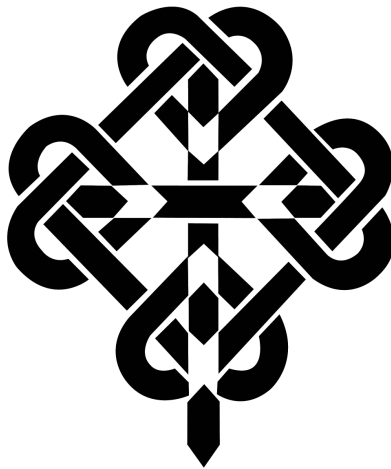


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

REFORMATION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 25, 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

Pastor: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

All: there is no end to his greatness.

Pastor: One generation shall praise your works to another,
and shall declare your power.

**All: All your works praise you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.**

Pastor: They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

**All: Our mouths shall speak the praise of the Lord:
Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

based on Psalm 145:3-4, 10-11, 21

* INVOCATION

1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing; our help - er he a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go.

doth seek to work us woe; his craft and pow'r are great;
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo! his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

WE ARE RENEWED BY GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION: (in unison)

ALVA STEFFLER

In every age, God has raised up men and women to live and die in faith.

We need God's forgiveness for our indifference to his will.

He has commanded us to speak, but at times we have been silent.

He has called us to do what is just, but at times we have been fearful.

We need God's mercy when we are indeed faithless servants.

May we be encouraged by the faithful lives of those that have gone before us;

May we be empowered to overcome sin by the Spirit who is within us;

May we be emboldened to stand for truth because God is for us.

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
prayer, lis-ten to our con-fes-sion.

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2:19-22, NRSV

* ACCLAMATION

All: To him who loves us and frees us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory and power forever and ever. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Remember Me*

Mark Schultz
CHRIS AND RACHEL GILMORE

Remember me,
In a Bible cracked
and faded by the years.
Remember me,
In a sanctuary filled with silent prayer.

And age to age
And heart to heart,
Bound by grace and peace.
Child of wonder,
Child of God,
I've remembered you,
Remember me,

Remember me,
When the color of a
sunset fills the sky.
Remember me,
When you pray and tears of joy
fall from your eyes.

Remember me,
When the children leave
their Sunday school with smiles.
Remember me,
When they're old enough to teach,
Old enough to preach,
Old enough to leave.

Remember me
When the children leave
their Sunday...

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

KATHERINE ANDERSON



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your
 2. Teach us Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights of Your

4



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us;_ shape and
 mil - i - ty_ Test our thoughts and our at - ti tudes; in the
 plans for us._ Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will

7



fash - ion us_ in Your like - - - - - ness; That the light of Christ might be
 ra - di - ance_ of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. and by grace we'll stand on Your

10



seen to day_ in our acts of love and our deeds of_ faith.
 eyes to see_ Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 prom - is - es;_ And by faith we'll walk as You walk with_ us.

13



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us_ all Your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;_ Let their
 Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built,_ and the

15



pur - pos - es_ for Your glo - - - - - ry.
 truth pre - vail_ o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled_ with Your glo - - - - - ry.

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: PRISCILLA HEIDEBRECHT

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalms 46*

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
an ever-present help in trouble.
² Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
³ though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.
⁴ There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
- ⁵ God is within her, she will not fall;
God will help her at break of day.
⁶ Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;
he lifts his voice, the earth melts.
⁷ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.
⁸ Come and see what the LORD has done,
the desolations he has brought on the earth.
⁹ He makes wars cease
to the ends of the earth.
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ He says, "Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."
¹¹ The LORD Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. 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.

(see next page)

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.

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

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow! Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low! Praise Him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly hosts! Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE



The Luther Rose

The pulpit banner before you is a recreation of the seal that Martin Luther designed for his personal coat of arms.

Luther, a priest and professor in Wittenberg, Germany, had come to believe, through his study of the Psalms and Paul's Epistles, that salvation came from faith in Christ alone, a free gift. When a Catholic official came into Luther's region selling indulgences (purchasing penance for sin with money). Luther was outraged. He nailed the Ninety-Five Theses (protesting this matter and others) to the church door on October 31, 1517—the event we celebrate today as Reformation Sunday. The devotion of Luther, John Calvin, and others to the authority of Scripture, salvation through faith, and the individual's access to God through Christ led to a separation from the Roman Catholic Church and the beginning of Protestantism.

In Luther's seal, the cross is black to represent the mortification Christ suffered for us, and the heart red for his shed blood. The white Messianic rose symbolized the joy of faith. The blue background represents the joy of heaven, and the ring of gold stands for eternal blessedness in Christ.

Today

If you are in need of prayer, elder Katherine Anderson will be happy to pray with you (630-292-4376) or katand@sbcglobal.net.

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Rachel and Chris Gilmore.

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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 (with Schroeders)

Celebrate the Schroeders' 30+ years of ministry by Zooming with Adult Ed tonight at 7 p.m. Kent Schroeder attended Bethel (1978-81) before joining Wycliffe, so he and Leila have been Immanuel missionaries for the whole history of Immanuel! Only God knows the far, far, far-reaching blessings and kingdom work achieved through the service of these impressive folks, who have worked with developing curriculum, software, and training that has brought access to God's Word around the world, but especially across Africa. Come hear from them and share a blessing as they prepare to retire. (See *link in Friday's newsletter.*)

This Week

Tuesday

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

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

7:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Food Pantry open

Women's Bible Study (Zoom)

Men's Book group (Zoom)

NOTES

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