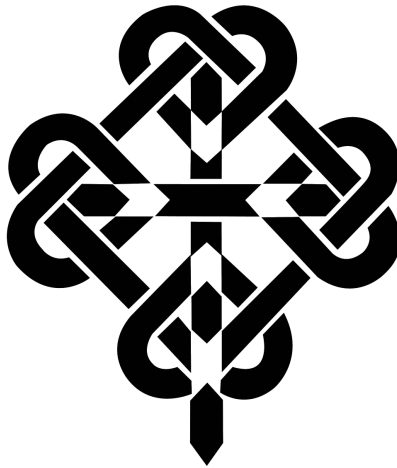


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

SEPTEMBER 25, 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: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
This Is My Father's World

arr. by Fettke
arr. by Medema

Church Family News

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: *God Himself Is with Us*

Neander
IMMANUEL CHOIR

God himself is with us: let us now adore him,
And with awe appear before him.
God is in his temple, all within keep silence,
Prostrate lie with deepest reverence.
Him alone God we own,
Him, our God and Savior,
Praise his name forever.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*)

Pastor: Come, let us worship our God,

All: Who brings us salvation,

Pastor: Who supplies us strength,

All: Who hears our songs of gratitude,

Pastor: Who accepts our joyful praise.

All: His greatness astounds us; let us praise the Lord and sing for joy!

* *Congregation stands.*

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

HYMN 76

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

CARL PICKARD

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can heal and restore us.

All: We are not able to heal ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to forgive ourselves,

All: We are not able to restore ourselves,

Leader: We are not able to sanctify ourselves,

All: We are not able to satisfy ourselves.

Leader: We come to you, Lord, for you alone can make us whole.

**All: For the dullness of our vision, Father forgive.
For the weakness of our faith, Jesus forgive.
For the joylessness of our living, Spirit forgive.
Holy Three, have mercy upon us,
Forgive us our sins,
Help us to seek you, help us to see you, help us to serve you.**

From *The Open Gate* by David Adam

Ky-rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-te E - lei - son, have
 4 mer - cy. Ky-rie E - lei - son, have mer - cy, Chris-te E
 7 lei - son, have mer - cy. Lord, re - new our vis-ion to be
 10 Christ where we live, to reach out in mer-cy to the lost; For each
 13 cup of kind-ness to the least in our midst is an
 15 off - ring of wor-ship to the throne. Ky-rie E-

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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.

* SONG OF ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

**All: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
 Amen, 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.)

Reception of New Members

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 2nd grade are dismissed to continue their worship downstairs.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *Forever King!*

DAN FORREST
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Who is God, that we should praise Him? Who is He, that we should sing? Who is this exalted Savior, Crowned the everlasting King? Why fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him bring?	Morning stars, all sing together, Shout for joy, ye songs of God! Rocks and stones, O be not silent, Streams and rivers, give Him laud! Clouds that frame the dome of heaven, Sound your thunder and applaud!
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Architect of ev'ry atom, Author of each passing hour, Chief of all the changing seasons, Maker of each field and flow'r. Speaking all into existence, God of majesty and pow'r.	Can creation fail to praise Him? How can we refuse to sing? Come, fall at His feet in worship, Alleluias to Him bring! Reigning in eternal brightness, Crown our Christ, forever King!
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* 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

SHEROLL RITCHIE

* HYMN: *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

HYMN 520

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: CHUCK AND KAREN KING

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

Psalm 103:15-22

- ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.
¹⁹ The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.
²⁰ Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.
²¹ Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.
²² Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

John 13:34-35

- ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Romans 8:26-28

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

1 Corinthians 9:19-23

¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Processing the Pandemic —Part 2*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING SONG: *All Must Be Well*



1.Through the love of God our
 2.Though we pass through trib - u -
 3.We ex - pect a bright to -



