



# IMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*transforming* tradition

*“In life and in death we belong to God.”*

We have been called  
to belong to the body of Christ  
and to seek God’s purposes in this place.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church is  
our home, where we grow and welcome all;  
our community, where we care for one another and serve others.

We promise  
to worship regularly,  
to learn openly,  
to give generously,  
to live together in the unity of the Spirit  
as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA)  
and to share the work of mission and ministry...  
transforming tradition in the church and in the world.

*Immanuel Presbyterian Church Covenant of 2012*



**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

October 8, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Fantasy in G Major

J.S. Bach

*Welcome to our combined online and onsite worship service.  
The order of service is designed for worshippers to participate  
virtually from home or in the Sanctuary.*

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

\*+ HYMN 17 (stzs. 1-3) Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!

*Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Hebrews 4:12-16

*Leader: The Word of God is living and active...  
able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

*All: Before God, no creature is hidden, but all are laid bare to  
the eyes of the one to whom we must answer.*

*Leader: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness,  
so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time  
of need.*

*All: Holy and Eternal God, in whom we live and move  
and have our being, to whom we are transparent  
and accountable:*

*We need Your mercy, and we open ourselves to it.  
Call us again to follow Your way of loving and  
forgiving. Help us to discern evil in ourselves and the  
world, and embolden us by Your grace to counter it  
with Your good;  
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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+ *Worshippers in the Sanctuary may be shown to their pews. \* Stand as you are able.*

\* 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)*

Sing praises now, God's people; your gift of speech employ  
to praise the Lord, your Maker, with thankfulness and joy!  
Sing praise with the whole creation; a cosmic chorus raise:  
"To God alone be glory and everlasting praise!"

+++ *Latecomers may be seated during the response*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 30

(OT 505)

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*People: Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen *from Cantata 11* J.S. Bach

*Lobet Gott in seinen Reichen, preiset ihn in seinen Ehren,  
rühmet ihn in seiner Pracht.*

*Sucht sein Lobrecht zu vergleichen, wenn ihr mit gesammten  
Chören ihm ein Lied zu Ehren macht.*

*Praise to God on high in heaven, praise him all ye earthly creatures,  
sing his praise with loud acclaim.*

*Praise him all ye hosts of heaven, humans, angels, join in chorus,  
sing and praise his holy name.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

\* HYMN 330 Our Help Is in the Name of God

*Old 124th*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Worshippers in the Sanctuary are invited to sign the red Friendship Folder  
in each pew and greet one another following the worship service.*

*Online worshippers are invited to indicate their "presence" by using the  
Virtual Worship Sign-in link: <https://bit.ly/IPCVirtualWorshipSignIn>*

OFFERTORY

Air

J.S. Bach

*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 II Timothy 1:1-7 (NT 211)

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

## SERMON "Living Faith Stories" Dr. Block

- \* HYMN 731 Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm *Repton*  
*Worshippers in the Sanctuary turn to the camera on the back wall  
so that online and onsite worshippers are facing one another  
for the closing hymn and benediction.*

## \* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

## POSTLUDE Alleluia from Cantata No. 142 J.S. Bach

*The flowers are given to the glory of God  
by Judy Schulz in memory of her parents, Don and Jean Schulz.*

Following the postlude, a minister and elder  
will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

**Welcome!** Members and friends are invited to Coffee Hour in the Parlor. Coffee hosts are Susan Zunft, Lynda Peterson, and Claire Moulis. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Pat Parks, Janet Christiaansen, and Lindsey McKee. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

**Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers:** Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Jeff McEathron, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Evelyn Ericson.

**If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **186<sup>th</sup> 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. Committed to "keeping faith in the city," Immanuel supports the Interchange Food Pantry and is active with Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity and Southeastern Wisconsin Common Ground. Global mission projects reach to Zambia and Cuba. Worship is our first priority and education is emphasized for all ages. Contact Associate Pastor Rob Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) for more information about Immanuel or church membership.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided 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.

**Church School classes for children and youth** follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in The Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). Click <https://conta.cc/3LHUHTq> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

***WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?***

**Would you like to learn more about Immanuel Church?**

**Join us for a Prospective Member Brunch TODAY!**

The event begins in the Conference Room at 11:45. Participants will have an opportunity to get to know one another and the church better. If you'd like to join us and have not already replied, speak with Mr. Ater in the Narthex (rear of the Sanctuary) following the postlude. New members will be welcomed on Reformation Sunday, October 29. Baptism for adults and infants is invited for that day; please speak with one of the ministers.

