



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 19, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Give Thanks*

James Biery

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 on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, with a second ending bracket over the final two measures.

* *Congregation stands.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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: *Ten Thousand Reasons*



1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing. —
 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to ang - er. —
 4 3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing. —



It's time to sing Your song — a - gain. — What -
 Your name is great and Your heart is kind. — For
 6 The end draws near and my time has come. —



ev - er may — pass — and what - ev - er lies be - fore — me,
 all — Your — good - ness I will keep — on — sing - ing,
 8 Still — my — soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing,



let me be sing - ing when the ev'n - ing — comes,
 ten thou - sand rea - sons for my heart to — find.
 11 ten thou - sand years and then for - ev - er - more.



Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh, — my soul.



14 Wor - ship His ho - ly name. — Sing like nev - er be - fore,



17 oh, my soul. I wor - ship Your ho - ly name. —

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

DAN BALZER

Leader: God's Word assures us: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

All: If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Leader: If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

All: And he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: In the strength of this assurance, let us confess our sins to God.

Based on I John 1:8-9; 2:1-2 NRSV

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Spirit of the Living God*

HYMN 726

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, by the power of the Spirit, we are forgiven. Thanks be to the triune God.

* ACCLAMATION

All: Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. 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: *Sovereign Ruler of the Skies*

Foto/Monk

Sovereign Ruler of the skies,
Ever gracious, ever wise,
All my times are in Your hand,
All events at Your command.

Times the tempter's power to prove,
Times to taste a Savior's love,
All must come, and last and end
As shall please my heavenly friend.

His decree who formed the earth
Fixed my first and second birth.
Now my life Him to owe,
Where He leads me I will go.

He that formed me in the womb,
He shall guide me to the tomb.
All my times shall ever be
Ordered by His wise decree.

Ever faithful,
Ever true,
Keep my heart to only You.
Since I cannot part from Thee,
Sovereign Ruler ever be.

Thee, at all times, will I bless.
Having Thee, I all possess.
Since I cannot part from Thee,
Sovereign Ruler ever be.

Plagues and deaths around me fly;
Till He bids, I cannot die.
Not a single shaft can hit
Till the God of love thinks fit.

* 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

SHEROLL RITCHIE

* HYMN: *O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus*

HYMN 535

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: LEON AND MARILYN SINCLAIR

* FIRST NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Romans 13:1-7, 9:14-17*

¹ Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ² Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. ⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

¹⁴ What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵ For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." ¹⁶ It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy. ¹⁷ For Scripture says to Pharaoh: "I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth."

* SECOND NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Mark 12:13-17*

¹³ Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴ They came to him and said, "Teacher, we know that you are a man of Integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. "Why are you trying to trap me?" he asked. "Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied.

¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, "Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *Politics and God's Kingdom Reign (Part 2)*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *Lead On, O King Eternal*

HYMN 580

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

Thanks to our musicians: Mary Hopper, Chris and Rachel Gilmore, Andrew Howe, Seth Ehorn, Graham Haydon, Zak Reynolds, Deborah Klemme, Immanuel Orchestra

Missionary Christmas: At the Thanksgiving Eve service (and on remaining Sundays in November), we take a love offering that is split up and sent to our missionary families as added help at the holiday. Put "Missions Christmas" in your memo line, if you want to get in on this gift. Latest date to give for this Christmas gift is Sunday, November 26.

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, elder Sarah Holman will be available near the platform.

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

College Fellowship

with soup and C.S. Lewis at the Bretsens'. Contact Cindy at (630) 386-1534 if you want to come.

No Youth Group tonight

This Week

Tuesday	9:30 - 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study (<i>childcare</i>) Food Pantry open
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Thanksgiving Eve Service of Singing and Sharing

Coming

Sunday, December 10

10:30 a.m.
Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 17

4 p.m.
Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 24

10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service
6 p.m.
Christmas Eve Candelight Service

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

