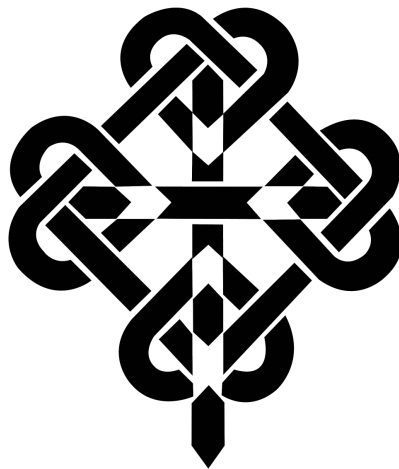


WELCOME TO OUR WORSHIP

Immanuel

Presbyterian Church



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

Summer Sermon Series
Great Stories, a Greater Savior

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

MORNING WORSHIP
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WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

JOHN ZIMMERMAN

Jesus Shall Reign
My Hope Is in the Lord
O Worship the King

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Colossians 1:18

Howard Whitaker

He is the head of the bod - y, the church; he, the be -
gin - ning, the first born son, so that he_ might come to be
first place _____ in all _____ things.

The musical score is written on a single staff in 3/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody starts with a whole note G4, followed by a half note A4, and a quarter note B4. A double bar line with a repeat sign follows. The second measure is a half note C5, quarter note D5, quarter note E5. The third measure is a half note F5, quarter note G5. The fourth measure is a half note A5, quarter note B5. The fifth measure is a half note C6, quarter note B5. The sixth measure is a half note A5, quarter note G5. The seventh measure is a half note F5, quarter note E5. The eighth measure is a half note D5, quarter note C5. The ninth measure is a half note B4, quarter note A4. The tenth measure is a half note G4, quarter note F4. The eleventh measure is a half note E4, quarter note D4. The twelfth measure is a half note C4, quarter note B3. The thirteenth measure is a half note A3, quarter note G3. The fourteenth measure is a half note F3, quarter note E3. The fifteenth measure is a half note D3, quarter note C3. The sixteenth measure is a half note B2, quarter note A2. The seventeenth measure is a half note G2, quarter note F2. The eighteenth measure is a half note E2, quarter note D2. The nineteenth measure is a half note C2, quarter note B1. The twentieth measure is a half note A1, quarter note G1. The score ends with a double bar line.

* CALL TO WORSHIP (*Please stand.*)

Pastor: Come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

All: And we shall praise him, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.

Pastor: Come, let us consider him who has endured such hostility by sinners against himself, so that we may not grow weary and lose heart.

All: And since he has given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us offer him our lives in full and joyful surrender.

* *Congregation stands.*

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death* Getty/Bowell/Kauflin/Merker/Papa



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-lone, Christ a

2. What truth can calm the trou-bled soul? God is good, God is

5 3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He



lone. What is our on - ly con - fi dence? That our souls to Him be

good. Where is His grace and good-ness known? In our great Re-deem-er's

9 lives!" And what re-ward will hea - ven bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with



long. Who holds our days with - in His hand? What comes, a -

blood. Who holds our faith when fears a - rise Who stands a -

12 Him. There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and



part from His com mand? And what will keep us to the end? The love of

bove the storm-y trial? Who sends the waves that bring us nigh Un - to the

16 death will be de-stroyed, And we will feast in end-less joy, When Christ is



Christ, in which we stand. _____ O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our

shore, the rock of Christ?

21 ours for - ev - er - more



hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con



26 fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

RON NETZEL

Leader: How can we be so blind, and yet see so acutely at the same time?

People: We are quick to note the dark acts of others, yet slow to recognize the evil in our own thoughts and the stains on our hands.

Leader: O, for eyes that will see and honor the good in others!

People: O, for hearts that loathe the blinding evil of indwelling sin!

Leader: Come, let us turn to the fount of mercy, whose love heals our blindness, and whose righteousness transforms our condemning hearts into instruments of peace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (*Colossians 1:21-22*)

Leader: And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him.

* 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.**

* 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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY: *I Shall Not Want*

Audrey Assad
ERIC DURBIN

From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God

From the fear of serving others
And from the fear of death or trial
From the fear of humility
Deliver me O God

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

DIACONAL PRAYER

DEE NETZEL

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READER: PRISCILLA HEIDEBRECHT

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Daniel 4:28-37*

²⁸ All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹ Twelve months later, as the king was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, ³⁰ he said, "Is not this the great Babylon I have built as the royal residence, by my mighty power and for the glory of my majesty?"

