



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

“We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life ...

The same Spirit
who inspired the prophets and apostles...
calls women and men
to all ministries of the Church.”

A Brief Statement of Faith
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

MORNING WORSHIP

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 22, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Adoration

Florence Price

*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: Holy are You, God our maker;

People: Holy are You, Christ our savior;

Leader: Holy are You, Spirit and sanctifier.

*People: Surrounded by the communion of saints,
You live in community,*

Leader: three yet one, diverse yet united.

*People: Be a model for us of how the Church must live;
be a model for us of how our communities
must be healthy;*

*be a model for us of how, in ourselves, we
must be whole and holy.*

*Leader: God our father, mother, creator, and protector,
made in Your image,*

People: we adore you.

*Leader: Christ our brother, friend, servant, and savior,
converted by Your love,*

People: we adore You.

*Leader: Holy Spirit, our inspirer, comforter, counsel, and defender,
blessed by Your presence,*

All: we praise and adore You.

*+ HYMN 10 (stzs. 1-3) Sing Glory to the Name of God *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Leader: Faithful people come,
and pray that God forever be our grace.*

All: Merciful God,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
You come to us without our asking
and forgive us without our deserving.
You see us as we are, in our faults and failings.
Help us to see ourselves as we really are,
so that by Your grace and our own candor
we can correct our course.
Turn us from factions to unity,
from competition to cooperation,
from resentment and hard-heartedness to compassion,
from superiority to humility and mutuality.
Forgive our sin and build us up in love and peace;
in the name of Christ Jesus, 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*)

May God forever be our peace;
May hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia!
Let all the faithful people come;
sing praise to God, the Three in One: Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Romans 10:12-18

(NT 160)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM How Lovely Are the Messengers (St. Paul Oratorio, 1836)

Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace... To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings. How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace!

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

The Rev. Jean Dow
Associate Pastor Emerita

* HYMN 707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

Hall

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

“A Future with Hope” Trustee Steve Carlton and Elder Kate Egan
Stewardship for 2024 Co-chairs

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

Melodie

Fanny Hensel

*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 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 II Timothy 1:3-7

(NT 211)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION “Re: Kindling the Gift Within You”

Dr. Block

THE SCRIPTURES Psalm 100

(OT 552)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

REFLECTION “Faithfulness to All Generations”

Ms. Larson

* HYMN 719 Come, Labor On

Ora Labora

*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

Postlude in G Major

Hensel

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in celebration of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner's ordination
to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, October 24, 1956*

Following the postlude, a minister and 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 Brumder. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Dan and Laura Yocum and Leslie Davis. 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/46P0uPp> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

Interim Ministry Interpretation

The Transition Team held an **Interim Ministry information session** last Sunday to review the transition process and interpret the work of interim ministry:

“**Interim ministry**” describes the time following the departure of a pastor – especially a long-term pastor – and the implementation of new leadership. 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.

These processes are necessary with or without a pastoral retirement in the mix. There are challenges and changes in church life everywhere. Trends in membership, levels of engagement, giving, and worship attendance have been exacerbated by the pandemic. We have long celebrated a *transforming tradition*; Immanuel will continue to address questions of mission, staffing, financial feasibility, and ongoing viability. One of the goals for this time of interim ministry is a **pastoral staffing model** that will best serve Immanuel’s mission for the future. Is it the traditional pastor/associate pastors model or a new configuration? The Human Resources Transition Team has emphasized that a more important question than “Who will be the next minister?” is “What will be the next *model of ministry*?” Rob Ater and Teresa Larson are fully involved in this process and fully committed to their callings here.

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. 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.

**There will be another opportunity for conversation and questions
NEXT Sunday, October 29 following worship in the Upper Room.**

**If you’re unable to attend an in-person session
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

“CELEBRATION SUNDAYS”
History ... Herstory ... Our Story
TODAY : “Celebrating Women in Ministry”
Panel Discussion in the Upper Room at 11:15

We are celebrating our 45+ years of ministry with Dr. Block with some special emphases this fall. Today’s celebration of women in ministry coincides with the October 1956 ordination anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner, the first woman ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dr. Towner ordained Dr. Block in the fall of 1977. We will recognize the clergywomen among us from all denominations. Following the worship service there will be a panel discussion of their ordination stories and ministry experiences.

“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

GIVING HOSPITALITY SOME SHINE: SILVER POLISHING
October 31 from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed!

The Parish Life Council has organized a team of volunteers to polish Immanuel’s flatware, communion ware, and coffee service. This annual tradition helps the silver and flatware look especially lovely for the upcoming communion services and holiday season! All are welcome to join the team on October 31 in the Upper Room. You may sign up via the sheet in the parlor or online at https://bit.ly/IPC_SilverPolishing. Please email Ms. Larson with any questions (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org).

In Memoriam

Judith “Judy” McFarland died on Thursday, September 7. She joined Immanuel Church in 1999. A memorial service will be held in the Sanctuary this Saturday, October 28 at 11:00 a.m. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family.



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.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION Forward Scholars Tutoring

Together we build brighter futures and stronger communities through reading.

Common Ground's *Forward Scholars* is a community volunteer tutoring program focused on supporting kindergarten through third graders who are not yet reading at grade level. Tutoring began in the fall of 2022 for 135 children at five Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and was wildly successful. On average, students made nearly twice the expected reading growth for one school year. Additionally, children gained confidence in themselves as readers and treasured the relationships that were built with tutors. For the 2023-2024 school year, *Forward Scholars* is serving over 180 students at seven MPS schools. Over 230 volunteers (21 from Immanuel!) provide 1:1 individualized reading instruction to students twice a week for 45 minutes each session. Help share the gift of reading. <https://www.commongroundwi.org/forward-scholars>

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!*

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.

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 now 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.

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.



HOSPITALITY: *How we say “welcome”*

Welcome Team, Ushers, Coffee Hour hosts, Camera operators needed

The Apostle Paul encouraged early Christians to “practice hospitality,” to be gracious and welcoming to others in the name of Christ. In this season of our life together, we’re renewing our shared commitment to practicing hospitality.

How will you say “welcome”?

Welcome Team members greet worshipers at the church doors, offer a smile and a warm welcome, answer questions or direct people to the Sanctuary, church school, or the nursery. Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.

Ushers welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary, distribute bulletins, collect and present the offering, and organize and straighten the pew racks before and after the service. Four to six ushers are needed each Sunday.

Coffee Hour hosts serve coffee, tea, and juice after worship in the Parlor. They offer table hospitality by providing both sweet and savory treats and clean-up afterwards. Four hosts are needed each Sunday. They coordinate by phone or email the week before.

Camera Operators help share Sunday morning worship online. They arrive by 9:40 and follow a bulletin marked for the pre-set camera angles. Volunteers receive training and report that “it’s not difficult!”

If you would like to help again or for the first time, please email the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org) to indicate your interest in serving in one or more of these ministries of hospitality at Immanuel Church.

Thank you to this morning’s volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dick Myers, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Janet Christiaansen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

TWENTY- NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 22	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block and Ms. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, Lower level</i>
	11:00	Coffee in the Parlor
	11:15	“Celebrating Women in Ministry: Call Stories” ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, Lower level</i>
Wednesday	noon	Meeting of the Stewardship Committee ~ <i>virtual</i>
Thursday	noon	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
Saturday	11:00	Judith McFarland Memorial Service ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29

REFORMATION SUNDAY

	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
	11:15	Pastoral transition conversation ~ <i>Upper Room</i>

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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Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
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