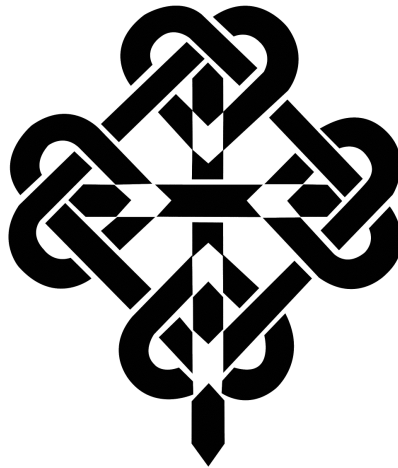


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

# Immanuel

## Presbyterian Church



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

CONTENTMENT IN CHRIST

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## 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: *Into My Heart*  
*Children of the Heavenly Father*

Clark/Wilhelmi  
Swedish/Zimmerman

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *Come to the Water (v. 1)*

Oh let all who thirst,  
Let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
Let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price,  
Except for the Lord?

\* *Congregation stands.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP *(Please stand.)*

Pastor: Come, let us worship God, for his love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Pastor: Let us praise God, for anyone in Christ is a new creature; the old things have passed away; behold the new has come.

**All: We know that he died for us, that we who live should no longer live for ourselves, but for him who died and rose again on our behalf.**

Pastor: Thanks be to God. Let us worship him together.

\* INVOCATION

\* OPENING HYMN: *God Is Here (verse 1)*

1. God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer praise and prayer,  
 2. Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long need of grace;  
 3. Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's flock and fold;  
 4. Lord of all, of Church and king-dom, in an age of change and doubt

may we find in full-er mea-sure what it is in Christ we share.  
 here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit; here the cross has cen-tral place.  
 here as bread and wine are tak-en, Christ sus-tains us, as of old.  
 keep us faith-ful to the Gos-pel; help us work your pur-pose out.

Here, as in the world a-round us, all our var-ied skills and arts  
 Here is hon-es-ty of preach-ing, here in si-lence, as in speech,  
 Here the ser-vants of the Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore  
 Here, in this day's cel-e-bra-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.  
 here, in new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.  
 what it means in dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.  
 we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, b. 1903  
 MUSIC: Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
 8.7.8.7.D.

## WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: The psalmist models a transparent faith with these words: Search me, O God, and know my heart;

**People: Test me and know my thoughts. See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

Leader: We express our longing for God's leading by our own transparent confession.

based on Psalm 139:23-24, NRSV

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that we, free from sins, might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.

\* SONG OF ACCLAMATION *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord (Please stand.)*

Franz Schubert

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light  
very God of very God,  
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation  
came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the  
dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead;  
and the life of the world to come. 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.)*

**WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS**

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Come to the Water (verses 2, 3, 4)*

And let all who seek; let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord.  
Without money, without strife, why should you spend your life  
Except for the Lord?

And let all who toil; let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.  
All who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest  
Except for the Lord?

And let all the poor; let them come to the water.  
Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord.  
Bring the children, without might, easy the load and light.  
Come to the Lord.

DIACONAL PRAYER

AMY TREIER

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNIKA DURBIN

\* HYMN: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

1. Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly  
 2. God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his  
 3. Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the  
 4. Praise the Lord in joy - ful num - bers, your Pro -

in his bo - som gath - er; nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish; from all e - vil things he  
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er; un - to them his grace he  
 tec - tor nev - er slum - bers; at the will of your De -

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.  
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.  
 fend - er ev - 'ry foe - man must sur - ren - der.

5. Though he giveth or he taketh,  
 God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
 his the loving purpose solely  
 to preserve them pure and holy.

6. More secure is no one ever  
 than the loved ones of the Savior;  
 not yon star on high abiding  
 nor the bird in home-nest hiding.



## WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: MARGARET AND RALPH LAMBKA

\* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Psalm 111*

Praise the Lord.

