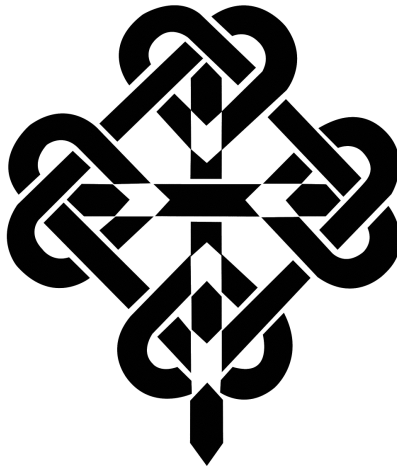


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

OCTOBER 2, 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

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand.)*

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: O God, your name be praised, for in Jesus Christ you come to visit and redeem your people.

All: Help us to understand Christ's rule, strongest among the exiled, among the victims, among the hurt and mourning.

Leader: Help us to understand Christ's triumph revealed when love speaks the healing and freeing word. Help us to understand glory revealed on a cross.

All: Then may we sing with full joy, Rejoice! Rejoice! Blessed is Emmanuel who comes in God's name to ransom our captive hearts.

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING SONG: *My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone* (Psalm 62)

Moderato



1. My_ soul finds rest in God a - lone, my_
 (2) rest my soul in God a - lone a -
 (3) set my gaze on God a - lone and_



rock and my sal - va - tion, a__ for - tress strong a -
 mid the world's temp - ta - tions. When e - vil seeks to
 trust in Him com - plete - ly, with_ ev - 'ry day pour



gainst my foes, and_ I will not be shak - en. Though
 take a hold, I'll_ cling to my sal - va - tion. Though
 out my soul: and_ He will prove HIS mer - cy. Though



lips may bless and hearts may curse, and_ lies, like ar - rows
 rich - es come, and rich - es go, don't set your heart up
 life is but a fleet - ing breath, a__ sigh too deep to



pierce__ me, I'll__ fix my heart on
 on__ them. The__ fields of hope in
 meas - ure, my__ King has crushed the



right - eous - ness; I'll_ look to Him who hears me. O__
 which I sow are_ harv - est - ed in heav - en.
 curse of death, and_ I am His for - ev - er.

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CHORUS



praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my Re -



ward. Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; my Re deem - er, my



1. God. 2. Find God.



3. I'll God.



O__ praise Him, O__ praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -



lu - jah! O__ praise Him, O__ praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le -



lu - jah! O__ praise Him, O__ praise Him, hal - le -



lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! O__

TO CHORUS

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

STEVE WESTFALL

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

People: the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

People: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.

Leader: Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

People: But who can detect their errors: Clear me from hidden faults.

Leader: Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Ky-rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-te E - lei - son, have
 mer - cy. Ky-rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-te E
 lei - son, have mer - cy. As we come be-fore You with the
 needs of our world we con-fess our fail-ures and our sin, for our
 words are ma-ny yet our deeds have been few; Fan the
 fire of com-pas-sion once a - gain. Ky-rie E-

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: If we confess our sins he is able and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise. 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

MICAH SCHUURMAN

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Amazing Grace*

arr. Craig Courtney
SYLVIA ELTHERINGTON

* DOXOLOGY

**All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KEN WOLGEMUTH

* HYMN: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

Hymn 508

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: KIM AND TIM TAYLOR

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 2*

¹ Why do the nations conspire
and the peoples plot in vain?
² The kings of the earth rise up
and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
³ "Let us break their chains
and throw off their shackles."

⁴ The One enthroned in heaven laughs;
the Lord scoffs at them.
⁵ He rebukes them in his anger
and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,
⁶ “I have installed my king
on Zion, my holy mountain.”
⁷ I will proclaim the Lord’s decree:
He said to me, “You are my son;
today I have become your father.
⁸ Ask me,
and I will make the nations your inheritance,
the ends of the earth your possession.
⁹ You will break them with a rod of iron;
you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”
¹⁰ Therefore, you kings, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear
and celebrate his rule with trembling.
¹² Kiss his son, or he will be angry
and your way will lead to your destruction,
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *John 17:20-23*

²⁰ “My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, ²¹ that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one— ²³ I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *Humor in Heaven*

JOHN SCHUURMAN

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

- * CLOSING HYMN: *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*
- * BENEDICTION
- * POSTLUDE

HYMN 359

TODAY

This morning we welcome **John Schuurman** to our pulpit. John and his wife, Janet, have been worshipping and participating in fellowship and various ministries at IPC for many years. John was ordained in ministry in 1985 in the Christian Reformed Church and enjoys reading, travel, theater, and film.

We're also happy to welcome visiting IPC missionary **Micah Schuuman**. Micah lives in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he teaches biblical languages and Old Testament at UNELA, the Evangelical University of the Americas, a fully accredited evangelical school. Most of his students are pastors or others preparing for full-time ministry. Micah is active in a local church and helps with the youth group. He also runs a chess club for kids in his neighborhood. Micah is the son of Immanuel attenders John and Janet Schuurman.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Seth Ehorn, Vic Mala, Zak Reynolds, Sylvia Eltherington, Nathaniel Holman, Graham Haydon

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Katherine Anderson (katand@sbcglobal.net) will be available to pray with you near the platform after the service or during the week.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group game night (Ministry House)

This Week

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

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

Food Pantry open

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

Wednesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Mom Talk (childcare)

In Immanuel and Beyond

Come for the education hour: Nursery is available at 9:20. Classes for kids are in the lower level, while middle school and high school classes are upstairs in the Ministry House. Adults can attend a class taught by Mark Noll and Mary Hopper in the sanctuary or a class taught by Annie Rose in the lower level of the Ministry House. Try to come a bit early so teachers can begin right at 9:30.

Memorial Service for Phyllis Le Peau: Visitation for Phyllis will be at a church near their home, St. Andrew's Episcopal, 1125 Franklin St., Downers Grove, from 3-8 p.m. on Sunday, October 9. A memorial service for Phyllis will take place at Immanuel on Monday, October 10, at 10:30 a.m., with a light lunch to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family is encouraging gifts to the Black Campus Ministry of InterVarsity Christian Fellowship or the EPC's Revelation 7:9 Task Force (see church newsletter for online links or contact the church office for giving information).

IPC Financial Update: As we enter the fourth quarter, it is encouraging to see how strong your giving has been through the first three quarters. Giving to the General Fund through September was \$562,778, just \$591 (0.4%) below our projection. That leaves \$261,372 by year end, or 31% of the revised annual budget of \$824,155. As of August 31 (the latest report available), income exceeded expenses by \$13,029 (2.6%). So, once again, it is with deepest gratitude that we thank everyone for their part in God's blessing IPC with a solid financial footing, especially in an uncertain economy!

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*