



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

The journey from baptism to confirmation calls us to:

EQUIP

families and educators to teach the stories and values of our faith,
foster a sense of belonging, and nurture love of God and neighbor;

ENGAGE

children and youth through worship and study to explore
the Christian faith and inquire about its meaning for them;

EMPOWER

our youth to live a life faithful to Jesus Christ
through their choices and actions in a world much larger than their
own.

MISSION STATEMENT FOR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adopted by the Session, 2016

MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 17, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Morning Hymn

Peeters

*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.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*+ HYMN 10 Sing Glory to the Name of God (stzs. 1-3) *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Micah 6:6,8

*Leader: With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow down before God on high?*

People: God has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Leader: With humble and trusting hearts we confess our sin:

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have been distracted
with many things. We have not loved You with our
whole heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved
our neighbors as ourselves.
We have failed to listen for Your Word and to be
guided by it; we have forgotten to do justice and
neglected our neighbors in need. Forgive us, Lord.
Call us again to lives of wholeness. Let us more fully
embrace the good news of Your love and grace, so that
we might live and serve You gratefully and joyfully, in
the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* 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*)

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 Matthew 5:1-12

(NT 4)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-10, 14-15)

Pfautsch

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

*Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake:
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*

You are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before all,

that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

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

Andante

Peeters

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

Ms. Larson

Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible (*young children*)

The Common English Bible Student Edition (*4th grade students*)

*All 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 God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus, fully known:

Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SCRIPTURES Micah 6:1-8

(OT 866)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Blessing Map" The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell

* HYMN 691 Lord, When I Came into This Life

Land of Rest

COMMISSIONING OF CONFIRMANDS

Conor Brennan, Griffin Frank, Harry Lewis,

Alex Richards, Ian Rortvedt, Alfred Walker

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

New Oxford Annotated Study Bible, NRSV

CHARGE

Ms. Larson

* HYMN 694 Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

*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 Holy God We Praise Thy Name

Peeters

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the wedding of Amanda Back and John Hassell yesterday.*

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 Rick and Leslie Smart, Evelyn Ericson, and Victor Plantinga. **Welcome Team** members this morning are David and Tamara Crum and Margaret Crowley. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **186th 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 about Immanuel or church membership.

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 a "**crying room**" **on the second floor** with 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/3Z9TVEx> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information.

In Memoriam

Alice Lloyd Lewis died on August 31 at her home at St. John's on the Lake. She had been a member of Immanuel Church since her confirmation in 1942, and served as an elder and a trustee. Her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Jeff Delcore, and their daughters, Amanda and Katie, also belong to Immanuel Church. **A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary this Thursday, September 21 at 1:00 p.m.**

Donald H. Craig died on Sunday, June 11. **Nancy S. Craig** died on July 9, 2021. Don and Nancy joined Immanuel Church in 1996; Don served as a ruling elder. **A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary for both of them this Thursday, September 21 at 4:00 p.m.**

Our prayers and sympathies are with both of these families.

TODAY! A CELEBRATION SUNDAY:
OUR MINISTRIES IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
With special guest, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell
“Growing in the Life of Faith”
a Conversation about Lifelong Christian Formation
in the Upper Room at 11:15

Immanuel Church is pleased welcome the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth F. Caldwell as we celebrate our ministries in Christian education for all ages. Dr. Caldwell is Professor Emerita of Educational Ministry and Pastoral Theology at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. Dr. Caldwell is the author of *Growing in God's Love, A Story Bible*, enjoyed by our younger members and their families. Her latest of numerous books is *Pause, Spending Lent with the Psalms*. In addition to preaching today, Dr. Caldwell will give a presentation in the Upper Room following worship on the importance of nurturing lifelong Christian formation. Christian education for all ages has been a significant part of Dr. Block's ministry since she began her call at Immanuel Church in 1978, and “Lib” Caldwell is a longtime friend and colleague.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?
Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"
following worship on NEXT Sunday, September 24

Interested persons are invited to gather at the Welcome Table in the Great Hall (at about 11:15) to tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries and what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Prospective Member Brunch and Orientation
following worship on October 8

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story, learn about our shared mission and ministry and enjoy a delicious meal with some of our members. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

The Immanuel Nursery provides child care for our youngest members every Sunday. We are committed to staffing the nursery with two experienced adults each week – and are seeking new nursery workers to begin in mid-September. If you know of someone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) in the church office.



“DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE”

NEXT weekend: September 23 and 24

On **September 23 & 24** Immanuel will join 125+ Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, *Doors Open Milwaukee* will open buildings of all kinds, throughout Milwaukee, free of charge, allowing the public to explore new places and hidden areas usually off-limits to visitors. Through Immanuel’s participation in this event over the last eleven years, Immanuel has welcomed **over 5,000 visitors** into our church home! **Would you like to help host the event this year? Immanuel volunteers** are still needed to serve as building hosts and tour guides on both days. Sign-up today in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_DoorsOpen2023. Questions? Contact Immanuel coordinators: Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) or Elder Lindsey McKee (lindseymckee6@aol.com). More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/>. Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, Doors Open Milwaukee is now in its 13th year! Immanuel is grateful to have been a part of this popular event from the beginning.

THEATRE OUTING TO CARROLL UNIVERSITY

Thursday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.

