



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

“In Jesus Christ,
who is the Lord of all creation,
the Church seeks a new openness to God’s mission in the world.
In Christ, the triune God
tends the least among us,
suffers the curse of human sinfulness,
raises up a new humanity,
and promises a new future for all creation.”

*A New Openness
The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 25, 2022

Ten O' Clock

*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.
Worshipers in the Sanctuary are requested to silence phones.*

+ PRELUDE Elegy Thalben-Ball

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

+* HYMN 63 The Lord Is God

Azmon

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from Psalm 27

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

*Leader: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!*

*People: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!*

Leader: Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path.

*People: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.*

*All: Great and gracious God, we call upon You this day
offering our confession as well as our praise. We have
not followed Your path; stumbling and lost we ask for
Your guiding light. We have not directed our
commitments to higher callings and ultimate
meanings; in our narrowness we pray for a summons
to a larger life. We have not lifted our voice in prayer,
afraid to risk either Your silence or Your word. Open
us to You in trusting prayer; hear us and forgive us.
Teach us to see and do Your good; in the name of Jesus
Christ. Amen.*

* *Worshipers in the sanctuary may stand, as able. + Worshipers may be shown to a pew.*

* 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*)

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Colossians 3:1-17

(NT 201)

Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Everything You Do (Colossians 3:17)

Buxtehude

*Everything you do, by word of mouth and by action, let it honor the name of Jesus,
and give thanks to God the Father by him.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 308 O God in Whom All Life Begins

Noel

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Common Ground "Forward Scholars" Project

Ms. Jennifer O'Hear,
Lead Organizer

Commissioning of "Forward Scholars" tutors and volunteers

Kathleen Blake, Sue Burwell, Jenny Clark, Margaret Crowley, Jean Dow,
Barbara Flint, Jim Flint, John Hein, Susan Kraeblen, Daisy Price-Hagos,
Marilyn Minor, Sue Rennane, Scott Stieg, Karen Watson

Substitutes: Rob Ater, Connie Goggin, Priscilla Kuehn, Sharon Rose,
Program Support: Mar MacLeod Brahm

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

Andante

Felton

*(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, 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.

* HYMN OF DOXOLOGY 609 *(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 Luke 18:9-17

(NT 81)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Doors Open”

Dr. Block

* HYMN 766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

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(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

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Stanley

Following the postlude, one of the ministers and an elder will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by Ann Eisenbrown in celebration of loving marriages that begin at Immanuel Church.

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.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Welcome Team –Victor Plantinga, Kathy Brumder, Janet Christiaansen; Ushers –Mark Connelly, Bill LeFeber, Dick Myers, Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Christine Karpowicz.

***Update!* “MASK-OPTIONAL” Protocol Now in Place**

The Session has accepted the recommendation of its Covid-19 Advisory Team to move forward on a mask-optional basis. The city and community health metrics that have guided our mitigations are now at levels of diminished risk (less than 200 cases per 100,000) and vaccines are available for all ages. Masking preferences will vary and we will apply the “love your neighbor” ethic to those who make choices different from our own. **Masks are optional and continued masking is welcome.** The Covid Advisory Team will continue to monitor and advise. If case numbers rise above the 200 cases level again, the mask requirement will be temporarily reinstated. We continue to encourage vaccinations and the latest boosters; if you are experiencing symptoms, please test and isolate as necessary. If you have vaccine questions or need help accessing boosters, please reach out to the church office. All members of the Immanuel staff, church school teachers, choir members and other Sunday morning volunteers who interact with you are fully vaccinated. If you have comments, concerns, or questions about any of this, please contact one of the ministers or a member of the advisory team.

YOUTH MISSION & RETREAT WEEK REPORT

TODAY at 11:20 in the Upper Room

In June, twelve youth and six adults participated in a Youth Mission and Retreat Week. They spent a day and a half in service around Milwaukee before going to The Stronghold Center in Oregon, Illinois for two and a half days on retreat. Join youth participants in the Upper Room to hear reflections on their experiences and see photos of our week of service and fellowship together.

IMMANUEL CHURCH SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH *in the Peaceable Kingdom*

Church School classes for children and youth (preschool - high school) follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in the Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). A “crying room” **on the second floor** is open for parents who need an alternate space during the worship service. Nursery care will be reinstated pending the hiring of child care workers. Click the following link to read this week’s “Wednesday Grace” email with more information: <https://conta.cc/3R0TzKD> Contact Ms. Larson with questions.

“SECOND SUNDAY”: CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING TO BARTHEL FRUIT FARM

October 9 at noon (following Church School)

On the second Sunday of each month, Church School families are invited to gather for a special activity of worship, fellowship, and service. This month, information on Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will be distributed, followed by an outing to the Barthel Fruit Farm in Mequon. More information on this gathering and future Second Sunday activities coming soon! Contact Ms. Larson with questions.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?
Would you like to learn more about Immanuel Church?
Join us following worship TODAY for
"IPC 101: An Introductory Tour of Immanuel Church."

Interested persons are invited to gather at the front of the Sanctuary (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 minutes and will include time for questions and discussion.

Join us for a Prospective Member Brunch
following worship on October 16.

Participants will have an opportunity to get to know one another and the church better. 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). *Invitations for the Brunch are on the Great Hall tables.*



"DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE"
TODAY

Immanuel joins over 100 Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Through Immanuel's participation in this event over the last eleven years, Immanuel has welcomed **over 5,000 visitors** into our church home! Pick up one of Immanuel's "Doors Open Milwaukee" welcome booklets today in the Great Hall. Mr. Jensen will offer a mini organ recital at 12:30 today. More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/> Sponsored by Historic Milwaukee, Doors Open Milwaukee is now in its 12th year! Immanuel is grateful to have been a part of this popular event from the beginning.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
NEXT Sunday, October 2

The Rev. Kerri Parker + Wisconsin Council of Churches

NEXT Sunday, October 2, Immanuel Church will again join congregations around the world in celebrating World Communion Sunday. This annual celebration, which takes place on the first Sunday of October, acknowledges and affirms our unity with Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world.

