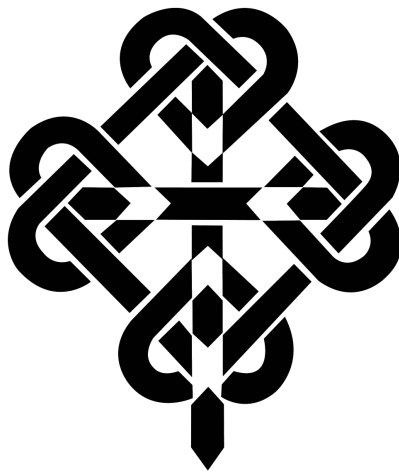


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

NOVEMBER 7, 2021

## **Immanuel's Mission**

*Called and gathered by the grace of Jesus Christ, we exist as a community of love and truth to celebrate the infinite glory of God through:*

**Joyful worship** centered in the wonder and wisdom of the living Word

**Resolute fellowship in Christ** made alive by the unifying love of the Spirit among us

**Transformative learning** for all ages toward full maturity in Christ

**Loving service** to one another, the community and the world, reflecting the servant heart of Jesus

**Spirited mission** to the lost near and far, proclaiming the gospel in word and deed

### **WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**All: And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.**

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

**All: And since he has given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.**

INVOCATION

\* OPENING SONG: *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

1. Come, Chris - tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;  
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;  
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!  
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

GABBY SOSA

Pastor: God's Word assures us: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Pastor: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

**All: And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.**

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

Based on I John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God, the Creator brings you new life, forgives and redeems you. Take hold of this forgiveness, and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.

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



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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\* 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: *Before the Throne of God Above*

SAMUEL REICH

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(Children 3 years through 5 years are dismissed to go downstairs.)*

DIACONAL PRAYER

AMY BLACK TREIER

## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: *Doug and Marge Reneker*

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Joshua 14:6-14*

<sup>6</sup> Now the people of Judah approached Joshua at Gilgal, and Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him, "You know what the Lord said to Moses the man of God at Kadesh Barnea about you and me. <sup>7</sup> I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to explore the land. And I brought him back a report according to my convictions, <sup>8</sup> but my fellow Israelites who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt in fear. I, however, followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly. <sup>9</sup> So on that day Moses swore to me, 'The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the Lord my God wholeheartedly.'

<sup>10</sup> "Now then, just as the Lord promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the wilderness. So here I am today, eighty-five years old! <sup>11</sup> I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I'm just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. <sup>12</sup> Now give me this hill country that the Lord promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the Lord helping me, I will drive them out just as he said."

<sup>13</sup> Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as his inheritance. <sup>14</sup> So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the Lord, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: *Colossians 1:9-12*

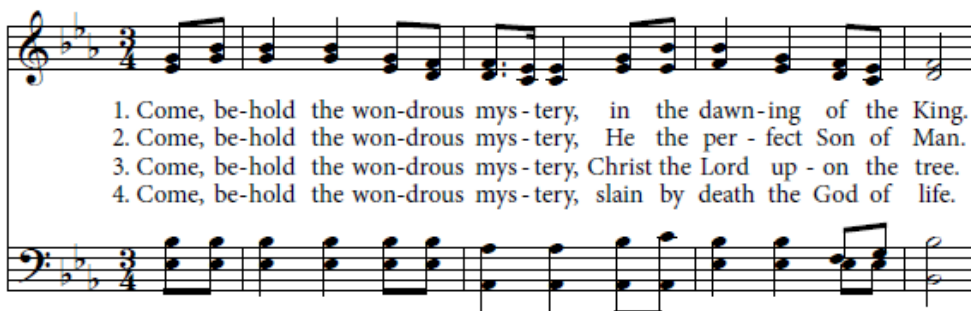
<sup>9</sup> For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup> so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup> being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup> and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. NIV

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

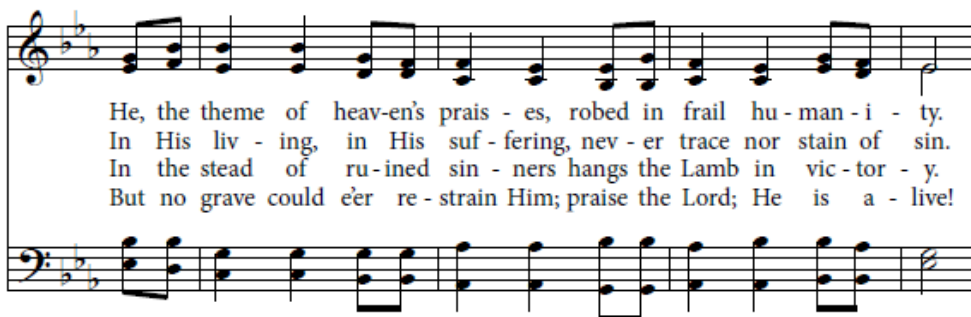
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

