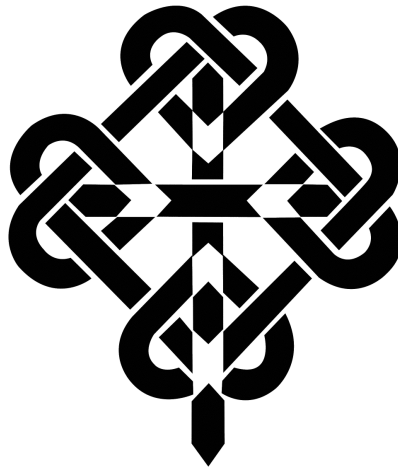


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

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## 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.

## WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*  
*With Grateful Heart I Thank You, Lord*

arr. by Helvey  
arr. by Carter

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand.)*

Leader: We are here to praise God because Jesus Christ has set us free to live.

**All: We are here because in Christ we are forgiven and made whole.**

Leader: We are gathered because Jesus Christ has united us into one family of faith.

**All: We will witness to the good news: Jesus Christ frees and unites.  
Praise God! Alleluia! Amen.**

\* INVOCATION

*\* Congregation stands.*

\* OPENING HYMN: *Rejoice*

Bryan Fowler, Ben Shive,  
Skye Peterson, Kristyn Getty

E A E B E

1. Re-joyce in the Lord now and al - ways. Sing it a - gain, we re - joi - ce. De -  
2. Re-joyce and be anx - ious for noth - ing, pray - ing for all that you need.  
3. Re-joyce in the Lord now and al - ways; tell of the good He has done.

A E B

light in the love He has shown us; grate - ful - ly lift up your  
Come with a song of thanks - giv - ing; lay your re - quests at his  
Wor - ship the Lord to re - mem - ber all of the joy yet to

5

E C#m7 A B

voice. His gen - tle - ness a - mong us will join our hearts with  
feet. His peace will fall up - on us to guard our hearts and  
come. The hope that burns with - in us the dark can - not de -

8

E C#m7 A B E

praise. We gath - er in His good - ness, a fam - i - ly of grace.  
minds in Christ Who reigns e - ter - nal, the Shep - herd of our lives.  
stroy. With praise that's nev - er end - ing, we say a - gain, "re - joi - ce!"

12

Chorus

E C#m7 E A E

17

With each breath He's giv - en, praise\_\_ the Lord. In these

B C#m7 A E

22

times we live in, we will praise\_\_ the Lord. Through out

C#m7 E A E

26

ev - 'ry sea - son, I\_\_ am sure we have

B C#m7 A E

30

ev - 'ry rea - son to praise\_\_ the Lord.

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: Let us use the words of Psalm 5 to guide us in our confession.

**People: Give ear to my words, O Lord; give heed to my sighing.**

Leader: Listen to the sound of my cry, my King and my God, for to you I pray.

**People: O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch.**

Leader: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you.

**People: The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers.**

Leader: You destroy those who speak lies; the Lord abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful.

**People: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house, I will bow down toward your holy temple in awe of you.**

Leader: Lead me, O Lord, in your righteousness because of my enemies; make your way straight before me.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. In Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Please stand.)* Franz Schubert

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

\* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell,  
the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* Church;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* *universal*

\* 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: *The Shepherd*

Lee Holby  
Text by William Blake

How sweet is the Shepherd's sweet lot!  
From the morn to the evening he strays;  
He shall follow his sheep all the day,  
And his tongue shall be filled with praise.

For he hears the lamb's innocent call,  
And he hears the ewe's tender reply;  
He is watchful when they are in peace,  
For they know when their Shepherd is nigh.

DIACONAL PRAYER

SETH EHORN

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

\* HYMN: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

HYMN 644

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: DOUG AND MARGE RENEKER

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 119:137-144*

- <sup>137</sup> You are righteous, LORD,  
and your laws are right.  
<sup>138</sup> The statutes you have laid down are righteous;  
they are fully trustworthy.  
<sup>139</sup> My zeal wears me out,  
for my enemies ignore your words.  
<sup>140</sup> Your promises have been thoroughly tested,  
and your servant loves them.  
<sup>141</sup> Though I am lowly and despised,  
I do not forget your precepts.  
<sup>142</sup> Your righteousness is everlasting  
and your law is true.  
<sup>143</sup> Trouble and distress have come upon me,  
but your commands give me delight.  
<sup>144</sup> Your statutes are always righteous;  
give me understanding that I may live.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 1:27-30*

<sup>27</sup> Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God. <sup>29</sup> For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, <sup>30</sup> since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

MEDITATION: *Gospel Living*



## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless otherwise noted.  
Gluten-free wafers are available in the balcony.)

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Food to Pilgrims Given	page 16
Jesus Paid It All	page 29
I Stand Amazed	page 25

## WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

### \* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

### \* BENEDICTION

### \* POSTLUDE

## **Prayers during Communion**

### ***Prayer to begin a new life in Christ***

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those struggling with sin***

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears***

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past***

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

## TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Alethea Funck, Zak Reynolds, Elisabeth Patterson, Kent Richter, Vic Mala, Mike Dietrich, Jack Durbin.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Gaby Sosa (gabydesosa10@gmail.com) will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the service or during the week.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry**

**College Fellowship at Bretsens'**

(502 W. Indiana St., Wheaton)

**Evening Mom Talk**

**NO YOUTH GROUP**

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

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

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study**

**Food Pantry open**

**Evening Women's Bible Study**

**Men's Book Study**

Saturday

10:00 a.m. - noon

**Choir Workshop**

*ELDERS*

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

*DEACONS*

*Phebe Balzer, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Dee Netzel,  
Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams*

*STAFF*

*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;  
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;  
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*