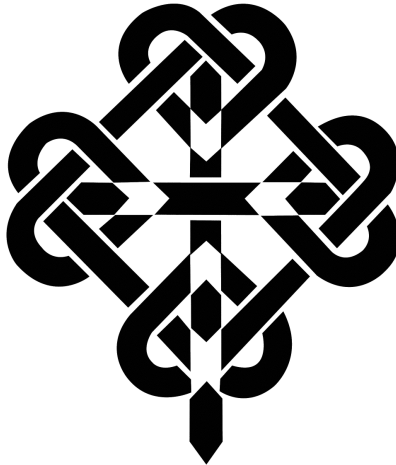


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

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 3, 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

BETH BAUER

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: God anointed Christ to console the afflicted.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Comforter!

Pastor: God anointed Christ to emancipate the enslaved.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our liberator!

Pastor: God anointed Christ to bind up the wounded.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our healer!

Pastor: God anointed Christ to deliver the troubled.

All: Come, let us worship the Lord our Savior!

Adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

* INVOCATION

OPENING SONG: *Humbly, I Adore Thee* (Sung by soloist)

Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen.
Who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
Tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;
Living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
Grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
To my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

ALVA STEFFLER

Leader: Those who encountered the true and living God in Scripture were overwhelmed with a sense of his majesty and glory, and their own sinfulness. As we encounter the true and living God today, let us together ask for his forgiveness as we consider his character in light of our own.

Holy and strong One,

People: Forgive our weakness.

Leader: Holy and wise One,

People: Forgive our foolishness.

Leader: Holy and loving One,

People: Forgive our hardness.

Leader: Holy and generous One,

People: Forgive our selfishness.

Leader: Holy and faithful One,

People: Forgive our fickleness.

Leader: Holy and gentle One,

People: Forgive our toughness.

All: Forgive us, Holy One, forgive.

Adapted from *The Open Gate*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Lord is faithful in all his words,
And gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
And raises up all who are bowed down.

Psalm 145:13-14, NRSV

* ACCLAMATION (*Please stand*)

**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.**

* APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell,
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic* Church;
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

* 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: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

MIKE DIETRICH

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

DIACONAL PRAYER

BECKY WILLIAMS

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: SAMANTHA DURBIN, HOWARD WHITAKER

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 26*

- ¹ Vindicate me, Lord,
for I have led a blameless life;
have trusted in the Lord
and have not faltered.
- ² Test me, Lord, and try me,
examine my heart and my mind;
- ³ for I have always been mindful of your unfailing love
and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.
- ⁴ I do not sit with the deceitful,
nor do I associate with hypocrites.
- ⁵ I abhor the assembly of evildoers
and refuse to sit with the wicked.
- ⁶ I wash my hands in innocence,
and go about your altar, Lord,
- ⁷ proclaiming aloud your praise
and telling of all your wonderful deeds.
- ⁸ Lord, I love the house where you live,
the place where your glory dwells.
- ⁹ Do not take away my soul along with sinners,
my life with those who are bloodthirsty,
- ¹⁰ in whose hands are wicked schemes,
whose right hands are full of bribes.
- ¹¹ I lead a blameless life;
deliver me and be merciful to me.
- ¹² My feet stand on level ground;
in the great congregation I will praise the Lord.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:11-15*

¹¹ Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience. ¹² We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart. ¹³ If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

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

* HYMN: *Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery*



1. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, in the dawn-ing of the King.
 2. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, He the per-fect Son of Man.
 3. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, Christ the Lord up-on the tree.
 4. Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-tery, slain by death the God of life.



He, the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.
 In His liv-ing, in His suf-fering, nev-er trace nor stain of sin.
 In the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-tor-y.
 But no grave could èr re-strain Him; praise the Lord; He is a-live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come!
 See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
 See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold.
 What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance, how un-wav-er-ing our hope.



Look to Christ who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
 Christ, the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in Him we stand.
 Bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-meas-ured, love un-told.
 Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as we will be when He comes.



EXT and MUSIC: Matt Papa, Matt Boswell, and Michael Bleecker

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SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

SENDING PRAYER FOR CAROLYN NYSTROM

* CLOSING HYMN: *Amazing Grace*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.
When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

* BENEDECTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

If you have concerns or are in need of prayer, Carl Pickard will be available at the front following the service.

Thanks to our musicians: Beth Bauer, Kent Richter, Vic Mala, Mike Dietrich, Alethea Funck, Jack Durbin, Mary Hopper

Music is licensed.

Thanks to our technical crew.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Food pantry open
6:00 - 8:00 p. m.	Youth Group
7:00 p.m.	Adult Ed Theology 101, Sin and Salvation (Zoom)

THIS WEEK

Tuesday

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry**

Wednesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Mom Talk**

(Continued)

COMING

Good news: The Session has approved a resolution authorizing a loan to complete the funding of our Renovation Project. To comply with our bylaws, we will conduct a brief congregational meeting for the purpose of an *active-member vote after worship next Sunday, October 10*, to affirm the resolution.

PrimeTimers will meet Saturday, October 16 at 10:00 a.m. RSVP to Alva (alvasteffler@yahoo.com).

Tuesday morning women's Bible study resumes October 19.

Reformation Sunday is October 31. Plan to come before worship for an early time of celebration and fellowship.

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, Katie Pickard, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Heather Reyes (chair), Jack Swanson, Amy Treier, Rebecca William

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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; Amber Johnson, Business Manager; Barbara Lawrence, Church Secretary; Frank Lawrence, Church Sexton