A leader in unifying Christian churches across Wisconsin, our guest preacher for World Communion Sunday will be the Rev. Kerri Parker, the executive director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches (WCC). Following worship the Mission Committee will host a special coffee hour in the Upper Room and Rev. Parker will share a report and update on the current mission and initiatives of the WCC.



IMMANUEL PARTNERS WITH COMMON GROUND'S FORWARD SCHOLARS TUTORING PROGRAM

Common Ground launched *Forward Scholars*, a new tutoring program at six Milwaukee Public Schools this week! The program grew out of a broad-based listening campaign led by Common Ground last summer that engaged over fifty Immanuel members and friends in identifying social needs in our community. Immanuel's team of twenty-one tutors (and substitutes) are partnering with tutors from our neighbor, the First Unitarian Society, to serve at Carver Academy in the Brewers Hill neighborhood. *Forward Scholars* is a well-staffed and supported program, with a proven curriculum that engages K-3rd grade students who are not yet meeting grade level expectations in reading.

Interested in learning more or joining the tutoring team? Click here: <https://www.commongroundwi.org/forward-scholars>

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 was a founding member of Common Ground in 2008.

A Common Ground Update is planned for Sunday, October 9 after worship.

Common Ground's Fall Assembly will be Sunday, October 23 at 3:30.

Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org.

Questions? Speak with a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team:

Margaret Crowley, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, or Rob Ater

FALL CLEANUP DAY

Saturday, November 5 + 8:00 until 11:00 a.m.

All are invited to help with the Landscaping Committee's fall cleanup day. Indicate your interest by clicking the following link and signing up to help out: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BACA72BA1F85-fall3> or contact Trustee David Ravie for more information (idravie@sbcglobal.net). If you have gardening tools, gloves, etc. please bring them along.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

We are planning to reopen the Immanuel Nursery to provide child care for our youngest members on Sunday mornings. By law the nursery must be staffed by two adults and we are still seeking qualified child care providers. All employees of the church must be fully vaccinated. If you know of someone who might be interested in this paid position, please contact Ms. Larson in the church office as soon as possible.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ On Wednesday, November 9, Immanuel volunteers will bring a taste of home to students through the “**LUNCH BUNCH**” program at University Christian Ministries (UCM), the cooperative Protestant campus ministry at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. One of UCM’s oldest and most popular programs, “Lunch Bunch” serves a free lunch every Wednesday to over fifty students. Local congregations support the program by providing the meal and volunteers to serve it each week. Immanuel Church hopes to resume hosting once in the fall and once in the spring. Follow this link to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4BACA72BA1F85-lunch2>
For more information or questions, please contact Claire Moulis (262-893-9981, cahmoulis@gmail.com) or Mr. Ater in the church office (414-276-4757, robertater@immanuelwi.org).

- ✦ Immanuel Church is committed to continue to support the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER** by delivering home-cooked meals once a month for the remainder of 2022. Sign up for a particular menu item; the food will be prepared in your home, delivered to the center, and served by the shelter staff. The team leader will contact their team with any further instruction or support. To sign up please click here: <https://bit.ly/3ykfpRR>

- ✦ **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES (ESS)** is in need of volunteers to provide ESS community member rides to medical appointments, grocery store trips, and other necessary errands. Volunteers are also needed for companionship, light chores/repairs, and more. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of ESS, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee’s East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Immanuel member Connie Goggin serves on the ESS board. Questions? Reach out to Ms. Goggin or contact ESS at 414-210-5881 or essmilw@gmail.com.

“LIFE TOGETHER: MISSION MATTERS”

Sundays in October following worship in the Upper Room

Next month, the Mission Committee will host local mission partner organizations supported by Immanuel’s mission budget and served by Immanuel volunteers to interpret their important work with those in need in our community. Immanuel members and friends who are involved in this work will share a few words about why it is important and meaningful to them to serve.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block preaching Commissioning of tutors for Common Ground "Forward Scholars" program
	10:30-12:00	Church school ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom</i>
	11:00	Coffee on the east patio
	11:00	"Doors Open Milwaukee"
	11:15	IPC 101: An Introductory Tour of Immanuel Church
	11:20	Summer Youth Mission Trip Report – <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	11:00	COVID-19 Advisory Team meeting ~ <i>online</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
		SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Kerri Parker preaching, Wisconsin Council of Churches
	11:00-12:00	Church school ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom</i>
	11:00	Coffee in the Upper Room hosted by the Mission Committee; report and update on the current mission and initiatives of the Wisconsin Council of Churches
October 3	6:00	Choir rehearsal
October 4	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons – <i>Conference Room</i>
	7:00	Church School Committee meeting
October 5	11:00	COVID-19 Advisory Team meeting ~ <i>online</i>

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.** Church members may use the Waverly lot for **SUMMER FESTIVAL** parking using the same protocol (bulletin on dash with cell).

The Immanuel Columbarium is open today and every Sunday until noon via the elevator in the coat room to the lower level. Information about purchasing a niche in the columbarium is available from the church office.

Our prayers and sympathy are with Steve Jensen and his family on the death of his mother, Betty Ann Jensen, on September 17. A memorial service will be held in Neenah, Wisconsin at a later time.

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 church 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 "Food Pantry").
2. **Going to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera. You'll immediately be connected 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. You will then receive a verification by text and email. The next time you wish to make a gift, simply text that number, enter the amount, and it will be automatically processed.





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



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