



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

HYMN SING SUNDAY
SINGING THE PSALMS

*"The Psalms were there long before us,
and they will sustain for generations yet to come.
They are, in that respect as in so many others, a reflection
of the faithfulness of God of whom they speak."
-N.T. Wright*

*"The Psalms are not simply a record of God's encounters
with people in the past, but a continual unfolding of God's
revelations to us in the events of our ordinary lives."
-Kathleen Norris*

*"I have been accustomed to call the book of Psalms, I think
not inappropriately, An Anatomy of the Soul; for there is
not an emotion of which anyone can be conscious that is
not here represented as in a mirror."
-John Calvin*

MORNING WORSHIP
ANNUAL HYMN SING
TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 31, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Paul Manz*
 Dr. Stephen E. Carlton, organist

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

INTROIT Make Joyful Noise to God! (Psalm 66)

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 148) Ella Michalak

*Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
 praise God in the heights!*

People: Praise God from the skies above!

Leader: Praise the Lord, all creatures great and small.

People: Praise God, all people everywhere.

*Leader: Let all the earth bring praise to the Lord, at whose word
 creation came into being.*

People: We gather to praise and worship our God!

* HYMN 17 Sing Praise to God, You Heavens (Psalm 148) *Wie Lieblich Ist Der Maien*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Psalm 25) The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: The psalmist wrote, "Have mercy on me, O God, according to
 your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out
 my transgressions." In confidence of God's abundant mercy,
 let us confess our sins.*

*All: Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our
 being, we confess that we have forgotten your mercy in the
 hardness of our hearts. In the face of difficulty, we seek
 hope in empty promises. In times of joy, we fail to
 acknowledge your faithfulness. In moments of frustration
 and lament, we succumb to despair and forget your love
 that surrounds us and the love you call us to share.*

* *Stand as you are able.*

Soloist, from Hymn 421 stzs. 1-2: Have mercy, God upon my life, and make me clean within: pour out your ever faithful love and wash away my sin. My guilt is heavy on my mind; I know what I have done: against your justice I have sinned, against you God alone.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Dr. Bush

* 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*) Hymn 421 (Psalm 51), stzs. 4-5

Create in me a faithful heart, a spirit right and new. Sustain me with your saving love and keep me close to you.

Then I will praise you with my heart, my mind, my soul, my voice. You save the least and seek the lost; let all the world rejoice!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ella Michalak

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 5:1-11

(NT 4)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION “A Case for the Psalms: Part 1” Rev. Teresa Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 105:1-11, 43-45

Rev. Larson

SOLO

Lord God of Abraham

Mendelssohn

Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel this day let it be known that thou art God; and that I am Thy servant! Lord God of Abraham! O show to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me, Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel! O hear me, O hear me and answer me: and show this people that Thou art God; and let their hearts again be turned!

William Toney, soloist

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 79:1, 8-11

(OT 540)

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Bush

HYMN 430 (*seated*) Remember Not, O God (Psalm 79)

Southwell

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 23 (*unison*)

(OT 501)

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff – they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence

of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

REFLECTION Excerpt from “The Clown in the Belfry”
by Frederick Buechner Rev. Larson

HYMN 803 (*seated*) My Shepherd Will Supply My Need *St. Columba*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH Dr. Bush
Minute for Mission: Transition Team Mary Ginnebaugh

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.
Online worshipers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.*

OFFERTORY If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee *Manz*
Children and youth gather at the font for prayer.

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 Psalm 90 (OT 547)

REFLECTION “A Case for the Psalms: Part 2” Rev. Larson

- * HYMN 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (Psalm 90) *St. Anne*

- * BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE (Psalm 121) Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE God of Grace *Manz*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Kate and Dave Perry in gratitude for long
Presbyterian associations beginning in Rocky Springs Presbyterian Church in
Laurens, SC and Corning, NY First Presbyterian.*

After the postlude, an 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 **188th anniversary** this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, from 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour outside on the Astor Street steps** following the service. The coffee hosts are Lynda and Jim Peterson, Mike and Debbie Gillard. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Kate and Dave Perry, Patsy Aster. They are wearing nametags and are available to answer questions about the church and to give tours of the building.

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Jeff McEathron, Dick Myers, Mark Connelly, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

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. The **Care Corner** in the northeast corner of the Sanctuary is available for parents with small children who prefer an alternate space during worship. There is also a **"crying room" on the second floor** that offers sight and sound of the Sanctuary. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

The annual Hymn Sing has been an end-of-summer tradition at Immanuel Presbyterian Church since 1997. This year's Hymn Sing features hymns in the *Glory to God* hymnal that have texts based on the Psalms in the Old Testament. As the hymns are sung, be sure to read the footnotes at the bottom of each page to learn more about the history and biblical context of each hymn.

