



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Prelude in D Minor
Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

Pachelbel

*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.*

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *Psalm 66*

*Leader: Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of God's praise be heard,
who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.*

*People: For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us to a spacious place.*

*Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what God has done.*

*People: Truly God has listened;
giving heed to the words of my prayer.*

*Leader: Blessed be God, because God has not rejected my prayer
or removed God's steadfast love.*

*All: Gracious God, we call upon you this day offering our
confession as well as our praise. We confess that even
as we lift songs of praise and prayer, we doubt Your
gracious presence in our lives. We slumber in the
distractions of a busy world and forget Your steadfast
love and faithfulness. When life gets difficult we turn
inward instead of looking to You.*

Revive us again, that we may rejoice in the grace of
Your love and the hope of Your salvation. Turn us
again, to You, that we might see anew the spacious
and gracious place of Your love in our lives.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray, 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)*

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!

+++ Latecomers may be seated during the response

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES John 14:15-21

(NT 109)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth. For the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our
birth. Over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise; This our joyful hymn of
praise. For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night. Hill and vale and tree
and flower, sun and moon and stars of light. Lord of all to thee we raise; this our
joyful hymn of praise. For the joy of human love; Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above. For all gentle thoughts and mild. Lord of all to
thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise. For each perfect gift of Thine, to our race
so freely given. Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n. Lord of
all to thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 372 O for a World

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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 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Pachelbel

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 I Peter 3:13-18a (NT 234)

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

SERMON "Faith Forward" Ms. Larson

* HYMN 772 Live into Hope Truro

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

CHORAL RESPONSE Go Forth into the World in Peace Rutter

*Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the pow'r of the Holy Spirit.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you forever. Amen.*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Dick and Kay Bibler in loving memory of Sally Armstrong and Grace Bibler Baker.*

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 Hugh Morris and Lisa Lauren, and Keith and Eileen Pierce. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Lindsey McKee, Leslie Davis, and Pat Parks. 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/3nKzIGZ> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information and **photos from last Sunday's Creation Sunday celebration**.

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES!

We look forward to honoring members of Immanuel Church who are graduating from high school or college/university or receiving graduate degrees this spring. Please call or e-mail the church office (414-276-4757 ipc@immanuelwi.org) with school and degree information.



Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Bill LeFeber, Dave Salisbury, and Victor Plantinga; Camera operator – Nancy Debbink.

ANNUAL PROGRAM MEETING

NEXT Sunday, May 21 at 11:00 a.m. in the Upper Room

The Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation will be held NEXT Sunday, May 21, following the worship service. "The year in review" will be presented by members involved in the various programs of the congregation and the Nominating Committee will place before the congregation members for election to ordained office. For the office of elder: Kate Egan, Lindsey McKee, Scott Silet, Carol Tsao, Julia Vosper (unexpired term); for the office of deacon: Margaret MacLeod Brahm (unexpired term), Kathleen Burchby, Connie Goggin, Christine Karpowicz, Jennifer Lucas, Justin Mayer. New elders and deacons will be ordained and installed on Sunday, June 11.

There will also be a report on the pastoral transition process and an update by the Interim Search Committee.

A CELEBRATION OF PENTECOST!

Sunday, May 28

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost with our annual *Pentecost Party*. All are invited to enjoy a light lunch, complete with "Fruit of the Spirit" salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also give thanks for the ministry of our 2022-23 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples – so be sure to **wear something RED!** Look for the sign-up sheets in both the Parlor and Peaceable Kingdom today or go to https://bit.ly/IPC_Pentecost_Party_2023 and let us know of your plans to attend.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

An opportunity for Mission and Service

Work on a new **MILWAUKEE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY** Presbyterian Coalition home (3049 N. 6th Street) continues. Volunteers are needed (full or half-day shift) to help install siding on **Saturday, June 3 from 8:00 to 3:00. Would you like to help?** Persons with all levels of experience are welcome!

Register at: <http://groups.mkehabitat.volunteerhub.com/events/index>. Volunteers must be 16 and older. If you have questions about volunteering contact Scott Silet (sasilet@gmail.com) or Rob Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers (\$150 for the two arrangements) on **May 28, June 18, or later this summer**, please contact the church office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

MAY 14	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Ms. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Church Conference Room</i>
May 18	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

NEXT SUNDAY

MAY 21	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	Annual Program Meeting of the Congregation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
May 22	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
May 25	noon	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

LOOKING AHEAD

May 28		DAY OF PENTECOST
		Pentecost Party for all ages!
June 4		TRINITY SUNDAY
		Reception of New Members
June 6		Board of Deacons Meeting
June 11		Ordination and Installation of Elders and Deacons

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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A congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

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Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
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
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton

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