



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

Regarding the debate about faith and works: It's like asking which blade in a pair of scissors is more important.
- C. S. Lewis

Just as love is a verb, so is faith. - Helen Burroughs

Faith without works is not faith at all, but a simple lack of obedience to God. - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!"

- A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

MORNING WORSHIP

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 13, 2024

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord the Almighty *Walther/Manz*

Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Randall Bush

Leader: Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

People: May the Lord our God be with us now and always.

Leader: Trust that your works are brought to completion by your faith, so go forth both to do and to believe.

People: In this time of worship, may our God show us grace.

* HYMN 12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (vs. 1-3) *St. Denio*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: We have a great high priest who can sympathize with our weakness: Jesus God's Son, our Savior. Therefore, with confidence, let us confess our sin.

All: God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first, trusting in things that will pass away. We try to gather up power and wealth, while pushing aside the needy in our way. We claim to be people of faith, yet our own actions betray our inner resolve. O Lord, be gracious to us. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy, ever seeking your realm where the first are last and the last shall be first; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS Rev. Ater

* THE PEACE

Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

All: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* RESPONSE (*the congregation sings*)
Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light.
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Mark 10:17-27

(NT 46)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Show Me Thy Ways

W. Pelz

*Show me thy ways O Lord, teach my thy paths; Lead me in thy truth and teach me:
For thou art the God of my salvation. And on thee do I wait all the day.*

Chanse Mortenson, conductor; Nancy Herro, clarinet

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 708 We Give Thee but Thine Own

Schumann

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Bush

Stewardship Interpretation

Elder Kate Perry

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.

Online worshipers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.

OFFERTORY Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Burkhardt

Children, youth, and teachers gather at the font for prayer

before proceeding to Church School in The Peaceable Kingdom on the lower level.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

* DOXOLOGY (*the congregation sings*)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURES James 2:14-26

(NT 230)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Faith That Works”

Dr. Bush

* HYMN 767 Together We Serve

San Anselmo

* BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE

Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Widor

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Sara Shaw
in gratitude for another year of loving and learning in marriage to Scott Hollander.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

**PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE**



Bulletins returned to the tables in the Narthex will be recycled.



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October 13, 2024

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, October 13, 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 187th anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, and as far north as Port Washington, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country.

Members and friends are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Trent and Joell Poole, Martha Mainland, and Julia Vosper. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Bill Morley, Jim Schleif and Patsy Aster. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **"crying room" on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/483bDOu>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

Congratulations to Matt and Katie Carlton on the birth of a son, George Robert Carlton, on September 22. George is the grandson of Steve and Danette Carlton.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** will be part of the worship service on Sunday, October 27. Please contact Rev. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) about presenting a child for baptism or making a profession of faith.

"SECOND SUNDAY" + PASTRIES WITH PARENTS TODAY at 11:15 in the Peaceable Kingdom

Today parents, grandparents, and other friends of Immanuel Church School children and youth are invited to gather in the lower level's Peaceable Kingdom. Rev. Larson and the Church School Committee will provide an overview of our ministries, introduce new resources to practice faith at home, and facilitate conversation and connection with parents over pastries and juice. Please join us!

CELEBRATION OF STEVE JENSEN'S ANNIVERSARY TODAY at 11:15 in the Parlor

Last fall Steve Jensen celebrated 30 years as the organist here at Immanuel Church. Not wanting to let this milestone pass unacknowledged, there will be a special reception for Steve today in the Parlor during the Coffee Hour. Thank you, Steve, for your many years of faithful service!

STEWARDSHIP SEASON BEGINS TODAY

“Moving Forward ... Faithfully”

In the coming weeks, members of the Stewardship Committee will share how our financial commitment to Immanuel Church makes a big difference in our ongoing mission, education, worship, and hospitality ministries. The theme for this year’s campaign is “Moving Forward...Faithfully.” Learn more on Stewardship Sunday, which will be on November 10th.

UPCOMING ADULT EDUCATION PRESENTATIONS in the Upper Room following worship

NEXT Sunday, October 20 – “The Political Mind: The Psychology and Neuroscience Behind our Deep Divisions”

How do we acquire our political and social beliefs? Can our beliefs change? How can we promote civil discourse in a politically polarized environment? Local psychotherapist Philip Chard returns to Immanuel to engage these questions and to share a presentation on the differences in perspectives, beliefs, and brain functioning across the political spectrum. All are welcome to join the conversation.

Sunday, October 27 – Housing, Race, and Equity in Milwaukee

Beth Van Gorp, Milwaukee Habitat’s Director of Advocacy will offer an interactive presentation on how local history has impacted our housing patterns. She’ll help us to understand the impact of segregated housing in our community.

Sunday, November 3 – Immanuel Reads: *Lydia Hosto Niebuhr: The Buried History of an Evangelical Matriarch*

The Rev. Dr. John Helt will lead an “Immanuel Reads” conversation on his recently published biography of Lydia Niebuhr, the matriarch of the Niebuhr family who provided a prominent theological voice over the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Copies of Helt’s book are available for purchase (\$10) through the church office. Sign up in the Parlor to join the discussion! Contact Rev. Larson with questions or for more information.

EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES 50th Anniversary Celebration Dinner Thursday, November 7 + 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Sprecher Brewery in Glendale

A longtime Immanuel mission partner, Eastside Senior Services (ESS) helps older adults in the East Side area to remain independent and in their own homes. ESS will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary with a special buffet dinner celebration that will include a silent auction, games, and brewery tours. For more information or to get tickets, go to: <https://essmilw.org/events/> Questions? Contact Immanuel member and ESS board member Julia Vosper (jvosper@sbcglobal.net) or Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

DEMOCRACY MATTERS

Common Ground + Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Campaign

Commit to Make a Difference on Election Day!