- <sup>1</sup> I will extol the Lord with all my heart  
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.
- <sup>2</sup> Great are the works of the Lord;  
they are pondered by all who delight in them.
- <sup>3</sup> Glorious and majestic are his deeds,  
and his righteousness endures forever.
- <sup>4</sup> He has caused his wonders to be remembered;  
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
- <sup>5</sup> He provides food for those who fear him;  
he remembers his covenant forever.
- <sup>6</sup> He has shown his people the power of his works,  
giving them the lands of other nations.
- <sup>7</sup> The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- <sup>8</sup> They are established for ever and ever,  
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.
- <sup>9</sup> He provided redemption for his people;  
he ordained his covenant forever—  
holy and awesome is his name.
- <sup>10</sup> The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who follow his precepts have good understanding.  
To him belongs eternal praise.

\* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Philippians 1:1-8*

<sup>1</sup> Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,  
To all God's holy people in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and  
deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you. <sup>4</sup> In all my prayers for all of you,  
I always pray with joy <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first  
day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will  
carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

*(continued)*

<sup>7</sup> It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart and, whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. <sup>8</sup> God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

\* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *Confidence in All Circumstances*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Times of singing and silence.)

(Communion music is found in the Communion song book, unless other wise noted.)

Gluten free wafers are available in the balcony.)

Come to the Wedding	page 7
Nothing But the Blood of Jesus	page 34
O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus	page 36
Come With Us	page 8

**WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE**

\* 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.

\* BENEDICTION

\* POSTLUDE

## **Prayers during Communion**

### ***Prayer to begin a new life in Christ***

Dear God, I recognize Jesus came to earth to die on the cross for the sins of your people. I want to recognize now that he came to earth to die for *my* sins. I confess that I am a sinner in need of your grace and the saving blood of Christ. Please forgive me of my sins through the perfect sacrifice of your Son who died in my place. Jesus, come into my heart and change me from the inside out. Help me to truly repent from my previous way of living without you, and help me to surrender to your rule over my life as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for your Spirit that reveals to me the new life that I have in Christ and empowers me to walk in obedience to your truth and will for me. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those struggling with sin***

Merciful God, I am thankful that as your child I am not defined by my sin. Help me to walk in obedience to you in all areas of my life. Forgive me for the particular area(s) where I still succumb to temptation and disobey you. Help me to remember that in every area where I am tempted, your word promises that you will provide a way out of those temptations. Fill me with your Spirit, which working in me can do what I cannot do on my own. Help me to walk in obedience to your commands and also delight in them and your guiding words of truth. Please give me the courage to reach out to others in the body of Christ for strength and support when I am especially vulnerable. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those wrestling with doubts and fears***

Gracious God, even as your child I wrestle with the fact that your will for me is perfect and that you will supply all of my needs. Help me to set my mind on the truths of your word, and guard my heart when the enemy clouds my mind and heart with fear and doubt. Help me to rest in the peace and security of being your child, and by your Spirit testify with my spirit that I am yours when feelings tell me otherwise. Remind me of your love and delight in me as your child. Amen.

### ***Prayer for those seeking freedom from their past***

Almighty God, you have the power to set us free from the sins and entanglements of our past. Release me from the shackles of my past that I carry that you have released me from. Forgive me for holding my past against me in the ways that you do not, and enable me to grasp what it is for you to see me in the perfect righteousness of your Son, both now and forever. May your Spirit, the Spirit of liberty, liberate me from any thought or feeling that belies the fact that I am completely forgiven, or free to live the new life in Christ I have as your new creation. Amen.

## TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, John Zimmerman, Immanuel choir

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ron Netzel (RonNezel@comcast.net) will be available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary after the service or during the week.

**Food Pantry today**  
**NO Youth Group tonight**

Monday 10:30 a.m.

**Memorial service for Phyllis Le Peau**  
**at Immanuel**

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Food Pantry open**  
**Evening Women's Bible Study**

Saturday 10:00 a.m.

**PrimeTimers**

## In Immanuel and Beyond

**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. today. A memorial service for Phyllis will take place at Immanuel tomorrow, 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!