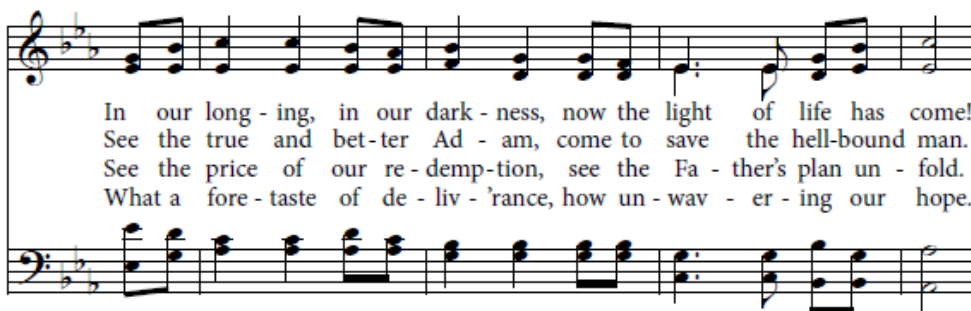
\* SONG: *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*



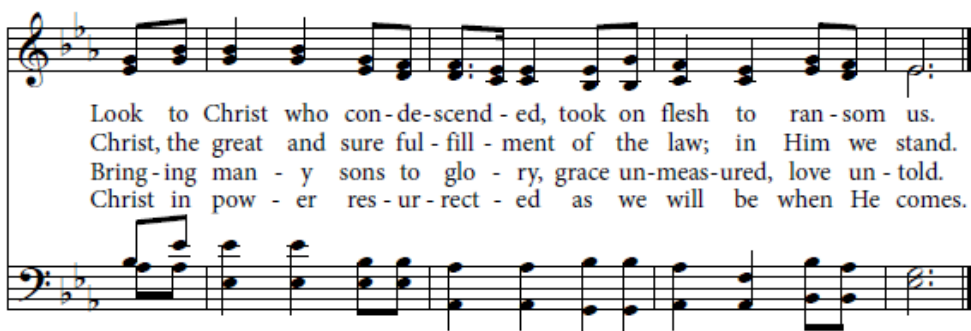
1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.  
 2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, He the per-fect Son of Man.  
 3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.  
 4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.  
 In His liv-ing, in His suf-fering, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.  
 In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.  
 But no grave could e'er re-strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a-live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!  
 See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
 See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.  
 What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
 Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in Him we stand.  
 Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.  
 Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when He comes.

TEXT and MUSIC: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

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MEDITATION: *Inhuman Strength*

**WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING**

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

**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

**Please stay for a brief Renovation Celebration.**

## TODAY

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

**Thanks to our musicians:** Mary Hopper, Seth Ehorn, Vic Mala, Michael Dietrich, Samuel Reich. Music is licensed.

**Thanks to our technical crew.**

**Celebrate Stephen Ministry:** Out in the narthex this morning, you can pick up information and speak to a Stephen Minister. Find out more about this confidential, one-on-one ministry of caring for our congregation when needs arise. Stephen Ministers have undergone more than fifty hours of training in how to listen, pray, support, and encourage in Christ-centered ways, trusting God as they come alongside someone who is hurting. Stephen Ministers meet regularly (and completely confidentially) with a care receiver as long as there's a need—which may be a short time or a longer time. They are ready to help those who are grieving, lonely, discouraged, unemployed, ill, divorced or separated, experiencing spiritual crisis, etc. This ministry has been growing during our year of renovation. Celebrate its new beginnings at Immanuel!

**Freebie:** Look for a copy of *Rediscover Church* (Hanson and Leeman, Crossway Books) in the narthex. If you've got friends or family who are struggling with coming back to church after such a long time-out across the pandemic, or who have never been church regulars in the past, this little book might be just what they need. Help yourself to a copy or two, as needed.

**CELEBRATION SUNDAY:** We have lots to celebrate—beautiful renovations and our Stephen Ministry. Plan to stay a short while after the morning service.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	<b>Food Pantry open</b>
2:00 p.m.	<b>La Roca</b>
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	<b>College Fellowship</b> at the Netzel home, 1616 E. Hawthorne Blvd., Wheaton. Let them know you are coming 630-260-8404.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.	<b>Youth Group</b> meets in the Ministry House
7:00 p.m.	<b>Adult Ed</b> (Zoom) In the narthex, pick up a handout for tonight's class.

## **THIS WEEK**

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

**Women's Bible Study** (childcare)

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

**Food Pantry**

7:00 p.m.

**Men's Book Group**

## **IN IMMANUEL AND BEYOND**

**Thanksgiving gift box distribution:** Our Food Pantry needs some help with a Thanksgiving gift box give away on Thursday, November 18. If you can help, contact Don Bauer 630-386-5711 or [bauerdr@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bauerdr@sbcglobal.net)

**Primetimers will meet on Saturday the 20th at 10 a.m.** Bill France: tales from my youth, Naughty or Nice? Alva Steffler: Songs from my youth. (*The Immanuel bus will pick up at Windsor and Monarch for this event.*)

*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;  
Alva Steffler, Minister of Congregational Care; Mary Hopper, Minister of Music;  
Annika Durbin, Children's Minister; Anna and Scott Scheidt, Ministers to Youth;  
Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton*

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