



SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD • MATTHEW 6:33

IMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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.

November 12, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *When All Your Mercies, O My God*
Be Thou My Vision

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (*Congregation sings*)

Howard Whitaker

Seek ye first the king-dom of God, and His right-eous-ness a-lone.

For His king-dom is not in words, but in the pow'r of the Spir-it.

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The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves. The first staff contains the first line of the melody with the lyrics 'Seek ye first the king-dom of God, and His right-eous-ness a-lone.' The second staff contains the second line of the melody with the lyrics 'For His king-dom is not in words, but in the pow'r of the Spir-it.' The third staff contains the third line of the melody with the lyrics 'in the pow'r of the Spir-it.' There are first and second endings indicated by bracketed lines above the notes.

* *Congregation stands.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Those who seek God will rejoice and be glad in him; and say continually,

**People: The Lord be magnified!
Those who love his salvation will say continually,**

Pastor: The Lord be magnified!
Sing praises to our God, sing praises.

**All: For God is the King over all the earth, and reigns over the nations.
The Lord be magnified!**

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

HYMN 295

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

SARAH HOLMAN

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.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Spirit of the Living God*

HYMN 726

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is greater than our sinfulness: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Brothers and sisters, rest in this good news – in Jesus Christ we stand forgiven. Amen.

* SUNG ACCLAMATION (*Gloria Patri*)

HYMN 735

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.)

WE BRING OUR PRAISES, PRAYERS AND GIFTS

OFFERING

ANTHEM: *Come, Ye Sinner, Poor and Needy*

arr. Ronald Turner
IMMANUEL CHOIR

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore.
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love, and power.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior,
Oh, there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

* DOXOLOGY

HYMN 732

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.

* CHILDREN'S BLESSING

(Children 3 years through 5th grade go downstairs to continue their worship.)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

STEVE WESTFALL

* 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 e'er 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.

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

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WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: JIM AND CAROL WILHOIT

* OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Jerimiah 31:31-34*

Reader: “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
 “when I will make a new covenant
with the people of Israel
and with the people of Judah.

**Congregation: It will not be like the covenant
 I made with their ancestors
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of Egypt,
because they broke my covenant,
though I was a husband to them,
declares the LORD.**

Reader: “This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel
 after that time,” declares the LORD.
“I will put my law in their minds
and write it on their hearts.
I will be their God,
and they will be my people.

**Congregation: No longer will they teach their neighbor,
 or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’
because they will all know me,
from the least of them to the greatest,”
declares the LORD.
“For I will forgive their wickedness
and will remember their sins no more.”**

(continued)

* NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *2 Corinthians 5:14-17*

Reader: For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.

Congregation: 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.

Reader: So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.

Congregation: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Politics and God's Kingdom Reign (Part 1)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

HYMN 598

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder **Ron Netzel** will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

**Food Pantry open
No Youth Group**

This Week

Tuesday 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. **Women's Bible Study** (*childcare*)
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Food Pantry open**

In Immanuel

College Fellowship next Sunday, November 19, 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. with supper at the Bretsens'. Contact Cindy Bretsen at (630) 386-1534 if you want to come.

Note on a friend's passing: I would like to thank my faithful Immanuel church family for your prayers and expressions of concern for my husband, Clair. He died in our arms, while we played his favorite piece of music, Vince Guaraldi's jazz mass at Grace Cathedral. "And He will swallow up death forever" (*Isaiah 25:8*).

Deborah Penner, daughters Lauren & Mary-Claire

ELDERS

Katherine Anderson (Clerk of Session), Dan Balzer, Bill France, Sarah Holman, Ron Netzel, Sheroll Ritchie, Leon Sinclair, Steve Westfall, Ken Wolgemuth

DEACONS

Phebe Balzer, Tim Curley, Seth Ehom (Chair), Debby France, Ron Haydon, Dee Netzel, Tom Nguyen, Katie Pickard, Joel Rose, Amy Treier, Rebecca Williams

STAFF

George A. Garrison, Senior Pastor; Annette LaPlaca, Minister of Congregational Life; 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

STEPHEN MINISTRY LEADERS

Leon Sinclair, Bev Burch, Angela Wisdom, Annette LaPlaca

NOTES

