



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

*Eternal God,
Your everlasting mercy rises new in the morning.
In this new year of our life's journey,
may we walk by faith in Christ.
Touch us all again this day
with the grace of our baptism.
Give us new lives for old,
new spirits, new faith, new commitment,
in place of all that has grown tired and stale
and dead in our lives.
So may we rise and go from here
to whatever awaits us,
in joy and trust.*

MORNING WORSHIP
BAPTISM OF THE LORD
REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM FOR THE CONGREGATION

January 8, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE Partita on "O Morning Star How Fair and Bright"
Burkhardt

*Welcome to our combined online and onsite worship service.
The order of service is designed for worshipers to participate
virtually from home or in the Sanctuary.
Worshippers in the Sanctuary are requested to silence phones.*

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*One: O Christ, by Your epiphany Your light shines upon us,
giving us the fullness of salvation.*

All: Help us show Your light to all we meet today.

*One: O Christ of glory, You humbled Yourself to be baptized,
showing us the way of humility.*

*All: Strengthen us to serve You in humility
all the days of our life.*

*One: O Christ, by Your baptism You cleansed us from our sin,
making us children of God.*

*All: Give the grace of being a child of God
to all who seek You.*

*One: O Christ, by Your baptism You sanctified creation and
opened the door of repentance to all who are baptized.*

All: Make us servants of Your gospel in the world.

*One: O Christ, by Your baptism You revealed to us the
glorious Trinity when the voice from heaven proclaimed,
"This is my beloved Son,"
and the Holy Spirit descended upon You like a dove.*

*All: Renew a heart of worship within all the baptized
in this new year. Amen.*

Book of Common Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

+ * HYMN 10 (stzs. 1-3) Sing Glory to the Name of God (Psalm 29)

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*One: Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.
I have called you by name; you are mine.*

*All: The voice of the Lord is over the waters!
Merciful God,
in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves,
separated from one another.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another.
We allow the past to hold us captive.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us,
and free us from sin.
Fulfill the promises of our baptism
so that we may rise to new life,
and live together in grace. Amen.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* THE PEACE

*One: 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)*

*May God forever be our peace;
May hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

+++ Latecomers may be seated during the response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 42:1-9

(OT 670)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM He Comes to Us *Albert Schweitzer/ Jane Marshall*

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside he came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us, he speaks the same word: 'Follow! Follow thou me!' and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time. He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple, he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, shall in their own experience learn Who he is."

*O Morning Star, how fair and bright Thou beamest forth in truth and light!
O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,
My Lord and Master, Thou hast won My heart to serve Thee solely!
Thou art holy; Fair and glorious, all victorious, Rich in blessing,
Rule and might o'er all possessing.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 407 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

Nun Danket All' Und Bringet Ehr'

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

During the Offertory, please sign your name in the red Friendship Folder as it comes to you in the pew. Pass the folder back to its starting place, noting your neighbors. Please greet one another by name following the service. Online worshippers, please click the Virtual Worship Sign-in link.

OFFERTORY On Jordan's Bank the Baptist Cry *Callahan*

*Children 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 Matthew 3:13-17

(NT 3)

Leader: *The Word of God for the people of God.*
People: Thanks be to God.

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Faithful to the word of our Lord Jesus Christ, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In Baptism God claims us as sons and daughters in a covenant of grace. In Baptism we celebrate our belonging to God, our cleansing from sin, and our participation in Christ's death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are given the gift of new life and joined to the community of Christ's people. Baptism reminds us that God loves us long before we can love God, and sets us on a journey that lasts all our lives.

Let us remember with joy our own baptism.

*** PROFESSION OF FAITH**

*Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the power of evil in the world
and turn to Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?*

I do.

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple,
following his teachings and showing his love?*

I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith:

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
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!"

From A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (USA)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water is poured into the font as words of thanks are spoken.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Leader: Eternal and gracious God, we give You thanks.
In countless ways You have revealed Yourself in ages
past, and have blessed us with signs of Your grace.*

*People: We praise You that through the waters of the sea
You led Your people Israel out of bondage,
into the freedom of the land of promise.*

*Leader: We praise You for sending Jesus Your Son,
who was born for us as the child of Mary,
who for us was baptized in the waters of the Jordan,
and was anointed as the Christ by Your Holy Spirit.*

*People: We praise You for Your Holy Spirit,
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations
and serve You as a royal priesthood.*

*Leader: We rejoice that You claimed us in our baptism,
and that by Your grace we are born anew.*

*People: By Your Holy Spirit renew us,
that we may be empowered to do Your will
and continue forever in the risen life of Christ,
to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit,
be all glory and honor, now and forever.*

All: Amen.