**TAKE A LOOK + Take a Tour of the Art Around Us**

**Today at 11:15 + begins in the Upper Room**

From the florals by Wisconsin artist Emily Parker Groom (1876-1975) and the Biblical scenes by Japanese artist Sadao Watanabe (1913-1996) in the Parlor to the "Creation Series" by artist and Ecumenical Associate Sister Karlyn Cauley on the walls of the Upper Room to the international art in The Peaceable Kingdom - we are surrounded by beautiful and meaningful images. Learn the stories of these prints, photographs, and original paintings on an art tour today conducted by Dr. Block. Sister Karlyn herself will talk about the collection of seven paintings depicting the Genesis days of creation. Gather in the Upper Room at 11:15; the tour will end in the Conference Room at 11:45.

## **“SECOND SUNDAY”: FAITH AT HOME FAIR**

**Today at 11:30 following Church School downstairs**

On the second Sunday of each month, Church School families gather for a special activity of worship, fellowship, and service. This month, the Church School Committee will host a “Faith at Home Fair” in the Peaceable Kingdom. Activity stations will be set up to teach families some faith practices that are easy to integrate into their lives. All are welcome!

## **PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE**

**The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush selected as Interim Pastor**

*Post-worship Interpretation Session*

***Next Sunday, October 15 + 11:15-noon in the Upper Room***

As announced in a letter to members and friends, the unanimous and enthusiastic selection of the Interim Pastor Search Committee and the Session is the Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush. An acclaimed preacher, published author, and classically trained pianist, Dr. Bush has roots in Wisconsin, formerly serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Racine. Serving over three decades of pastoral ministry in settings from Zimbabwe to Pittsburgh, to his current interim position in a large church in the Baltimore area, Dr. Bush currently feels called to provide a guiding, non-anxious presence for congregations moving through leadership transitions, helping them to clarify their God-given gifts and mission as they turn toward the future. An information session next Sunday will review the interim search process, describe the work of interim ministry and our goals for this interim period, and give a profile of Dr. Bush. Participants will have the opportunity for table discussion and questions. The session will be led by members of the Human Resources Transition Team: Deborah Anderson, Jill Fahr, Kate Lewis, David Plank, Victor Plantinga, Sharon Rose, and the ministers.

Dr. Block will retire at the end of January and Dr. Bush will join us early in 2024 after completing his current interim position.

## **“CELEBRATION SUNDAYS”**

**History ... Herstory ... Our Story**

We look forward to celebrating our 45+ years of ministry with Dr. Block throughout the coming months with some special emphases. The next Celebration Sunday is October 22, *Celebrating Women in Ministry*. October 24, 1956 is the ordination anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner, the first woman ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dr. Towner ordained Dr. Block in the fall of 1977.

Congratulations to Elisa Prebble and Joseph Lee who were married in the sanctuary yesterday by Mr. Ater.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
**THIS Saturday, October 14 + 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**  
**Astor Street Entrance**

Immanuel friends and neighbors are invited to stop by the Immanuel Church steps with your pet(s) on THIS Saturday morning, October 14, anytime between 10:00 and 11:00, for a brief blessing adapted from the “Blessing of the Animals” service in the recent edition of the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*.

The event will include a welcome table with a photo board and church information, a water bowl, and pet treats. Two or three volunteers are needed to help host the gathering and offer tours of the church to humans. Please contact Mr. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)) with questions or availability to host. Spread the word to friends and neighbors, all creatures great and small.

*There are invitations on the Great Hall tables today!*

**FALL CLEAN-UP DAY**  
**Putting the Immanuel Gardens to Bed**  
**THIS Saturday, October 14 + 9:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of fall, the Landscaping Committee now needs your help to clean up the grounds and cut back the plants.

Sign up today in the Parlor or follow this link: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Gardens\\_FallCleanUp](https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_FallCleanUp). The rain date is October 21. Questions? Contact committee chair Trustee Terese Zinn at [teresezinn@gmail.com](mailto:teresezinn@gmail.com).