Sign Up: tinyurl.com/CGGOTV2024

Thank you to the many Immanuel members and friends who've helped, and continue to help, with canvassing and getting out the vote among our public housing and food pantry neighbors. Plan now to **join a team of Common Ground volunteers** at a polling site on **Election Day** for a few hours or the whole day.

Go to Vote, Get to Vote: We will ensure that everyone who goes to vote, gets to vote. This means helping those who are turned away from the polls because they don't have the right ID/documents or because they are at the wrong site. We'll also ensure voters who have limited mobility get to vote by bringing a poll worker to them for curbside voting.

Vote "Tripling": We will ask voters as they leave the polls to take a photo of our voting reminder sign and text it to 5 of their friends or family. This research-based tactic has proven highly effective at "getting out the vote."

Sweeping: In public housing apartment buildings, everyone votes in their building along with neighbors from the surrounding community. We will knock on doors and remind people to vote. We will also walk and drive through public housing campuses to offer to take neighbors to their polling site.

*Common Ground election day volunteers in 2020,
found the experience energizing and impactful.*

Join us in 2024!

Questions? Contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) in the Church office.

MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Presbyterian Coalition House - Drywall Team needed

Work on the Presbyterian Coalition home at 2559 N. 18th Street continues this fall with interior drywalling on **Saturday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** People with all levels of experience are welcome! **Would you like to help?** Register at: <https://vhub.at/Presbytery>. Volunteers will receive an email confirmation when registration is completed. Questions? Contact Immanuel Habitat leaders Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com) or Richard Rodgers (rrodgers157@gmail.com).

The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, Linda Neubauer, and Tom Neubauer; Camera operator - David Ravie.

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Responding to Hurricanes Helene and Milton

After Hurricane Milton made landfall in Florida this week, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** (PDA) is working with the Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network to assess needs. Response efforts are also ongoing in the wake of Hurricane Helene just two weeks ago.

Immanuel members and friends interested in supporting these efforts, may make contributions to Immanuel (noting PDA in the memo) or directly to PDA by mailing a check to P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700; please include PDA account number DR000169. You may also donate online at pda.pcusa.org/.

Donations for cleanup buckets needed!

PDA is also in dire need of **emergency cleanup buckets** after sending out much of its supply. Each bucket contains 16 different cleaning supplies, totaling around \$75 per bucket. **Immanuel Church School children and youth will assemble 20 cleanup buckets after worship on November 3 and need donations!** Sign up to donate items on the flipchart in the Parlor or by clicking here: bit.ly/IPC_PDA_CleanUpBuckets2024. You may also make a financial donation toward the cost of the project; write "PDA buckets" in the memo line of a check or donate online by clicking here: bit.ly/IPC_PDA_BucketDonation. All "clean up bucket" donations must be received by Thursday, October 31.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 13	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	9:00	"Church Chat" - Church Budgeting ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15-noon	Pastries with Parents ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
October 14	4:00	Adult Education Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 20	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	"The Political Mind" with Philip Chard ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
October 21	noon	Building Maintenance Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
October 24	4:00	Memorial Service for Janet Tallberg ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>

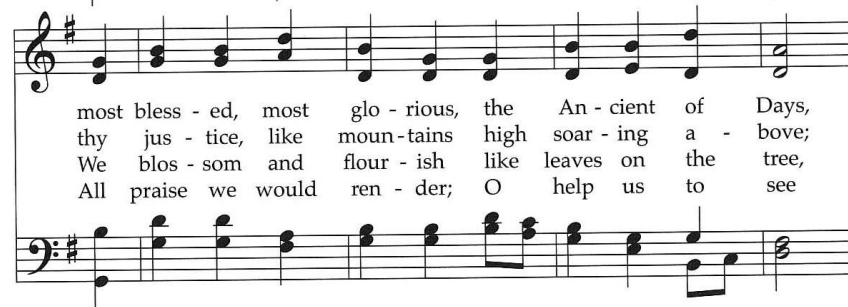
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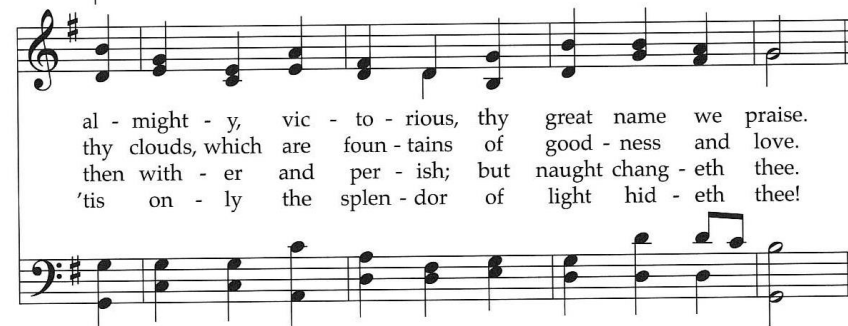
1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

We Give Thee but Thine Own 708

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap-tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be;

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace: it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Each successive stanza here expands the implications of the familiar affirmation of the first one. Much more than a concern with money, stewardship shapes our relationship with God and with other people. Despite this tune's name, no source has been found in Schumann's works.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B \flat F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a be - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E \flat B \flat Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong,

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B \flat F E \flat Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B \flat E \flat B \flat Cm F7 B \flat

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.