Leader: Remember your baptism and be thankful.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

*Those who wish to receive the laying on of hands
may come forward to the font at this time.*

PRAYER

* HYMN 297 In Christ Called to Baptize

St. Denio

*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

POSTLUDE

In Thee Is Gladness

Bach

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Deborah A. Block's 45th anniversary of Ministry
at Immanuel Presbyterian Church
by those who have served in ministry with her ~
Rev. Robert Ater, Rev. Jean Dow, Rev. Dr. William Johnstone,
Rev. Teresa Larson, Rev. Susan Stoll, and Rev. Robert Timberlake*

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

Welcome! All are invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Parlor following the worship service. The hosts are Jill and George Fahr and Jim and Barbara Flint.

If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **185th 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) for more information and/or membership details.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level, to the right of the northeast staircase. Elevator access is also available. There is also a "**crying room**" on the **second floor** for parents who need 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/3vz8wLL> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

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In ancient Christian tradition, the Baptism of the Lord is closely connected with the Epiphany as both are manifestations of God's saving purpose through Jesus Christ. On this festival day of the Christian year, we not only remember Jesus' baptism, but also give thanks for the baptism we share with Christ. This Sunday is an appropriate time to celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism or for the reaffirmation of the baptismal covenant.

THANKSGIVING FOR MINISTRY

On this Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Immanuel Church gives thanks for the long ministry of its pastor, the Rev. Dr. Deborah A. Block. Dr. Block was installed to ministry with this congregation on January 8, 1978. Thank you, Dr. Block, for your many years of ministry among us!

"SECOND SUNDAY": FAITH AT HOME HONORING SABBATH

TODAY at 11:15 in the Peaceable Kingdom

This month, Church School children and youth will be exploring the faith practice of honoring Sabbath. Parents, caregivers, and other interested persons are invited to an informational session about this practice and how to integrate the practice at home. All are welcome!

BIBLE 101

READING THE BIBLE AGAIN AND FOR THE FIRST TIME

Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:00 + January 18 - February 15 + online

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83010064485>

What is the Bible? Who wrote the Bible, and when? Which translation is the best? How should we engage with biblical texts to live more faithfully? These questions, and more, will be explored in an introductory course to biblical content. Each session will include a content review of a section of the Bible followed by conversations on a topic related to biblical interpretation. Though not required, participants are encouraged to purchase *A Guide to Bible Basics* by the Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield, Professor of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Do you have a question or a biblical topic you would like to learn more about? Follow this link to submit a question before class begins:
<http://bit.ly/3WNdvUP>

In Memoriam

Catherine Stegall died on Tuesday, January 3. Ms. Stegall joined Immanuel Church in 1995. Plans for a service are pending. Our prayers and sympathies are with her family.

RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED FOR NEW TRUSTEES

The Nominating Committee will meet soon to nominate four members to serve on the **Board of Trustees** (3 year term; Class of 2025). Nominees will be elected at the Annual Financial Meeting on January 29, 2023. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church. *Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office; only names with qualifications will be considered.* Members who are currently serving as elders and deacons are not eligible for election to the Board of Trustees at this time. Elders and deacons are elected in May. Use the forms on the Narthex tables. Thank you!

SEEKING CAMERA OPERATORS

As Immanuel has embraced a permanent shift to livestreaming worship each Sunday morning, the ministers and office staff would like to grow our team of volunteer camera operators. Volunteers are well trained and supported and report that while it is an important job, it's not difficult. Camera operators arrive by about 9:40 and follow a marked bulletin to adjust the camera to several preset camera angles throughout the service. Interested in learning more or joining the team? Contact the church office at: ipc@immanuelwi.org.

Covid-19 Advisory Team Update:

Please practice self-care and community care in this "triple-demic" season. *Masking* is not required but it *is encouraged* to mitigate the spread of colds, flu, and Covid. Flu shots, current boosters and health-conscious practices are ways we can embody the ethic of loving our neighbors as ourselves. If you are experiencing symptoms, please test and isolate as necessary. All members of the Immanuel staff, church school teachers, choir members and other Sunday morning volunteers who interact with you are fully vaccinated.