Rev. Rob Ater is concluding his summer sabbatical and will return to the office on Tuesday. He will share some of his sabbatical reflections later in September.

TRANSITION TEAM SURVEYS

It's not too late to complete the survey! Our Transition Team is asking you to envision a vibrant and active Immanuel Church for the future - one that opens its doors to the community around us while serving, supporting, and spiritually encouraging those who join our congregation. **Please take time to complete this survey** and leave it on the Great Hall table. You may also scan the finished survey and send it as an email attachment to ipc@immanuelwi.org or complete the survey on the church's website at immanuelwi.org. The team is meeting this week to discuss the results.

WANT TO JOIN THE CHOIR?

Choral director John Komasa invites all adults interested in singing with the choir to join their rehearsal in the sanctuary at 8:55 next Sunday morning.

IMMANUEL READS: A Summer of Sabbath Reading

FINAL Conversation on the Porch

TODAY, August 31 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Immanuel members and friends are invited to read the books guiding Rev. Ater's "Sabbath Gratitude" sabbatical. Whether you read any of the books or not, all are welcome for a final reflective conversation on the practice of sabbath and how we can incorporate this spiritual practice into our daily lives. Please join us on the porch of the Parish House following worship!

FALL FORWARD

KICK-OFF SUNDAY is NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Church School resumes + Chancel Choir returns + And there's ice cream!

Gather in to reconnect, restart, and celebrate life together!

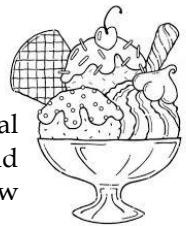
A new program year begins on September 7 and all are invited to celebrate a new season of life together! Church School classes for children and youth resume with the annual "Blessing of the Backpacks" and the **Sacrament of Baptism** will be celebrated during worship. Parents wishing to present children for baptism and adults who would like to make a profession of faith should speak with Rev. Larson. The newly updated Johnstone Library will be open for readers to explore our collection, and the Immanuel Chancel Choir will return to the loft and invites you to join them.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Helpers needed! Sign up today!

The worship service on September 7 will be followed by our annual **Ice Cream Social!** Enjoy a sundae and the company of new and old church friends as we catch up, reconnect, and look forward to a new church year. **Would you like to help host the Ice Cream Social?**

Servers, hosts, and runners are needed. **Sign-up** on the Great Hall table or at https://bit.ly/IPC_IceCreamSocialHelpers2025.



INVITE A FRIEND TO CHURCH

NEXT Sunday: September 7

Although it's always the right time to invite a friend to church, next Sunday - **September 7** - is a great time! Do you have a friend, colleague, or family member you would like to introduce to Immanuel Presbyterian Church? Church newcomers most often visit for the first time because someone personally invited them. Consider who in your life might appreciate an invitation to explore their faith in this community. If you know someone who might appreciate a personal invitation from one of the ministers, please feel free to contact the church office (414-276-4757). Invite a friend to church!

Sing Praise to God, You Heavens! 17

(Psalm 148)

1 Sing praise to God, you heav-ens! Sing praise, each shin-ing light!
 2 Sing praise, O earth, sing prais-es! Sing prais-es, hill and plain,
 3 Sing prais-es, all you crea-tures in whom God takes de-light:
 4 Sing prais-es now, God's peo-ple; your gift of speech em-ploy

Sing, plan-ets in your or-bits; sing, stars all burn-ing bright!
 you moun-tains thrust-ing sky-ward, you val-leys ripe with grain!
 you whales that roam the o-ceans, you ea-gles in your flight!
 to praise the Lord, your Mak-er, with thank-ful-ness and joy!

Sing praise, you winds and tem-pests, you driv-ing rain and snow!
 Sing praise, each fra-grant flow-er; your fair-est hues dis-play.
 Sing praise, you sheep on hill-sides, you cat-tle in the stall!
 Sing with the whole cre-a-tion; a cos-mic cho-rus raise:

Sing, clouds that race and bil-low and shad-ow earth be-low!
 Sing praise, you trees of au-tumn in glow-ing, glad ar-ray!
 Though word-less, sing your prais-es to God who made you all!
 "To God a-lone be glo-ry and ev-er-last-ing praise!"

This paraphrase of Psalm 148 reflects the spirit of praise linking Psalms 146–150. Of the two great themes found in these final five psalms—creation and deliverance—this psalm focuses on the former. The opening praise “from the heavens” is matched by praise “from the earth.”

Remember Not, O God

430

(Psalm 79)

1 Re - mem - ber not, O God, the sins of long a - go;
 2 O Lord, our Sav - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name;
 3 Then, safe with - in your fold, we will ex - alt your name;

in ten - der mer - cy vis - it us, dis - tressed and hum - bled low.
 de - liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.
 our thank - ful hearts with songs of joy your good - ness will pro - claim.

