narthex.

Lessons and Carols: Sunday, December 11

All-Church Dinner and Do-It-Yourself Pageant: Sunday, December 18, 5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service: 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.

ELDERS

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

DEACONS

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