The **Human Resources Committee** is pleased to welcome Ms. Crystal Stinemat to the position of Program Administrator and Assistant to the Ministers. She comes to us from administrative work at several other area churches and brings skills and experience in computer publications, data management, and volunteer recruitment. Ms. Stinemat is a graduate of Alverno College and a member of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. She will begin work with us tomorrow.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Welcome Team - Pat Curley and Eileen and Keith Pierce; Ushers - Steve Jacobs, Dick Myers, Dave Salisbury, and Jeff Stearns; Camera operator - Rabah Rennane.

Take your place

in the church ... in the world

STEWARDSHIP *for* 2023

YOUR PLEDGE MAKES A DIFFERENCE !!!

We are currently \$80,000 from reaching our pledge goal of \$970,662.

Have you pledged to support the work of the church in 2023?

A final budget will be determined by the end of January. If you have not yet submitted a pledge, please do so. Continuing our mission and ministry depends on the support of every member.

We are grateful to the members and friends who have made gifts and pledges for the work of the church in 2023. We also thank those who pledge but do not wish to have their names appear here, and those who support the church through regular Sunday offerings, time, and prayer. Pledge forms are on the Great Hall tables or contact Sarah Campbell in the church office, 414-276-4757 or finance@immanuelwi.org.

THANK YOU

to these members and friends who have submitted pledges for 2023.

Gwen Abig
Rick and Mary Beth Allsop
Kathryn and Salvatore Amato
Deborah Anderson
Hannah and Steve Anderson
Sara and Richard Aster
Robert Ater and Greg Baer
Amanda Back and John Hassell
Carl and Mary Backus
Gary Balcerzak
Frances Tessa Bartels
Wilbert Bauer
Mary and Clair Baum
John Becker
Susan and Ryan Becker
David Benner
Robert and Jill Bewell
Richard and Kay Bibler
Judith Blackburn

Kathleen Blake
Deborah Block
D. Rodney and Mary Bluhm
Carl and Jane Boecher
Jon Bohrer
Margaret MacLeod Brahm
Audra and Joel Brennan
Rick Brewer
Marge Brindley
Robert and Kathleen Brumder
Ernie Brusubardis and Margaret Crowley
David Buckholdt
Kathleen Burchby
Sue Burwell
Jude Carlin
Kathryn Carlton
Matthew and Katherine Carlton
Stephen and Danette Carlton
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John and Catherine Crichton
David and Tamara Crum
Terri Danola
Leslie Davis
Abigail Debbink
Myrna Dittmer
Sarah and Joe Dominguez
Martha Dooley
Jean Dow
Kathryn and Matthew Egan
Ann Eisenbrown
Evelyn Ericson
David and Ronda Ewald
Jill and George Fahr
Daniel and Helena Faraca
James and Barbara Fisher
James and Barbara Flint
Debra Forsaith
Brian Frailing and Sibyl McCarley
Georgia Frailing
Harrison Frailing
Bennett Frank
Mika Frank
Spencer Frank
Dinshah and Shobha Gagrat
Lucy Gillard
Matilda Gillard
Michael and Deborah Gillard
Nathan Gillard
Mary Ginnebaugh
Judith Goetz
Patrick and Connie Goggin
James Green
Duane and Debra Grimm
Joan Hardy
Rick Harris

William Haurly and Ann Foley
Laurel Heebsh
John and Sara Hein
Cindy Helt
George and Nancy Herro
George Herro
Madeleine Herro
Harvey and Lu Hewes
Alan and Jean Hilgeman
J. David Hoeveler
Clara Hoffmann
Meredyth and Andrew Hunn
Barbara Hypes and Terry Lee-Docken
Steve Jacobs and Pat Curley
Charles James
Steven Jensen
Candice and David Johnstone
William and Charlotte Johnstone
Toni Jones
JohnPiero and McKinzie Joyce
Christine Karpowicz
Kevin and Alison Keefe
David Klehm and Carol Kraft
Susan Kraeblen
Ken and Priscilla Kuehn
Robert and Kathleen Landaas
Teresa Larson
Charlotte Lauren
William and Susan LeFeber
Kristi and Jeffrey Leswing
Paula Lewein
Lloyd P. Lewis
William Loder
Anne Luber
Paul and Cathy Luber
Jeremy and Jennifer Lucas
Ann MacIver
Janet MacIver
Jackie Mahony
Martha Mainland
Thomas Marlett and Lynne Oehlke
Vince Martin

