



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

Gracious God,
keeper of the secrets of creation,
visit us through the cry of need,
the unforeseen stranger,
and the unexpected guest,
that we may be ready
for the coming of Christ
in the midst of life,
at the end of life,
and at the end of time.
Amen.

- Brian Wren
Advent, Christmas and Epiphany Prayers (2008)

MORNING WORSHIP
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND HOLY COMMUNION

December 1, 2024

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Prepare the Way, O Zion

Burkhardt

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Keep Your Lamps

arr. A. Thomas

Mike Lorenz, percussion

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Nancy Debbink

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

People: With Isaiah and Jeremiah, Zechariah and Mary, we await the promised salvation of the Lord.

Leader: We look for the coming one who will bring justice and righteousness to the earth.

People: We light the candle of hope. Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.

* HYMN 106 Prepare the Way, O Zion

Bereden Väg För Herran

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: Jesus said, Do not let your hearts be weighed down by the sins and worries of this life. Watch and pray for the grace of God. With confidence in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

All: Lord, have mercy on us. We are not ready for your coming. We live in sin, as though there was no justice. We live in fear, as though there was no grace. Forgive us, Lord. Lead us in your truth and teach us your paths, for you are the God of our salvation and of all hope.

* 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 92 While We Are Waiting, Come (vs. 1,2) *Waiting (Cason)*
While we are waiting, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

With power and glory, come; with power and glory, come.
Jesus, our Lord, Emmanuel, while we are waiting, come.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 1:11-15a, 18-20

(NT 56)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

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O come, O come, Emmanuel and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear. Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.

Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight. Rejoice!

O come desire of nations, bind all peoples in one heart and mind.

Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease; and fill the world with heaven's peace. Rejoice!

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 1:26-38

(NT 56)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Zechariah & Mary: A Diner Dialogue”

Dr. Bush

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS & PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Peeters

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leader: Friends, hear these words from Galatians 3:

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all are one in Christ Jesus.

In baptism God claims us, seals us, and frees us. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the

*body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace,
and justice.*

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: We thank you, Eternal God, for you sustain all living
things by the gift of water...*

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTIZAND

Elder Jon Richards

George Robert Carlton

child of Matthew and Katherine Carlton

born September 22, 2024

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

QUESTIONS TO THE PARENTS

In presenting your child for baptism, do you confess your faith in Jesus Christ?

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word, showing his love, and claiming
God's covenant promises on your child's behalf?*

Do you promise to live the Christian faith and teach that faith to your child?

*** QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION**

Mindful of our mutual responsibilities as Christ's people in this place:

*Do you promise to guide and nurture George,
by word and deed, with love and prayer?*

People: We do.

*** QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN & YOUTH OF THE CHURCH**

*Do you welcome George into our church family,
and promise to show God's love to this child?*

Children and youth: We do.

THE BAPTISM

WELCOME AND PRAYER

SUNG RESPONSE 482 Baptized in Water (vs. 3 - remain seated)

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Marked with the sign of Christ our King;
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children;
Joyfully now God's praises we sing.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Dr. Bush

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Rev. Ater

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy

to give You thanks and praise,

Eternal God, Creator and Ruler of the universe...

*Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of
heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place, as we
proclaim the glory of Your name:*

*People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Revs. Bush and Larson

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

*This is an open table; all are invited to commune.
(Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray. Unfermented wine is served.)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus *Hyfrydol*

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE Savior of the Nations, Come *Manz*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Gloria Ware in loving memory of her dear friend Betty J. Williams.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **187th 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.

Welcome Team members this morning are Virginia Riggs, Eileen Pierce, and Kathleen Burchby. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available this Sunday from 9:30 until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level; elevator access is also available. A **"crying room" on the second floor** offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during the worship service. Click the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email with more information: <https://conta.cc/4eOmVb4>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

In Memoriam

Our **prayers and sympathy** are with Marty Dooley and family after the death of her husband, David, on Sunday, November 24. A memorial service at Immanuel is being planned for a future date.