³¹ Even as the words were on his lips, a voice came from heaven, "This is what is decreed for you, King Nebuchadnezzar: Your royal authority has been taken from you. ³² You will be driven away from people and will live with the wild animals; you will eat grass like the ox. Seven times will pass by for you until you acknowledge that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes."

³³ Immediately what had been said about Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people and ate grass like the ox. His body was drenched with the dew of heaven until his hair grew like the feathers of an eagle and his nails like the claws of a bird. ³⁴ At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified him who lives forever.

His dominion is an eternal dominion;
his kingdom endures from generation to generation.

³⁵ All the peoples of the earth
are regarded as nothing.

He does as he pleases
with the powers of heaven
and the peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back his hand
or say to him: "What have you done?"

³⁶ At the same time that my sanity was restored, my honor and splendor were returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and nobles sought me out, and I was restored to my throne and became even greater than before. ³⁷ Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and exalt and glorify the King of heaven, because everything he does is right and all his ways are just. And those who walk in pride he is able to humble.

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*

²² Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³ but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

MEDITATION: *The Most Powerful Ruler*

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

(Times of singing and silence.)

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

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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, Seth Ehorn, Vic Mala, Jack Durbin, Eric Durbin

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

Stay after church for an outdoor picnic. If you didn't come prepared, see Annette. There will be extra available.

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

Tuesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study Food Pantry open
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Mom Talk
Saturday	11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Outreach Warrenville Fundraiser BBQ, games at Immanuel

In Immanuel and Beyond

Summer Art Series: We are building an art piece above the Communion table during the summer sermon series. Each week another work is added to illustrate the Bible reading for that week. *Five Smooth Stones quilt* (David LaPlaca), *Tower of Babel photo collage* (Howie Whitaker), *The Ark in the Jordan painting* (Samantha Durbin), *One True King embroidery* (Rachel Ehorn), *Peniel calligraphy* (Bev Burch), *Sin Is Crouching at the Door charcoal* (Luciana Balzer), *Abraham Sacrifices Isaac digital collage* (John Walford), *The Ark in the Temple of Dagon painting* (Annika Witte), *The Call of Samuel graphic design* (Sue Lundin), *Everlasting oil pastel* (Anna Treier), *Foundational: The Lord Is Good quilt* (Carol Wilhoit), *artwork* (David LaPlaca).

Lunch next Saturday: Come by the church between 11 and 2 on Saturday, September 10, and get some Steamboat BBQ and enjoy some fun and games at a big fundraiser event for our ministry partners, Outreach Warrenville (formerly WYFS). This local Christian ministry has programming for at-risk kids and case management for families in crisis—including financial resources, help with housing and employment, and counseling on a sliding fee scale.

Sunday school and adult education resume next Sunday, with classes for all ages beginning at 9:30 a.m. Adults will have two options. Mark Noll will be leading a class, "We Are What We Sing: Hymns as Instruction as Well as Worship," and Annie Rose will be teaching a class formed around the content of Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together*, "Life Together: Christian Unity in the Age of Polarization." Look for more detailed descriptions in the church newsletter.

Ladies, you're invited to a shower! Sylvia Eltherington is marrying Nathaniel Holman in early October. We'll celebrate Sylvia with a shower in the Ministry House at 3 p.m. on Sunday, September 18. Check out their registry at theknot.com/sylvia-nathaniel.

Tabernacles picnic and camping: This overnight worship and fellowship event will take place on the adjacent Smoak/Spradley/Witte lawns in Wheaton on September 24. Talk with Ken Wolgemuth or Paul Witte to find out more!

FALL CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: We are preparing to start up our fall children's ministries on Sunday, Sept 11. We are still in need of the following volunteers:

Nursery Volunteers (serve once a month)

- 1 more volunteer for Worship hour
- 3 more volunteers for SS hour

Sunday School Teachers and Assistants (serve every 3 weeks)

- 1 more teacher for 3rd-5th Grade
- 3 more assistants for PreK/K and 1st/2nd Grade (no prep!)

Please email or talk with Annika ASAP if you are able and willing to join our children's ministry team this year!

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*