**An updated MESSAGE from the COVID ADVISORY TEAM**  
**Masks Welcomed; COVID Boosters Now Available**

The COVID Advisory Team continues to review current guidelines and recommendations. Rising rates of positivity and hospitalizations across the country are being monitored. The current predominant strains are giving generally less severe symptoms, more closely mimicking other respiratory viruses (including congestion, sneezing and headache), and less severe cough or fever. This makes testing important to differentiate, and to isolate as needed. **Masks continue to be welcomed at Immanuel.** Please inform the Immanuel Church office if you test positive within 72 hours of attending an in-person church gathering. **A new vaccine protective against the current circulating strains is now available.** COVID cases are anticipated to peak again from December to February, and the vaccine is most protective in the first three months after a dose.



**SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION**  
**Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church**  
**Divine Intervention Shelter**  
**Arts and Science Literacy Camp**

Tippecanoe Presbyterian Church (Tippe) hosts “Divine Intervention,” providing winter emergency overnight safe sanctuary for those experiencing homelessness from December 1 through March 31 every year. Dinner is served nightly and take-away foods are provided daily. Post-pandemic, many new volunteers are needed to help host and volunteer at the shelter. There are flyers on the Great Hall tables today with more details and the dates of three information and orientation sessions coming up. To connect with current Immanuel volunteers or to learn more, speak to Mr. Ater in the church office ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

Tippe also continues its Arts and Science Literacy Camp (ASLC) which started in 2018. The innovative mission of ASLC offers an integrated arts approach to support literacy, which couples fine arts expression with a foundation in science. K3 and K4 students learn foundational skills in an all-day program throughout the school year. Camps are offered weekly over the summer as well as after school during the school year for K thru 6th grade. [www.tippechurch.org](http://www.tippechurch.org).

*A Spotlight on Mission article will be included in each bulletin this fall that highlights a current Immanuel mission partner who will be participating in this year's*

***Alternative Christmas Market** at Immanuel Church  
on Sunday, December 10. Mark your calendar!*

**MISSION SERVICE RECOGNITION & COMMISSIONING**

**Next Sunday, October 15**

*Brief survey*

A mission service recognition and commissioning will be part of the worship service NEXT Sunday, October 15. As we continue into a new program year, we'll offer thanksgiving and gratitude for those Immanuel members and friends who **serve the wider community** through Immanuel Church. Please complete this very brief survey ([https://bit.ly/IPC\\_MissionServiceSurvey2023](https://bit.ly/IPC_MissionServiceSurvey2023)) to let Mr. Ater and the mission committee know of your service both through (and beyond) Immanuel.

**PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is involved in recent weeks with immediate and long-term recovery efforts in the United States and around the world in response to wildfires, earthquakes, storms and flooding. You may contribute to these relief efforts by check (payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, indicating where to direct the gift with “PDA” in the memo line) or give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at [www.pcusa.org/pda](http://www.pcusa.org/pda).

# YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

During the pandemic many members changed their method of giving. Now that passing the offering plates has resumed, you may wish to observe this ritual. Those who are worshipping at home or away may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded.
2. **Going to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Texting 833-712-0259** (number for Immanuel giving only). Enter the amount in a message bubble and you will receive a registration link for payment information and verification by text or email.



## "A FUTURE WITH HOPE"

### Stewardship Sunday is November 12

We will dedicate our pledges for the work of the church in 2024 at a service of thanksgiving on Sunday, November 19.

### **HOSPITALITY: *How we say "welcome"***

#### **Welcome Team, Ushers, Coffee Hour hosts, Camera operators needed**

The Apostle Paul encouraged early Christians to "practice hospitality," to be gracious and welcoming to others in the name of Christ. In this season of our life together, we're renewing our shared commitment to practicing hospitality.

#### ***How will you say "welcome"?***

If you would like to help again or for the first time, please email the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>TODAY</b>		<b>TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
OCTOBER 8	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Block preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00-12:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
	11:15 – 11:45	“Take a Look” Art Tour – <i>begins in Upper Room</i>
	11:30	Second Sunday: Faith at Home Fair ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	11:45	Prospective Member Brunch ~ <i>conference room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	9:00	Finance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
Saturday	10:00-11:00	Blessing of the Animals ~ Astor Street steps

<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>		<b>TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>
OCTOBER 15	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Mr. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Mission Service Recognition & Commissioning Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00-12:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
	5:00	Confirmation Gathering ~ <i>The Frank home</i>
October 16	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
October 17	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>conference room</i>
October 18	5:00	Membership Task Force ~ <i>virtual</i>
October 19	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

**SUNDAY MORNING PARKING:** Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.**

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



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



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Susan J. Stoll	Part-time Associate Pastor for spiritual care
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate
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Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
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