Join members of the Parish Life Council at Carroll University for a special showing of *Little Shop of Horrors!* The production is directed by Immanuel member James Zager, Professor of Theatre and Dance. Twenty complimentary tickets are available for members; reservations required. Sign up today in the Parlor or click here: https://bit.ly/IPC_CarrollUnvTheaterOuting. The only Presbyterian university in Wisconsin, Immanuel Church and Carroll have been partnered in mission since their beginnings. Dr. Block currently chairs the Carroll Board.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 14 + 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

on Immanuel’s Astor Street steps

Immanuel friends and neighbors are invited to stop by the Immanuel Church steps with your pet(s) on Saturday morning, October 14, anytime between 10:00 and 11:00 for a brief blessing. Any pet that can be safely and happily brought to church will be welcomed. A prayer will be adapted from the “Blessing of the Animals” service in the recently updated Presbyterian Book of Common Worship. The event will include a welcome table with photo board and church information, a water bowl and pet treats. 2-3 volunteers are needed to help host the gathering and offer tours of the church to humans. Please contact Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) with questions or to offer to help host. Help spread the word to friends and neighbors.

"FORWARD SCHOLARS" TUTORING PROGRAM

**Second year begins this week;
school supplies and tutors still needed**



The second year of Common Ground's successful "Forward Scholars" tutoring program launches this week in Milwaukee Public Schools! Thank you to the large group (20+ again this year) of Immanuel members and friends who have committed to tutoring. As the new school year begins, tutors and substitute tutors are also still needed. Click here (<https://www.commongroundwi.org/forward-scholars>) for an updated Forward Scholars webpage with details about how to tutor! Questions may also be directed to Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org). **School supplies are needed:** lined loose leaf notebook paper, #2 pencils, and index cards. There are baskets for your contributions in the coatrooms. Thank you to those who made school supply contributions in the last few weeks for Immanuel's public school teachers!

INTERFAITH CONFERENCE OF GREATER MILWAUKEE AMAZING FAITHS DINNER DIALOGUES

Wednesday, September 27 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity

Join the dialogue. Change your life. Change the world.

The Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee has resumed a longtime tradition of hosting Amazing Faith Dinner Dialogues. People of all faiths and no faith, all spiritualities and theologies, are invited to share a meal and participate in a moderated discussion. A small group model has been developed for these conversations to evoke dialogue about lived experiences and the role of faith and/or spirituality in our lives. Through exploration and dialogue, participants learn about the beliefs and traditions of others within an atmosphere of respect and understanding, and are empowered to stand as witnesses for tolerance and inclusion. The next dinner dialogue will be hosted at Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity on September 27.

Register here: <https://www.interfaithconference.org/amazing-faiths-project>.

Questions? Contact Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

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 wild fires, 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.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Following last spring's announcement by Dr. Block and the Session that she will retire at the end of 2023, the Session directed its Human Resources Committee to search for an interim pastor to guide the congregation and staff through the assessments and planning required in a transition of pastoral leadership. There will be an announcement about the interim pastor later this month.

"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:

TODAY: Celebrating Our Ministries in Christian Education – September 17

The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell preaching and teaching

Celebrating Our Denominational Connections – October 1

World Communion Sunday; The Rev. Dr. John Wilkinson preaching

Celebrating Women in Ministry – October 22

PUTTING THE IMMANUEL GARDENS TO BED

Fall Spruce-up Day: 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 weather, the Landscaping Committee needs your help to clean up the grounds and cut back the plants. If you enjoy gardening and want to contribute to the beauty of the gardens, please join us on Saturday October 14 from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (rain date is October 21).

Sign up today in the Parlor or follow this link: https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_FallCleanUp Questions? Contact committee chair Trustee Terese Zinn at teresezinn@gmail.com.

A MESSAGE from the COVID Advisory Team

The COVID Advisory Team met recently 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.

A new booster protective against the current circulating strains is expected to be available in late September or early October. COVID cases are anticipated to peak again from December to February, and the vaccine (and booster) is most protective in the first three months after a dose. Masking is always welcomed, and is especially encouraged if the regional positivity rates reach 10% (as they have in other regions of the country). Please inform the Immanuel Church office if you test positive within 72 hours of attending an in-person church gathering.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ Today is **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY** when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Volunteers are always needed to sort and bag food for guests. Contact the pantry staff (ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com or 414-551-2184) for information or to sign-up.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** on two consecutive nights (Sunday-Monday) every other month. The next opportunity to serve is **Sunday, October 15 and Monday, October 16**. Sign up for a particular menu item; the food is prepared in your home, delivered to the center, and served by the shelter staff. An Immanuel team leader will contact their team for any further instruction or support. Click here to sign up for one of the **October** dates: <https://bit.ly/IPCCathedralCenterMeals2023>. Questions? Contact Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com) or Mr. Ater.

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.



WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPT 17	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Elizabeth Caldwell preaching Commissioning of confirmands, presentation of Bibles
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee in the Parlor
	11:15-noon	“Growing in the Life of Faith” Dr. Caldwell ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	12:15	Orientation luncheon for confirmands and parents
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Conference Room</i>
Thursday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
	1:00	Alice Lloyd Lewis Memorial Service ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>
	4:00	Donald and Nancy Craig Memorial Service ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>
Saturday	9:45-5:00	“Doors Open Milwaukee”

NEXT SUNDAY		TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPT 24	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; 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	IPC 101: An Introductory Tour of Immanuel Church
	11:15-5:00	“Doors Open Milwaukee”
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Thursday	noon	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

Thank you to this morning’s worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Jim Peterson.

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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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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