



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 (2012)

MORNING WORSHIP
THIRTY- SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

November 12, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in c minor *J. S. Bach*

*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 643 Now Thank We All Our God *Nun Danket Alle Gott*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION Psalm 116:1-2, 5

*Leader: I love the Lord, who has heard my voice
and my supplications.*

*People: Because the Lord has inclined an ear to me,
therefore I will call on the Lord as long as I live.*

Leader: Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; our God is merciful.

*All: Gracious and merciful God, we call on You in the sure
hope of being heard; and in being heard, being regarded,
received, and forgiven. We confess that we have not
raised our voices on behalf of others, seeking security in
our own silence and attention for our own concerns.
Forgive our failure to be Your light and peace in the
world, for our abuses of power, for our words and
actions devoid of the love and wisdom You work within
us. Renew us in Your grace; in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

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

* 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)*

O God, our faithful God, with mercy ever flowing,
Without whom nothing is, All perfect gifts bestowing:
In whom our life began and in whom we endure,
Thine is the gracious plan; Thy steadfast hope is sure.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Romans 5:1-5

(NT 155)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM What Shall I Render to the Lord (Psalm 116:12-13, 17-19)

Tiefenbach

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

*I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 716 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Invitation to "A Future with Hope"

Steve Carlton

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

Felton

*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 Jeremiah 29:7-14 (OT 731)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "A Future with Hope" Dr. Block

- * HYMN 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service *Beecher*
*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 *Guilmant*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the wedding of Lauren Zunft and Alec Opsal.*

Following the postlude, an elder
will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

Welcome! All are invited to the Upper Room following worship for refreshments and a presentation by the Stewardship Committee.

The refreshments are provided by Keith and Eileen Pierce, Audra and Joel Brennan, and members of the Stewardship Committee. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Margaret Crowley, Bill Morley, Jim Schleif, and Kathy Brumder. 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; 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.

Church School classes for children and youth follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in The Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). Click <https://conta.cc/49jKabq> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

In Memoriam

Charlotte P. Johnstone died on Sunday, November 5. Mrs. Johnstone joined Immanuel Church in 1969 when her husband was called to serve as the pastor here. Over the years she was actively involved in service to church and community. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary next Friday, November 17 at 2:00 p.m. Our prayers and sympathy are with the Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Johnstone, our pastor emeritus, members David, Candice, and Madeline Johnstone, and the Johnstone family.

Congratulations to Lauren Zunft and Alec Opsal who were married in the sanctuary yesterday by Mr. Ater. Lauren is the daughter of Susan and Cary Zunft.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers - Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, Dave Salisbury, and Victor Plantinga; Camera operator - Rabah Rennane.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Two congregational sessions were held last month for interpretation and conversation as we move toward Dr. Block's February 1 retirement and a time of interim ministry. A "Q and A" summary of interim ministry and an introduction to the interim pastor who will guide us through this transition process, the Rev. Dr. Randall Bush, can be found in Friday's "Prelude to Worship" email blast.

“ ... to give you a future with hope.”

TODAY is Stewardship Interpretation Sunday

One of the ways we say “yes” to a future with hope is to support the mission and ministry of Immanuel Church through our giving.

Let’s faithfully embrace
the need we are called to serve,
the challenges we are called to meet,
the opportunities we are given to foster hope.
Let’s candidly talk about stewarding our resources
to do God’s work and witness to God’s hope
in and through the church.

At 11:00 in the Upper Room

“A Future with Hope”

Listen, learn, begin to discern your giving for 2024
and plan toward Immanuel’s future.

Pledge packets will be available following the presentation.

(Help us save that stamp!)

Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 19

a celebration of giving and thanksgiving

The Stewardship Committee:

Trustee Steve Carlton and Elder Kate Egan, co-chairs

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

An updated MESSAGE from the COVID ADVISORY TEAM

Masks Welcomed; COVID Boosters Now Available

The COVID Advisory Team continues to review current guidelines and recommendations. The current predominant strains are giving generally less severe symptoms, making 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.

Advent at Immanuel Presbyterian Church

The 2023 Advent Booklet

“A thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices”

Calling Immanuel writers to reflect on hope

The theme for this year’s booklet of Advent reflections is “a thrill of hope, the weary world rejoices,” taken from Placide Cappeau’s hymn, *O Holy Night*.

The weeks of Advent will focus on hope. What does hope mean to you? Where and how do you see, hear, or share hope? **Ten contributors are still needed** for the weekdays of the season. Sunday reflections will be designed to include the lighting of the Advent wreath in your home. Contributions should be approximately 300 words in length and must be submitted to the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org) by **THIS Friday, November 17**. Sign up to submit a contribution in the Upper Room or by clicking here (https://bit.ly/IPC_AdventBooklet) and Ms. Larson will be in touch with more information. Copies of the booklet will be available on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3.

The Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 3 + 11:00-1:00

All are invited to participate in the Advent Workshop in the Upper Room on the First Sunday of Advent, December 3, following worship. This year’s workshop will focus on hearing, seeing, and sharing hope. There will be activities for all ages to enjoy, including the creation of an Advent wreath for your home. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of cookies or holiday bread to share. Sign up in the Upper Room or click below to sign up so that there are adequate supplies and food on hand: https://bit.ly/IPC_AdventWorkshop. The youth group will bring pine boughs and cones from the north woods and there will be a tree to trim!

“All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914”

PARISH LIFE COUNCIL OUTING

Sunday, December 3 + 2:00 p.m. at Calvary Presbyterian Church

All are invited to join members of the Parish Life Council for a special outing to *All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914*. This 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 \$29.54 for general admission, \$16.88 for seniors, and \$8.00 for students. Sign up in the Upper Room or by clicking here (https://bit.ly/IPC_Outing_to_All_Is_Calm) and Ms. 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 to begin the Advent season.

The Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, December 10 + 11:00 – 1:00 in the Upper Room

The annual Alternative Christmas Market is one of Immanuel Church's signature events. Since 1995, it has offered an alternative to the consumer culture that invades the Christmas season – and has raised well over half a million dollars to support the work of partner organizations in Milwaukee and around the world.

We invite you to 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 eleven 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. These mission partner organizations have also been highlighted throughout the fall in special “Spotlight on Mission” articles each week in the bulletin.

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. *Enjoy a different way to do Christmas!*



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

Volunteers are needed to bring refreshments and assist with hospitality on the day of the market. Please click one of the following links or look for the sign-up sheets in the Upper Room today.

https://bit.ly/IPC_AlternativeChristmasMarketVolunteers

https://bit.ly/IPC_AlternativeChristmasMarketRefreshments

If you have questions about the Alternative Christmas Market, please contact Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org) in the church office. The market shopping list will be available at the end of the month.

A Celebration of Christmas

Sunday, December 17 at Four o'clock

The event begins with carol singing in the Sanctuary at 4:00 p.m.; 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 buffet. A sign-up sheet is in the Upper Room today or sign up electronically at (https://bit.ly/IPC_Dessert_and_Appetizer_Buffet).



COMMON GROUND FALL ASSEMBLY REFORMING PUBLIC HOUSING

TODAY + 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 Upper Room

Register for Zoom: tinyurl.com/CGNOV12ZOOM

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 or by clicking this QR code. The link also includes an **informative, first-hand video made by a pantry volunteer** and more information about the Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

The Guest House

Since 1982, the Guest House of Milwaukee has been inspiring others to transform their lives with dignity and purpose. The Guest House serves nearly 2,000 individuals and families each year through its emergency shelter, rapid rehousing and transitional-to-permanent housing programs, mental health and addiction counseling, dedicated case management, and employment and financial coaching. Onsite, **The Guest House offers shelter and support for 86 adult men who are working to overcome a housing instability** and/or to realize and maintain prolonged recovery by achieving sobriety and positive mental health. Our permanent, supported housing programs have grown to serve individuals and families in more than 450 apartments throughout Milwaukee County. The Guest House has also expanded our Prevention program and Rapid Re-housing program to better meet the evolving needs of the community. Together, these programs provide services for men, women, and families who have a history of homelessness or are at risk of becoming homeless, allowing them to maintain personal independence and overall well-being. The Guest House truly provides more than shelter to individuals and families in need!

www.guesthouseofmilwaukee.org

Every week this fall a Spotlight on Mission article highlights an Immanuel mission partner who will be participating in the Alternative Christmas Market on December 10.

GIFTS FOR CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOY STORE

Contribution collection begins December 3

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 16. 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. Last year's event saw a significant increase with over 600 children participating.

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 3 and 10 to place under the tree in the Upper Room.** Immanuel will deliver the gifts to Christ Church on the morning of December 12.

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.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

	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	"A Future with Hope" presentation by the Stewardship Committee ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	3:00 – 4:30	Common Ground Assembly ~ <i>Mount Mary University</i>
	5:00-7:00	Confirmation Gathering
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Thursday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Friday	2:00	Memorial service for Charlotte Johnstone

STEWARDSHIP INTERPRETATION SUNDAY

NEXT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 19	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>
	11:15	Thanksgiving Coffee Hour ~ <i>Parlor</i>
November 21	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Conference Room</i>
November 23-24		Church office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

THANKSGIVING AND PLEDGE DEDICATION

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

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.



**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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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
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Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton

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