



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

The Church is to be a community of faith,
*entrusting itself to God alone,
even at the risk of losing its life.*

The Church is to be a community of hope,
*rejoicing in the sure and certain knowledge that,
in Christ, God is making a new creation.*

The Church is called to be a community of love,
*where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished,
and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down.*

The Church is to be a community of witness,
*pointing beyond itself through word and work
to the good news of God's transforming grace
in Christ Jesus its Lord.*

Book of Order, Presbyterian Church USA

MORNING WORSHIP
REFORMATION SUNDAY
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
THE RENEWAL OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT
BY THOSE UNITING WITH THE CONGREGATION

October 29, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE Variations on "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

*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

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to God.

*People: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.*

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ,

People: fully human, fully God.

Leader: We trust in God,

People: whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

People: everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

from "A Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)

*+ HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

*Ein' Feste Berg
(Martin Luther, 1529)*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Martin Luther

*Leader: We stand in Your presence, O God, in order
that You may comfort our timid and fearful consciences,
and we may trust anew in You,
knowing that you have taken away our sin.*

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

People: You have indeed taken it away and have left us the Word that assures us of it.

All: Lord God, it is Your will that we should come to You in prayer. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, so that we may have a clear and joyful conscience before You. Give us a fearless hope in Your mercy and grace that we may remain steadfast. Help us so to live that we may be found true children of God. Blessed are You, O faithful God, my merciful Redeemer. In You alone do I trust. 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*)

Our thanks and praise will never cease: God is our sure salvation!
God is our stronghold and our peace, Our hope in tribulation.
Let earth and sea and sky, From depth to height reply;
In one eternal song, Through all the ages long:
God's mercy is forever!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 46

(OT 517)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Built On a Rock, the Church Doth Stand

Halloran

*Built on a rock the Church doth stand Even when steeples are falling;
Crumbled have spires in ev'ry land, Bells still are chiming and calling.
Calling the young and old to rest, Calling the souls of all distressed,
Longing for rest everlasting.
We are God's house of living stones, Built for his habitation;
All hearts become his earthly thrones, Heirs of his wondrous salvation.
Were we but two his name to tell, Yet he would deign with us to dwell,
With all his grace and his favor. Call us to joy everlasting.
Built on a rock the Church doth stand!*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*O obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, 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.*

People: We remember with joy our own baptism
as we celebrate this sacrament.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

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 freedom in the land of Your promise.

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

People: Through the baptism of his death and resurrection,
You give us cleansing and rebirth.

Leader: *We praise You that in baptism You give us Your Holy
Spirit, who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with a variety of gifts,
that we might serve You as a faithful people.*

People: May all who now pass through these waters
be delivered from death to life,
from bondage to freedom,

from sin to righteousness.
Bind them to the household of faith,
and strengthen them to serve You with joy. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZAND

Elder Laurel Heebsh

Martin James Cechvala
son of James and Lillian Cechvala
grandson of members David and Melissa Gilbert
born August 7, 2022

QUESTIONS TO THE FAMILY

*In presenting your child for baptism, do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ?
Do you claim God's covenant promises on your child's behalf,
and do you promise to live the Christian faith, and to teach that faith to your child?*

* QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

*Word and Sacrament bring the joy of Christ's presence in our midst.
They also bring us responsibilities as Christ's people in this place.
Do you welcome Martin*

and do you promise to guide and nurture him by word and deed, with love and prayer?

* QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH

Do you welcome Martin into our church family, and promise to show God's love to him?

THE BAPTISM

Laying on of hands and welcome

WELCOME AND PRAYER

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elder Laurel Heebsh

By reaffirmation of faith

Paul Campbell
Cory Forbes
Ann Laatsch
Joseph Lee
Elisa Prebble
Cary Zunft
Susan Zunft

By letter of transfer

Louise Dillon
Ridgefield-Crystal Lake Presbyterian, Crystal Lake, IL

Fran Hunter
Hope United Church of Church, Sturgeon Bay, WI

Ahna Olson
Clarendon Presbyterian Church, Arlington, VA

Deborah Whitmore
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, IL

QUESTIONS TO THOSE REAFFIRMING THEIR BAPTISM

*Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?*

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

*Will you be a faithful member of this congregation,
share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts,
your study and service, and so fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

Will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?