Justin Mayer
Jeffrey McEathron
Audrey McKee
Lindsey McKee
Robert and Susan Mikulay
Marilyn Minor
William Morley and James Schleif
Hugh Morris and Lisa Lauren
Karen Morrisey
Claire and Ray Moulis
Richard Myers
Betty Jo and James Nelsen
Thomas and Linda Neubauer
Dennis and Linda O'Brien
Peter and Theresa Ogden
Patricia Parks
Amy Pauls and Nathan Wesselowski
Richard and Lois Pauls
Sally Pearson
Susan and Curtiss Peck
Alexander and Terese Pendleton
Elise Pennington
Wilson Dave and Kathryn Perry
James and Lynda Peterson
Keith and Eileen Pierce
David Plank
Victor and Karen Plantinga
Trent and Joell Poole
Daisy Price-Hagos
David and Irina Ravie
Sue and Rabah Rennane
Jon Richards and Andrea Rowe-Richards
Karen and Richard Rodgers
Pat Roeper
Susan Root
Sharon Rose
David Salisbury
Rick Schnell and Mary Wehrle-Schnell
Judith Schulz and Chris Bonin
Richard Schwartz
Virginia Schwartz
Robert Schweers

Brian Schwelling
Tom and Karen Scott
Sara Shaw
Scott Silet and Kate Lewis
Todd Slusar and John George
Leslie and Frederick Smart
Nancy Snyder
Jo Ann Stade
Patricia Stark
Jeffrey and Marjorie Stearns
Robert and Mary Stetson
Scott Stieg
Susan and Richard Stoll
Virginia Street
Phyllis Stuart-Jacobson and Mark Jacobson
Cece Sullivan
Janet Tallberg
Jeff and Susan Teerink
John Thomas
Robert and Barbara Timberlake
Lisa Trost
Randy and Alex Trumbull-Holper
Carol Tsao and Nancy Debbink
John and Vicki Turner
Julia Vosper
George and Alicia Walker
Leslie Waltke
Gloria Ware
Sidne Weis
Matt Weith
Carl and Janice Welle
Vance Werner, Jr.
Stephanie Wesselowski
Winona Wilson
Benjamin Wimmer and Madalyn Davidson
Johnathan Woodward
Dan and Laura Yocum
James and Jill Zager
Barbara Ziemann
Jay and Terese Zinn

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Mr. Ater preaching Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
	11:00	Coffee Hour ~ <i>Parlor</i>
	11:15	Second Sunday ~ Faith at Home: Honoring Sabbath <i>Peaceable Kingdom</i>
Tuesday	7:30	Church School Committee Meeting ~ <i>online</i>
Wednesday	12:15	Stewardship Committee Meeting ~ <i>online</i>
	5:00	Mission Committee Meeting ~ <i>online</i>
Thursday	6:00	Common Ground Strategy Team ~ <i>Conference Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Ms. Larson preaching
	11:00	Coffee Hour ~ <i>Parlor</i>

HELP RECYCLE THE SANCTUARY TREES

The trees that have adorned the Sanctuary during the Advent and Christmas seasons will come down today following worship. Pine boughs will be available under the covered entrance in the church parking lot during coffee hour. If you would like some boughs to use as mulch or protective ground cover in your garden, please plan to take them. Plastic bags and clippers will be available. We encourage you to take advantage of this greener alternative to having the city cart the trees away to a landfill.

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers on **January 15, 22, 29, or February 5**, please contact the church office.

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.**

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 (to your pledge or another offering, like "Flower Donation.")
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.



PLEDGE ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Pledge envelopes for 2023 are available and ready for pick up in the Great Hall **for** those who requested them on their pledge forms. Envelopes are provided for weekly and monthly contributors **if you so request**; they are not ordinarily provided for those who plan to give quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If you would like envelopes or cannot find yours, please contact Ms. Campbell in the church office. **On-line giving options are available on the Immanuel website.**



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



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Choir Director

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Parish Associate

Sister Karlyn Cauley

Ecumenical Associate

Sarah Campbell

Financial and Facilities Administrator

Program and Office Administrator

Nathan Wesselowski

Sexton

January 8, 2023