



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 26, 2023

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE: *Thanks to God for My Redeemer*

arr. by Sanborn

Now Thank We All Our God/Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

arr. by Berry

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

ANNETTE LAPLACA

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP (*Congregation sings*)

Howard Whitaker

Seek ye first the king-dom of God, and His right-cous-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 time signature of 4/4. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a first ending bracket over the final two measures. The third staff contains the third line, with a second ending bracket over the final two measures.

* *Congregation stands.*

* CALL TO WORSHIP

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!

* INVOCATION

* OPENING HYMN: *We Gather Together*

HYMN 363

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

CALL TO CONFESSION

KATHERINE ANDERSON

Leader: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;

People: love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

Leader: Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

People: Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.

Leader: Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

People: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.

Leader: Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light;

People: let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

Leader: Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

SONG OF CONFESSION: *Spirit of the Living God*

HYMN 726

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Be comforted and hear the good tidings of the gospel: If any one has sinned, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Believe the gospel and live in peace. Amen.

* SONG OF 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 AND OFFERTORY: *Now Thank We All Our God*

HAL H. HOPSON

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hand and voices.
Who wondrous things hath done
in whom the world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love
and still is ours today.

* 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.)

* HYMN: *The Steadfast Love of the Lord/Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

The stead - fast love of the Lord nev - er ceas - es; God's
 mer - cies nev - er come to an end. They are
 new ev - ery morn - ing, new ev - ery morn - ing; great is your
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord, great is your faith - ful - ness.

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
 As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
 Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see:
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

WE HEAR GOD SPEAK

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

READERS: THE REYES FAMILY

- * FIRST NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE: *Acts 1:6-7*

⁶ Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷ He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.

- * Second NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES: *1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

Reader:

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Congregation:

For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.

Reader:

For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

Congregation:

Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

Reader:

The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For he "has put everything under his feet Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ.

Congregation:

When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

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* THIRD NEW TESTAMENT READING: *Revelation 12:9-12*

⁹ The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰ Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.

¹¹ They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

¹² Therefore rejoice, you heavens
and you who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
because the devil has gone down to you!
He is filled with fury,
because he knows that his time is short.” NIV

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *The Future of God's Kingdom*

WE ARE DISMISSED TO LOVE AND SERVE

* CLOSING HYMN: *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

HYMN 119

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE

TODAY

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

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

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Food Pantry open

Youth Group

This Week

Tuesday

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Women's Bible Study (*childcare*)

Food Pantry open

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 Ehorn (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

