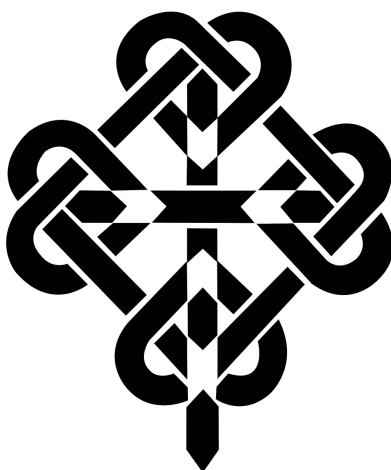


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel Presbyterian Church



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

INDOOR SERVICE

OCTOBER 18, 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

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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

* OPENING SONG: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

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1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a
2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He

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lone. What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That oursouls to Him be
good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's
9 lives!" And what re-ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with

9



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -
blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise Who stands a -
12 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and

12



part from His com mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of
bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the
16 death will be destroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is

16



Christ, in which we stand. _____ O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our
shore, the rock of Christ?
21 ours for - ev - er - more

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hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con

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fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SHEROLL RITCHIE

Leader: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

People: Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Leader: Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

People: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Leader: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

People: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

People: Let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Leader: Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Merciful Lord*

Mer - ci - ful Lord, in your lov - ing - kind - ness hear our
prayer, lis - ten to our con - fes - sion. Mer - ci - ful Lord,
in your lov - ing kind - ness hear our
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the comforting word of the Scriptures to all who truly repent. As far as the East is from the West so far does he remove our transgressions from us. If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name forever; may his glory fill the whole earth. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRISCILLA WITTE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

MARY HOPPER

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

* HYMN: *It Is Well with My Soul* (verses 1 and 3)

1. When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
 3. My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!
 4. And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot,
 let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol: that Christ has re - gard -
 My sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross,
 the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound

Thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well
 ed my help - less es - tate, and has shed His own blood
 and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
 and the Lord shall de - scend; ev - en so, it is well

with my soul."
 for my soul. It is well *It is well* with my soul; *with my*
 O my soul!
 with my soul.

soul. It is well, it is well with my soul!

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

READERS: THE TREIER FAMILY

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 125*

- ¹ Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion,
which cannot be shaken but endures forever.
² As the mountains surround Jerusalem,
so the LORD surrounds his people
both now and forevermore.
³ The scepter of the wicked will not remain
over the land allotted to the righteous,
for then the righteous might use
their hands to do evil.
⁴ LORD, do good to those who are good,
to those who are upright in heart.
⁵ But those who turn to crooked ways
the LORD will banish with the evildoers.

Peace be on Israel. NIV

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Ephesians 3:14—4:6*

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *Unity in a Time of Adversity (Part 2)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *We Are God's People (verses 1 and 3)*

Unison

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his
2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have
3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -
4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is
known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how
bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a
weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for

Christ a - lone, and strong in him we stand: O let us live trans -
to re - turn the gift of love once giv'n: O let us share each
fam - i - ly, di - verse yet tru - ly one: O let us give our
on its own each mem - ber los - es fire: yet joined in one the

par - ent - ly, and walk heart to heart and hand in hand.
joy and care, and live with a zeal that pleas - es heav'n.
gifts to God, and so shall his work on earth be done.
flame burns on to give warmth and light, and to in - spire.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

Today

If you are in need of prayer, contact elder Sheroll Ritchie (773-551-4568 or soritchie@gmail.com).

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Thanks to our Livestream video crew: Peter Welander, John Economides.

Nomination Deadline Today: Once you get a nominee's approval, send an email to Carl Pickard: carljudypickard@gmail.com. If you are here in person, you can fill out a paper form and put it in the familiar "big orange box."

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 (Smoaks/Action Int'l.)

This Week

Tuesday

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

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

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Food Pantry open

Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Coming

Reformation Sunday, October 25, 4:00 p.m. - Harvest Decorated Pumpkin

Contest. Bring your entry (paint a pumpkin, accessorize a pumpkin, make a pumpkin scene/diorama, or carve a pumpkin) and our judges (Alva, Sue, and David) will choose the winners! Expect unusual categories: Most Presbyterian Pumpkin, Best Storytelling Pumpkin, Most Elegant Pumpkin, Best Intergalactic Pumpkin, Most Colorful Pumpkin, etc. Please avoid anything creepy (Halloween). Pumpkins will be received whenever you've got them ready, but the deadline is Reformation Sunday morning, October 25. Come back to church at 4 p.m. to see the pumpkins displayed outdoors (tables spaced for social distancing), enjoy some music, and hear judges award prizes. Kids can take home a goody bag! Our friends from La Roca Eterna will join in the fun. We are also collecting food donations. The pantry is in need of baking supplies, peanut butter, jelly, salad dressing, granola bars, and diapers.

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ELDERS

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

DEACONS

*Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Becky Eggimann, Seth Ehorn, Debby France,
Marc Johnson, Michael Kendrick, Harv Meyers, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson*

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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;
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