PRAYER AND WELCOME

*Leader: Through baptism and the reaffirmation of the baptismal
covenant these persons are members of the household of God.
God has called them to serve Christ in the world.
Let us welcome them to this ministry.*

*People: With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you
to share with us the ministry of Christ
and the communion of his people.*

* HYMN 481 I Believe in God (*paraphrase, the Apostles' Creed*) Genevan 42

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Stewardship: "A Future with Hope"

Kate Lewis

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

Chorale Prelude on "Aurelia"

Sedio

*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 Romans 12:1-2

(NT 161)

Matthew 22:34-40

(NT 25)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Change of Heart"

Dr. Block

* 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.*

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Allegro Maestoso (Organ Symphony V)

Widor

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the 10th wedding anniversary of Dick Myers and Steve Brondino.*

Following the postlude, an 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 Jaclyn and David Ness and Kathy and Robo Brunder. **Welcome Team** members this morning are David and Tamara Crum and Dave Perry. 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/3tSISni> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

Congratulations to Laura and Cory Bach on the birth of a daughter, Riley Marie Bach, on October 13, 2023.

Mr. Komasa is on vacation and will return next Sunday. Thank you to the Rev. Dr. Rick Brewer for directing the choir this morning.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Steve Jacobs, and Mark Connelly; Camera operator – Jim Peterson

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 + ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will include reading the names of members who have died in the past year. The service will be framed by John Rutter's beautiful and moving *Requiem*, with flute accompaniment by Jill Bewell.

Time Change: Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Conversation with Dr. Block today

11:30 to noon in the Upper Room

The Transition Team held an Interim Ministry information session on October 15 to review the pastoral transition process and interpret the work of interim ministry. If you missed the October 15 session and would like to hear what's new . . . *or* perhaps you attended the information session and have some new questions or comments.

Join Dr. Block around the tables in the Upper Room TODAY following worship for an informal conversation about the pastoral transition process. Below are some of the questions that were addressed on October 15. Our intent is to be responsive, clear, candid, and caring as we move through this new journey together.

What is interim ministry?

“Interim ministry” describes the time following the departure of a pastor – especially a long-term pastor – and the implementation of a new leadership model. During this “time between” the Session, the interim pastor, continuing pastoral staff, and congregation engage in study and reflection to review the church’s mission and discern God’s calling for the future.

Who will lead us through this interim ministry?

The specialized ministry of interim pastors is to facilitate these processes of discerning continuity and change. Following a national search, the Session has contracted with the Rev. Dr. Randall “Randy” Bush, an experienced pastor of urban congregations and a trained interim pastor. In our Presbyterian polity, an interim pastor serves for one to three years, providing guidance through a leadership transition and not continuing as a called and installed pastor.

What is the timeline?

Dr. Bush has been serving as the interim pastor/head of staff at a church in the Baltimore area since June 2022. That congregation is now moving forward with a pastoral search. Ideally, they will soon identify a candidate and Dr. Bush can conclude his work there early in the new year. We hope that this timeline will be as seamless as possible. In the event that there’s a gap between Dr. Block’s February 1 retirement and his starting date, we will adapt as necessary.

**If you cannot attend in-person sessions
and are interested in a ZOOM format for an information update
at a time other than Sunday morning, please click here:**

https://bit.ly/IPC_InterimMinistryZoomConversationSignup

“A FUTURE WITH HOPE”

Pledging Our Gifts for Today and Tomorrow

STEWARDSHIP 2024

The annual appeal to fund the church budget turns us to the upcoming year and our continuing life and ministry, worshiping, learning, and serving together. This fall, in addition to our annual pledges, we are also looking farther into the future by encouraging members to include Immanuel Church in their estate planning.

Stewardship Interpretation Sunday is November 12

Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 19

The Stewardship Committee:

Trustee Steve Carlton and Elder Kate Egan, co-chairs

Spencer Frank, Kristi Leswing, Kate Lewis, Will Loder, Jim Peterson

“My husband and I are raising two children here at Immanuel and we try to set an example for them to be cheerful givers. You might have witnessed one of them cheerfully waving a green offering envelope in the air! One reason we give is because we see the good it does and what our collective giving can do, and we try to teach our children to see it too.”

~ Elder Kate Egan

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, flooding, and the war in Israel-Palestine. 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.

GIVING HOSPITALITY SOME SHINE: SILVER POLISHING

This Tuesday, October 31 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

In preparation for upcoming Communion services and special holiday events the Parish Life Council is organizing a team to polish the Communion ware and coffee and tea service sets. All are welcome to join the team THIS Tuesday, October 31 in the Upper Room. Supplies will be provided. You may sign up via the sheet in the parlor or online at https://bit.ly/IPC_SilverPolishing.



