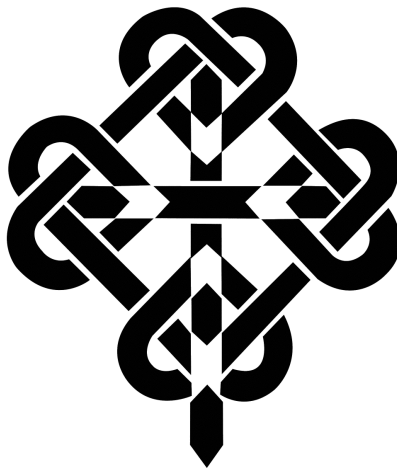


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

PHILIPPIANS: CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

OCTOBER 16, 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.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNA SCHEIDT

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand.)*

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done.

All: Sing to him, sing praise to him; tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

Pastor: Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.

All: Let us remember the wonders he has done, his miracles and the judgments he pronounced. For he is the Lord our God. He remembers his covenant forever.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
 3. Be - hold Him there! The ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,
 strong, a per - fect plea, A great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
 spot - less Right - eous - ness; The great un change - a - ble I
 "Love," who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 9 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him
 grav - en on His hands, my name is writ - ten on His
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased with His
 heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
 free; For God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
 bid me thence de - part, no tongue can
 Him and par - don me, to look on
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my
 bid me thence de - part.
 Him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God.

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WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." (Isaiah 1:18, NIV)

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

People: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Leader: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away, through my groaning all day long.

People: For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Leader: Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not cover up my iniquity.

People: I said, "I will confess my transgression to the Lord"--and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Leader: Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; (Psalm 32:1- 6, NIV)

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Spirit of the Living God*

HYMN 726

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, hear this good news: "You did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirits that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ."

* ACCLAMATION

All: With angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising you and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, now and always. 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.)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)

MISSION FOCUS

FOOD PANTRY

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *It Is Well with My Soul*

ELLIE DURBIN, GRACE MAYELL

* DOXOLOGY

Howard Whitaker

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here be-
low. Praise Him above, ye Heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er,
Son, and Hol - ly Ghost! A - men.

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our debts,
 as we forgive our debtors.
 And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* HYMN: *Sweet Hour of Prayer*

HYMN 634

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MALENA ROSE, CATHY SAYER

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 65*

- ¹ Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
- ² You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.
- ³ When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.
- ⁴ Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.

(continued)

⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
 God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the farthest seas,
⁶ who formed the mountains by your power,
 having armed yourself with strength,
⁷ who stilled the roaring of the seas,
 the roaring of their waves,
 and the turmoil of the nations.
⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
 where morning dawns, where evening fades,
 you call forth songs of joy.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 1:7-11*

⁷ It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. ⁸ God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Excellence Through Prayer*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *He Will Hold Me Fast*

Matt Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



When the tempt - er would pre - vail, He will hold me fast.
 Pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, He will hold me fast.
 Jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; He will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold Through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; His Prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with Him to end - less life, He will hold me fast



For my love is of - ten cold; He must hold me fast. —
 Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.
 'Til our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!



— He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;



For my Sa - vior loves me so,



He will hold me fast.

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* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Russ Adkins, Jack Durbin, Graham Haydon, Lauren Matheus, Zak Reynolds, Immanuel orchestra.

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ron Netzel (ronnetzel@comcast.net) will be available to pray with you near the platform after the service or during the week.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open
Youth Group (Ministry House)

This Week

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study (childcare)
Food Pantry open
Women's Bible Study

Wednesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Mom Talk (childcare)

Saturday 10:00 - noon

Handbell choir rehearsal

In Immanuel and Beyond

On behalf of the Le Peau clan, I want to thank the whole Immanuel family for your love and care for Phyllis, me, and our whole family over the last eighteen months. You have truly been the hands and face of God to us in so many ways. Your prayers sustained us, your food fed us, your cards and notes encouraged us, your flowers brightened us, your visits cheered us, your love covered us. And you clearly outdid yourselves at the memorial service. What a wonderful, appropriate tribute for an amazing person, made possible by dozens of you providing music, tech support, ushering, food, facilities and so much more that we are likely not even aware of. Our gratitude is deep and lasting. Andy Le Peau

Sunday, October 30: Come to church at 9:30 a.m. to celebrate Reformation Sunday brunch provided by our Social Team. Sign up in the narthex beginning today.

NOTES

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*

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