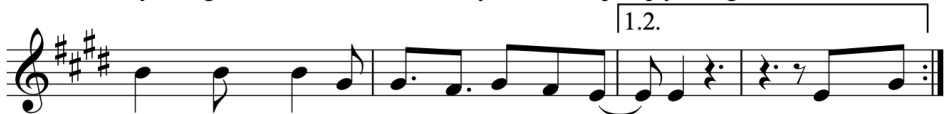
Sav - ior, All will be ___ well; Free and change - less is His
 la - tion, All will be ___ well; Ours is such a full sal -
 mor - row, All will be ___ well; Faith can sing through days of



fav - or, All is ___ well; Pre - cious is the blood that
 va - tion, All is ___ well; Hap - py still in God con -
 sor - row, All is ___ well; On our Fa - ther's love re -



healed us, Per - fect is the grace that sealed us, ___ Strong the
 fid - ing, Fruit - ful if in Christ a - bid - ing ___ Stead - fast
 ly - ing Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup - ply - ing ___ Yes in



hand stretched forth to shield us, All must be ___ well. 2.Though we
 through the spir - it's guid - ing, All must be ___ well. 3.We ex
 liv - ing and in dy - ing, All must be



well. On our Fa - ther's love re - ly - ing. Je - sus ev - 'ry need sup -



ply - ing. Yes in liv - ing or in dy - ing. All must be ___ well.

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Alethea Funck, Mary Hopper, Immanuel choir

If you have concerns or are **in need of prayer**, elder Ron Netzel (RonNetzel@comcast.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

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

College Fellowship at Netzels'
(1616 E. Hawthorne Blvd., Wheaton)
Pastor George will join us.
RSVP to deemail1@comcast.net

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Youth Group (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

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 (separate) 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.

NEW MEMBERS AT IMMANUEL

Stan and Suzanne Anderson moved to Warrenville from Santa Barbara in 2019 to be closer to kids and grandkids. While they raised three children, Suzanne worked as a nurse and then as a medical assistant in a neurology clinic. Stan taught chemistry at Westmont College for thirty-one years, retired in 2009 and then worked as a researcher at UCSB. They now enjoy attending their grandkids' sports and music events, growing tomatoes, singing in the choir, and working in the food pantry.

Paula Bouck has been attending Immanuel since 2017. She lives in a senior community in Lisle and often serves as a substitute teacher in the Lisle Junior High School. She is a retired elementary school principal and former teacher who earned her doctorate in educational leadership and administration from St. Louis University in 1996. She attends the Thursday night Bible study group and helps teach the first, second, and third grade Sunday School class. She was born and raised on a farm in East Central (Mattoon) Illinois where she came to faith in God. She rejoices that her faith has brought many blessings to her life. She shares her home with Roxy Mae, a short-haired domestic cat. She bleeds Orange and Blue for the University of Illinois as well as enthusiastically follows the St. Louis Cardinals. Her son Andrew Wright also is a member of Immanuel.

Sharon Cornell came to Immanuel when she married long-time member Steve Cornell. She and Steve like attending local concerts and plays, eating out, and learning new things. Sharon enjoys humor, Bible studies, making coffee, visiting homebound folks, PrimeTimers, adult ed, research, Facebook, flowers, birds, music, taking pictures, and thrift shops.

Ralph and Margaret Lambka will soon be celebrating forty-three years of marriage. They are longtime residents of Naperville and have three grown married children and seven grandchildren. Ralph retired from a long career in data/voice communications, and the Lambkas now enjoy travel (for fun and to see all the grandkids!), hiking, motorcycling, and golf. At Immanuel, Margaret loves singing in the choir. Ralph enjoys helping out as an usher and at the Food Pantry. They both enjoy the worship service at Immanuel and the friendly people they have met. They look forward to making Immanuel their new church home.

Andrea Saul attended Immanuel in the late 1990s and early 2000s. She returned to us in 2021 as the busy mom of Angie, AJ, and Mikhael. Angie is adopted from Costa Rica, Mikhael is in the process of adoption from foster care, and AJ is her very-loved, "for now" kiddo while his case works through the foster system. Though she's got her hands pretty full with parenting, Andrea also works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner serving kids in foster care part-time. In her few free moments, Andrea enjoys connecting with friends, enjoying the outdoors, and spending time with her kids. At Immanuel, Andrea often helps out in children's programming, since she's present because of her boys' medical-monitoring needs.

Cathy Sayer, mother of Annie Rose, moved to Naperville a year ago to be near Annie and her family. Before retiring, she taught writing, literature, and engaged citizenship at Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio. She enjoys traveling to visit her three other children, reading, puzzling, and spending time in nature. Currently, she serves on Immanuel's Adult Ed Committee, assists in Children's Worship and Tuesday morning women's Bible study and enjoys Prime Timers.

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 Ehorn (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*