This paraphrase of selected verses from Psalm 79 distills the tone of communal lament that runs through that psalm. Because the sense of shame and the longing for restoration extend to the whole community, this psalm is usually associated with the Jewish exile in Babylon.

TEXT: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt.
 MUSIC: Daman's *Psalmes*, 1579, alt.

SOUTHWELL
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My Shepherd Will Supply My Need 803

(Psalm 23)

1 My shep-herd will sup- ply my need; Je - ho - vah is his name.
2 When I walk through the shades of death your pres-ence is my stay;
3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at - tend me all my days;

In pas - tures fresh he makes me feed, be - side the liv - ing stream.
one word of your sup - port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
O may your house be my a - bode, and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - dering spir - it back when I for - sake his ways,
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my ta - ble spread;
There would I find a set - tled rest, while oth - ers go and come;

and leads me, for his mer - cy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
my cup with bless - ings o - ver - flows; your oil a - noints my head.
no more a strang - er, or a guest, but like a child at home.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is characterized by a flowing, wave-like shape note pattern. The lyrics are written in a simple, clear font, with syllables hyphenated to fit the musical phrasing. The score is divided into three systems, each corresponding to a line of the three-verse hymn.

The effectiveness of this beloved paraphrase of Psalm 23 owes much to the flowing shape note melody that serves as a "living stream" to carry the text, which in turn has been given a remarkable clarity and lightness through the poet's masterful use of single-syllable words.

TEXT: Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

MUSIC: U.S.A. folk melody; Lewis's *Beauties of Harmony*, 1828; harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986
Music Harm. © 1990 Dale Grotenhuis

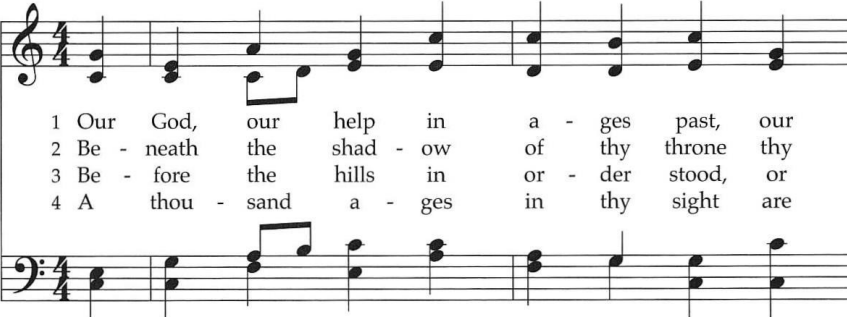
RESIGNATION

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(alternate harmonization, 74)

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

August 31 9:30-noon

10:00

11:30

Monday

Tuesday

Saturday

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

Morning Worship; Rev. Larson preaching

Immanuel Reads ~ *Parish House porch*

Church Office closed

Meeting of the Deacons ~ *virtual*

Transition Team meeting ~ *Block Conference Room*

NEXT SUNDAY

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

KICK-OFF SUNDAY!

Sept. 7

8:55

9:30-noon

10:00

10:30-11:15

11:15

Sept 8

6:00

Sept 9

6:00

Sept 10

5:00

Choir rehearsal

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

Morning Worship; Dr. Bush preaching

Church School for children and youth ~
The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level

Ice Cream Social ~ *Astor Street steps*

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

Leadership dinner (Elders, Deacons, Trustees) ~ *Upper Room*

Mission Committee meeting

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



BECOME A FRIEND OF COMMON GROUND

Common Ground is one of our strongest ecumenical, social justice partners. This year's initiatives include jury diversity, tenant's rights, and reducing crime on the south side of Milwaukee. To be a **Friend of**

Common Ground with a one-time or sustaining donation, visit their website <https://commongroundwi.org/donate/> or use this QR code.



"DOORS OPEN MILWAUKEE"

Saturday and Sunday + September 27 and 28

On September 27 & 28 Immanuel will join 140+ Milwaukee organizations in opening our doors for special tours and hospitality. Through our participation in this event over the last fourteen years, Immanuel has welcomed 6,000+ visitors to our church home! **Immanuel volunteers** are needed to serve as building hosts and tour guides on both days. Sign-up by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_DoorsOpen2025. More information about the event is available at: <https://historicmilwaukee.org/doors-open/>.

Needed: Chancel flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the sanctuary **in two weeks on September 14 or later in 2025** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

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.

**PORTABLE HEARING DEVICES AND LARGE PRINT BULLETINS
ARE AVAILABLE. PLEASE ASK AN USHER FOR ASSISTANCE**



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



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