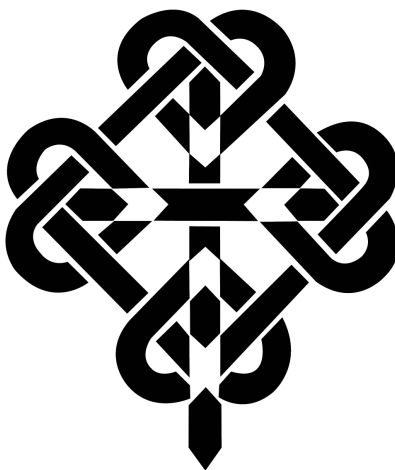


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

2 CORINTHIANS 5
OUR LIFE IN CHRIST IN ONE CHAPTER

OCTOBER 24, 2021

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: *Concerto for Clarinet, Adagio*

W. A. Mozart
HOWARD WHITAKER, JOHN ZIMMERMAN

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

MARY HOPPER

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: How great and glorious is our God!

All: From hour to hour, from day to day, our lives ought to overflow with praise and gratitude.

Pastor: He creates beauty out of the dust of our fallen natures.

All: Out of the ashes of our failures he brings forth meaning and purpose.

Pastor: He exalts the humble and enriches the poor.

All: He transforms our weaknesses into channels of his strength.

Pastor: Our emptiness becomes a vessel for his fullness, our spiritual poverty the basis for his eternal grace.

All: How great and glorious is our God!

* INVOCATION

** Congregation stands.*

* OPENING SONG: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

♯ D A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A D A⁷ D

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

LEON SINCLAIR

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.**

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Take, O Take Me as I Am*

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Take, O take me as I am; — sum - mon out what I shall be; —". The piano accompaniment features a steady eighth-note bass line and a treble line with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with the lyrics "set your seal up - on my heart and live in me. —". The piano accompaniment continues with similar textures, ending with a final chord in the piano part.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God who speaks his holy law to you and hears our confession also promises his forgiveness. There is no promise he won't keep.

* ACCLAMATION *(Please stand)*

All: To him who loves us, who leads and feeds us, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, to him be glory and honor and praise throughout all generations. 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.)

SPECIAL MUSIC: *He's Always Been Faithful*

Sara Groves
LAUREN MATHUES

Morning by morning, I wake up to find
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways
All I have need of, His hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain
He did not recycle to bring me gain
I can't remember one single regret
In serving God only and trusting His hand
All I have need of, His hand will provide
He's always been faithful to me

This is my anthem, this is my song
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long
God has been faithful, He will be again
His loving compassion, it knows no end
All I have need of, His hand will provide
He's always
He's always been faithful
He's always been faithful to me

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

*(Children remain seated during the Children's Blessing,
then will be led to their children's worship space.)*

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

DAN BALZER

* HYMN: *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

1. I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art, my on-ly
 2. Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace, reign-ing om-
 3. Thou art the Life, by which a-lone we live, and all our
 4. Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness, no harsh-ness
 5. Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee; our faith is

trust and Sav-ior of my heart, who pain didst un-der-
 nip-o-tent in ev-'ry place: so come, O King, and
 • sub-stance and our strength re-ceive; O com-fort us in
 hast thou and no bit-ter-ness: make us to taste the
 built up-on thy prom-ise free; O grant to us such

go for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 our whole be-ing sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 • death's ap-proach-ing hour, strong-heart-ed then to face it by thy pow'r.
 sweet grace found in thee and ev-er stay in thy sweet u-ni-ty.
 strong-er hope and sure that we can bold-ly con-quer and en-dure.

Strasbourg Psalter, 1545
 Tr. by Elizabeth L. Smith, 1868; alt. 1961

TOULON 10.10.10.10.
 Genevan Psalter, 1551

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MEL AND HEATHER REYES

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Jeremiah 31:7-9*

⁷ This is what the Lord says:

“Sing with joy for Jacob;
shout for the foremost of the nations.
Make your praises heard, and say,
‘Lord, save your people,
the remnant of Israel.’

⁸ See, I will bring them from the land of the north
and gather them from the ends of the earth.
Among them will be the blind and the lame,
expectant mothers and women in labor;
a great throng will return.

⁹ They will come with weeping;
they will pray as I bring them back.
I will lead them beside streams of water
on a level path where they will not stumble,
because I am Israel's father,
and Ephraim is my firstborn son.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹ God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

SERMON: *The Message of Reconciliation*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my
3. I will not boast in a - ny - thing, no

3
vast be - yond all mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly
sin up - on his shoul - ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing
6 gifts, no power, no wis - dom; but I will boast in Je - sus

9
Son to make a wretch his trea - sure. How
voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
Christ, his death and re - sur - rec - tion. Why

11
great the pain of sear - ing loss: the
was my sin that held him there un -
should I gain from his re - ward? I

13
Fa - ther turns his face a - way as
til it was ac - com - plished; his
can - not give an an - swer, but

15
wounds, which mar the cho - sen one, bring
dy - ing breath has brought me life - I
this I know with all my heart - his

ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
know that it is fin - ished.
wounds have paid my ran - som.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

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: John Zimmerman, Howard Whitaker, Mary Hopper, and Lauren Mathues. Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

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| 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. | Food pantry open |
| 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | College Fellowship at the Netzels' home. Dinner is provided (1616 E. Hawthorne Blvd., Wheaton). Let them know you are coming (630-260-8404). |
| 6:00 - 8:00 p. m. | Youth Group Fall Party at the Ministry House. Wear a costume. |
| 7:00 p.m. | Adult Ed Theology 101, wrapping up on the themes of sin and salvation. (Zoom) |

THIS WEEK

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| Tuesday | 9:30 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| | 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Food Pantry |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Men's Book Group |

In Immanuel and Beyond

Cider and Doughnuts with Luther, Reformation Sunday, October 31: Plan to come at 9:45 a.m. for fellowship before worship.

There will be no Adult Ed on Reformation Sunday.

Adult Ed resumes November 7: A class on the “History of African American Christianity” will trace the history of Christianity among African Americans from when captured Africans first became slaves in the American colonies to how Black Christians respond to present-day debates over Black Lives Matter, Critical Race Theory, and related questions. Emphases of the class include scene-setting for what enslavement and then racial segregation meant for Black churches, biographical treatment of important Black believers who deserve to be better known, and theological emphases that both resemble and are very different from White evangelical emphases. Teacher Mark Noll is retired as a history professor first at Wheaton College and then at the University of Notre Dame. He and Maggie have been members of Immanuel (with one intervening sabbatical) for more than forty years.

Narthex art work: The wool art pieces in the narthex were created by textile artist Linda Lowe Oren, who taught art at Wheaton College for many years. These six pieces were purchased by John Walford and are a gift to Immanuel from the Walford family.

Autumn Colors Cross Quilt: The beautiful quilt in the narthex is the culmination of a project conceived and begun by Dottye Luttrell. Dottye and her daughter, Jennifer Luttrell Jordan, pieced the quilt as a new banner for Immanuel. Carol Wilhoit finished the quilt. Special thanks to Dottye, Jennifer, and Carol.

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*

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*George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life;
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