THE ADVENT WORKSHOP **TODAY + 11:00-1:00 in the Upper Room**

All are invited to participate in the Advent Workshop in the Upper Room on this First Sunday of Advent, following worship. This year's workshop focuses on the theme "**Do not be afraid.**" There will be activities for all ages to enjoy, including the creation of an Advent wreath for your home and trimming the tree. Copies of the 2024 Advent booklet will also be available. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS IN POP CULTURE *Online Adult Education Gatherings*

Three Wednesdays in December (4, 11, 18) + 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Beside the biblical stories that ground Advent and Christmas are a number of movies, songs, and fables that come to us from pop culture. Join Dr. Bush, Rev. Larson, and other Immanuel friends each Wednesday during Advent for a conversation on connecting our faith to the cultural staples of the season. Each Wednesday will begin with a short time of prayer followed by discussion on two or three examples of Christmas in pop culture. The Zoom link will be sent in a Wednesday e-blast. Contact Rev. Larson with questions or for more information.

"BLACK NATIVITY" by Langston Hughes

Thursday, December 5 + 7:30 p.m. at the Marcus Center

The Parish Life Council invites Immanuel friends to join them for a production of Black Nativity, the nativity story told through a combination of scripture, poetry, dance, and song through the African-American lens. Produced by Black Arts MKE, the show features one of our choral soloists, William Toney. A block of 24 tickets has been reserved for Immanuel members and friends. Tickets are \$30. Sign up on the landing or by clicking here https://bit.ly/IPC_Outing_to_BlackNativity2024 and Rev. Larson will be in touch with information on how to pay for your ticket.

ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?

Join us for a Prospective Member Orientation

Sunday, December 15 + 11:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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

THE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Celebrating Thirty Years!

Sunday, December 8 + 11:00 – 1:00 in the Upper Room

For thirty years, the annual Alternative Christmas Market has offered an alternative to the consumer culture that invades the Christmas season while raising well over half a million dollars to support the work of our mission partner organizations.

Join us again this year for an unhurried and meaningful shopping experience, and an opportunity to purchase gifts that truly spread the good news of Christmas to those who need it most. Representatives from fourteen organizations and agencies will be on hand to talk with shoppers about the work of their organizations and how a gift to the Alternative Christmas Market can make a difference.

Make a plan today to come to the market and get to know our community in a new and deeper way. Enjoy holiday refreshments while you shop among friends and think about how the gifts you purchase will benefit people in Milwaukee and around the world. This year's market packet with agency descriptions is available today on the Great Hall tables. The shopping list is online at: <https://www.immanuelwi.org/acm2024>. *Enjoy a different way to do Christmas!*

***Sign-up today to help host and provide refreshments
for the Alternative Christmas Market!***

Click below or sign-up on the landing today.

https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Volunteers2024

https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Refreshments2024

A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS

A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten

Christmas Concert, Lighting of the Parlor Tree, Holiday Buffet

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m.

The event begins with choral selections from *A Ceremony of Carols* featuring the Immanuel Chancel Choir, soloists and musicians; moves to the Parlor for the lighting of the tree and a story for children; and then ascends to the Upper Room for a holiday hors d'oeuvres and dessert buffet. Your "ticket" is the holiday specialty of your kitchen for the Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert Buffet. A sign-up sheet is on the landing today or sign up electronically at (https://bit.ly/2024_IPC_Holiday_Buffet).

GIFTS FOR CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOY STORE

Contribution collection begins December 1

Supporting the Christmas Toy Store at Christ Presbyterian Church (20th and Walnut Streets) is a holiday tradition at Immanuel. This year's annual Toy Store event will be held on Saturday, December 14. Over 600 children from the neighboring community (12 & under) will visit the store and receive an age-appropriate reading/coloring book, toy, board game and a hat/glove set. Join the children of the Immanuel Church School in contributing to this important project with

new/gently used items like toys, games, coloring/reading books, crayons, markers, stuffed animals, balls, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, school supplies, dolls, cars/trucks, and puzzles. **Contributions may be dropped off on weekdays in the church office or bring them on December 1 and 8 to place under the tree in the Upper Room.** Immanuel will deliver the gifts to Christ Church on the morning of December 9.

“ALL IS CALM: The Christmas Truce of 1914”

Sunday, December 22 at 2:30 p.m. + Calvary Presbyterian Church

Join the Parish Life Council for a special outing to *All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914*. The musical production tells the story of British, German, and French soldiers in World War I who laid down their arms to celebrate Christmas together. Tickets are \$24. Sign up on the clipboard on the landing or by clicking here https://bit.ly/IPC_Outgoing_to_All_Is_Calm2024 and Rev. Larson will be in touch with more information on how to place an order for tickets using a special discount code. Join us for this story of peace, hope, and goodwill this season. Since this is the last show of the production, tickets will go fast! Sign up today.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE: *Moving Forward Faithfully*

Thank you to all who have already pledged their support for 2025

As pledges for 2025 continue to be received, the Stewardship Committee is grateful to all who have pledged their support to help Immanuel move forward faithfully. Those pledging for 2025 will begin being acknowledged in next week's bulletin. Extra pledge forms are on the Great Hall tables today.