COMMON GROUND
FALL ASSEMBLY
REFORMING PUBLIC HOUSING

Sunday, November 12 + 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Mount Mary University
Bergstrom Hall, Alumnae Dining Room
2927 N 92nd St, Milwaukee

Join Common Ground and Public Housing Resident Leaders for an update on the next phase of the campaign to reform public housing. Celebrate recent successes and hear updates on *all* the exciting CG work.

In-person participation is strongly encouraged.

To attend in person or online, RSVP at tinyurl.com/CGNOV12RSVP
or sign-up today in the Parlor

Register for Zoom: tinyurl.com/CGNOV12ZOOM

A multiracial, broad based community organizing group, Common Ground is made up of over 40 congregations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and schools in Southeastern Wisconsin, organized to address some of Greater Milwaukee's important social needs in an effective, non-partisan way.

Immanuel Church was a founding member of Common Ground in 2008.

Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org.

2023 Common Ground Annual Reports are on the Great Hall Tables.

A MESSAGE from the COVID ADVISORY TEAM

Masks Welcomed; Updated COVID Vaccines 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.

TURKEY COOKS NEEDED NEXT WEEK

The Gathering Meal Program

The Gathering Meal Program will serve Thanksgiving Dinner to about 500 guests at three Milwaukee locations on Saturday, November 18. Immanuel Church has committed to cooking ten of the 90 turkeys for this special holiday meal. If you would like to participate, the turkeys will be available for **pick up after church NEXT Sunday, November 5**. Disposable pans, cooking instructions and zip lock bags will come with each turkey. We ask that you bring them back to the church – cooked, deboned and frozen – **on Sunday, November 12**. Please click here https://bit.ly/IPC_Turkeys_for_TheGathering or sign up today in the Parlor. For further information contact the church office (414-276-4757). Thank you for helping to make another person's Thanksgiving brighter.

THANKSGIVING DINNER DRIVE

Interchange Food Pantry

Interchange hopes to provide a nutritionally balanced Thanksgiving Meal for 1,400 households this year. Each participating home will receive the choice of a turkey or ham and all the traditional Thanksgiving trimmings: cranberry sauce, stuffing, green bean casserole, yams, chicken broth, cornbread mix, gravy, pumpkin pie, and whipped cream! Also, twenty pounds of high-quality fresh fruits and vegetables: sweet potatoes, potatoes, celery, onions, apples, and oranges will be provided to each household.

The Thanksgiving meals will be distributed at the three Interchange pantry sites on November 16, 18, and 19. So far in 2023, the pantry has served over 6,000 guests each month, and many can't afford to put a holiday dinner on the table.



Donate to the

Thanksgiving Dinner Drive

<https://gofund.me/425c5e41>

Tax-deductible donations for the holiday drive can be made at the link above. The link also includes an **informative, first-hand video made by a pantry volunteer** and more information about the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.

A longtime mission partner, Immanuel Church was a founding member congregation of Interchange, Inc. in 1971. Its current food pantry mission is to improve the health and well-being of our neighbors through nutritious food and compassion at three pantry sites throughout the city. To learn more about Interchange and how to volunteer with this drive or on a regular pantry day, contact the pantry staff (ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com or 414-551-2184). www.interchangefoodpantry.org

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

Bread of Healing Clinic

Begun as a ministry of Cross Lutheran Church in 2000, the Bread of Healing Clinic now sees 400 patients each month at three locations on the North Side of Milwaukee. The Clinic provides essential services to those who would otherwise fall through the cracks of our health care systems. Most patients are employed but do not have access to health insurance. Many patients may make too much money to be eligible for Medicaid, and not enough to afford their employer's premiums. In addition to primary care services and free medications, the clinic offers programs such as counseling, dental clinic space, and a broad scope of social work services. The name of this ministry comes from Ecclesiastes 11:1, which invites the reader to: "Cast your bread upon the waters, for you will find it after many days." Maya Angelou writes further: "When we cast our bread upon the waters, we can presume that someone downstream, whose face we may never see, will benefit from our action, even as we enjoy the fruits sent to us from a donor upstream." It is a recognition that in all times and in all places, we are all givers and receivers of good gifts.

www.breadofhealingclinic.org

A Spotlight on Mission article is 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!

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

OCTOBER 29	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block preaching Baptism and the Reception of New Members
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee in the Parlor
	11:30	Pastoral transition conversation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	1:00	Silver polishing ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Wednesday	6:00	Parish Life Council meeting ~ <i>Conference Room</i>

REFORMATION SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5		ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block preaching Special music: <i>Requiem</i> by John Rutter
	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 ~ <i>hosted by the Deacons</i>
Nov 6	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Nov 7	noon	Insurance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Meeting of the Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
Nov 11	9:00	Youth Outing to Crivitz

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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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