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.** Please DO NOT park in the Barnett Gallery lot.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Dick Myers, Curtiss Peck, Virginia Riggs, Steve Jacobs, Mark Connelly, and Dave Perry; Camera operator - Keith Pierce.

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

Available date for Chancel flowers: If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **January 4, 11, 18, or 25** (\$150 for the two arrangements each Sunday), please contact the church office.

Prepare the Way, O Zion 106



1 Pre - pare the way, O Zi - on, your Christ is draw - ing near!
 2 He brings God's rule, O Zi - on; he comes from heaven a - bove.
 3 Fling wide your gates, O Zi - on; your Sav - ior's rule em - brace,

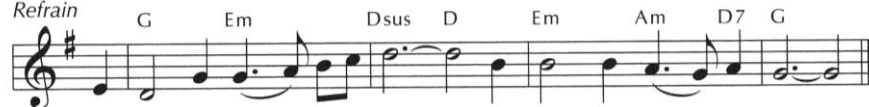


Let ev - ery hill and val - ley a lev - el way ap - pear.
 His rule is peace and free - dom, and jus - tice, truth, and love.
 and ti - dings of sal - va - tion pro - claim in ev - ery place.



Greet One who comes in glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry.
 Lift high your praise re - sound - ing, for grace and joy a - bound - ing.
 All lands will bow re - joic - ing, their ad - o - ra - tion voic - ing.

Refrain



O blest is Christ who came in God's most ho - ly name.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This engaging Advent text based on Isaiah 40:3–5 and Psalm 24:7–10 has been in use in the Church of Sweden for almost two hundred years. It is set to a version of an even older Swedish tune, which in turn seems to be derived from a German folktune that spread to Scandinavia.

TEXT: Frans Mikael Franzen, 1812; rev. 1819; trans. Augustus Nelson, 1958;
 adapt. Charles P. Price, 1980, alt.

MUSIC: *Then Svenska Psalmboken*, 1697; arr. *American Lutheran Hymnal*, 1930
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BEREDEN VÄG FÖR HERRAN
 7.6.7.6.7.7 with refrain

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You 104

1 O Lord, how shall I meet you, how wel-come you a - right?
2 Love caused your in - car - na - tion; love brought you down to me;
3 You come, O Lord, with glad - ness, in mer - cy and good-will,

Your peo - ple long to greet you, my hope, my heart's de - light!
your thirst for my sal - va - tion pro-cured my lib - er - ty.
to bring an end to sad - ness and bid our fears be still.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, a lamp with - in my breast,
O love be - yond all tell - ing, that led you to em - brace
In pa - tient ex - pec - ta - tion we live for that great day

to do in spir - it low - ly all that may please you best.
in love, all loves ex - cel - ling, our lost and fal - len race.
when your re - newed cre - a - tion your glo - ry shall dis - play.

Though many Advent hymns address Christ with entreaty and invitation, this more contemplative text considers how an individual prepares for and responds to Christ's coming. It also brings together a recollection of the First Coming with an anticipation of the Second Coming.


Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82



1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 1	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching Sacraments of Baptism and Communion
	10:00-10:35	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15-1:00	Advent Workshop ~ <i>Upper Room</i> (<i>coffee and refreshments available there</i>)
Monday	11:00	Memorial Service for Betty Jo Nelsen ~ <i>sanctuary</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:00	Deacon's meeting ~ <i>Block conference room</i>
	6:00	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>Dr. Bush's house</i>
Thursday	7:30	PLC Outing to "Black Nativity"

NEXT SUNDAY		SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 8	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-11:15	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Alternative Christmas Market ~ <i>Upper Room</i> (<i>coffee and refreshments available there</i>)
December 9	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
December 11	5:00	Mission Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

for these upcoming Sundays at Immanuel

Third Sunday of Advent - December 15

10:00 - worship service; prospective member gathering

4:00 - Choir Concert, carols, tree lighting, hors d'oeuvres & desserts

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 22

10:00 - worship service featuring: *Christmas Oratorio* by Saint-Saëns

Christmas Eve Worship Services - December 24

4:00 worship - Meditative service with piano, soloists, candle lighting

7:00 worship - Celebratory service with choir, organ, communion,
and candle lighting

First Sunday of Christmas - December 29

10:00 worship service

PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
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