



# IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*transforming tradition*

## **BLESSINGS OF THE GOOD ROAD**

*Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.*

*Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home.*

*Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.*

*Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them – full circle.*

*Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.*

*~Matthew 5:3, 5-7, 10 (First Nations Version)*

# MORNING WORSHIP

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 24, 2024

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Toccata and Fugue in F Major  
Dr. Stephen Carlton, organist

*Buxtehude*

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

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Teresa Larson

*Leader: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!*

*People: Christ will reign forever and ever.*

*Leader: God has established the world; God's realm will not be shaken.*

*People: Christ will reign forever and ever.*

*Leader: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.*

*People: Christ will reign forever and ever.*

\* HYMN 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come (v. 1-3) *St. George's Windsor*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: In Christ, God came to reconcile all things, making peace through his death and resurrection. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sins.*

*All: Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not followed him and are slow to acknowledge his reign. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us up that we may be loyal ambassadors of the peace given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

\* 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.*

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\* *Stand as you are able.*

\* RESPONSE (congregation sings)

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Philippians 2:1-4 (*First Nations Version*) (NT 197)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Gather Together

S. Paulus

*We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.*

*Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, was at our side; all glory be thine!*

*We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender will be. Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

\* HYMN 361 O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Bush

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

Our Father in Heaven

Buxtehude

*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 Luke 12:22-31 (*First Nations Version*) (NT 74)

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

*People: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON "Walking the Good Road" Rev. Larson

\* HYMN 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples *Kingsfold*

\* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major *Buxtehude*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birthdays today  
of both Colleen Brooks and her mother, Catherine Brooks.*

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

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



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November 24, 2024

# **Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 187<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Today's congregation of over 500 members comes from next door, neighborhoods throughout the city, 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.

Members and friends are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Lisa Lauren and Hugh Morris and Jake Cusack and Annaliese Wolff. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Jeff and Susan Teerink and Marge Brindley. 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/3Oj94yC>

## **ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?**

*Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:*

### **"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"**

**TODAY, November 24 at 11:15**

*Gather at the Welcome Table (by the bulletin board) in the Great Hall.*

Tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries, and learn about what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

### **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). Invitations in the Great Hall.

## **CARAVAGGIO'S FAITHFUL ART**

**TODAY, November 24 at 11:15**

Join Dr. Bush in the Upper Room today for the second, post-worship conversation on the "Faithful Art" of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Italian artist Caravaggio. The presentation explores how Bible stories and church traditions were creatively (and at times provocatively) captured in the paintings of this innovative artist.

## **THE ADVENT WORKSHOP**

**NEXT Sunday, December 1 + 11:00-1:00 in the Upper Room**

All are invited to participate in the Advent Workshop in the Upper Room on the First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 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. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of cookies or holiday bread to share. Sign up in the Parlor or click below to sign up at: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_AdventWorkshop2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_AdventWorkshop2024).

## **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 in the Parlor or by clicking here [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Outgoing\\_to\\_BlackNativity2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_Outgoing_to_BlackNativity2024) and Rev. Larson will be in touch with information on how to pay for your ticket.

## **A CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS**

*A Ceremony of Carols by Benjamin Britten*

**Choral Christmas Concert and Carol Singing**

**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 in the Parlor today or sign up electronically at ([https://bit.ly/2024\\_IPC\\_Holiday\\_Buffet](https://bit.ly/2024_IPC_Holiday_Buffet)).

# 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 in the Parlor today.

[https://bit.ly/IPC\\_ACM\\_Volunteers2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Volunteers2024)

[https://bit.ly/IPC\\_ACM\\_Refreshments2024](https://bit.ly/IPC_ACM_Refreshments2024)

## GIFTS FOR CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH TOY STORE

**Contribution collection begins December 1**

Supporting the Christmas Toy Store at Christ Presbyterian Church (20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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. Extra pledge forms are on the Great Hall tables today.

## **“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 in the Parlor or by clicking [here https://bit.ly/IPC\\_Outgoing\\_to\\_All\\_Is\\_Calm2024](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.

**Thank you to this morning’s worship volunteers:** Ushers – Paul Campbell, Mark Connelly, Jeff McEathron, Dick Myers, Curtiss Peck, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – David Ravie.

## **WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **TODAY**

NOVEMBER 24 8:55

9:30-noon

10:00

10:30-noon

11:15

November 25

11:30

6:00

November 28 & 29

### **CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

Choir rehearsal

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

**Morning Worship;** Rev. Larson preaching

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

Caravaggio’s Faithful Art ~ *Upper Room*

Meeting of the Trustees ~ *virtual*

Choir rehearsal ~ *Choir Room, lower level*

Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

DECEMBER 1 8:55

9:30-noon

10:00

11:00-1:00

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Choir rehearsal

Nursery care ~ *Lower level*

**Morning Worship;** Rev. Larson preaching

Advent Workshop in the Upper Room  
(*coffee and refreshments available there*)

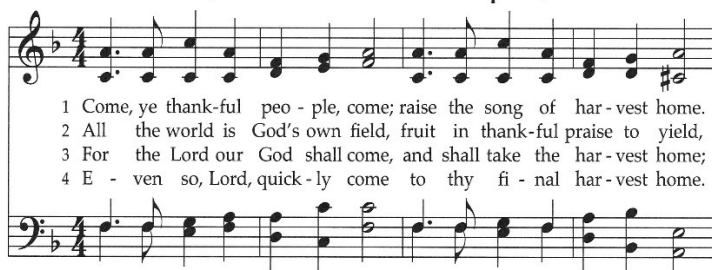
The **Immanuel Columbarium** is open today and every Sunday until noon.

**Available date for Chancel flowers:** If you would like to sponsor the flowers for **December 29<sup>th</sup> or in 2025** (\$150 for the two arrangements each Sunday), please contact the church office.

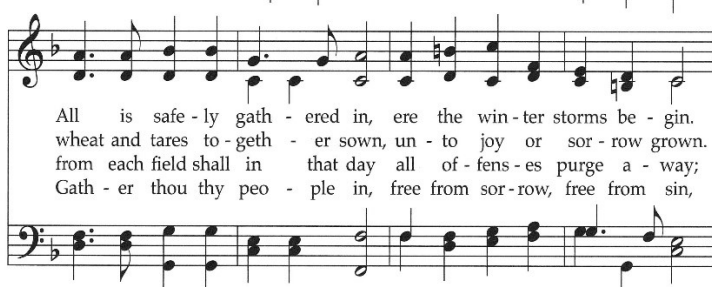
**SUNDAY MORNING PARKING:** Worshipers may park behind another car in the Waverly or Telluris/Brico (north) lots. **PLEASE place a Sunday bulletin on your dashboard with your name and cell phone number and move your car immediately after worship.** Please **DO NOT** park in the Barnett Gallery lot.



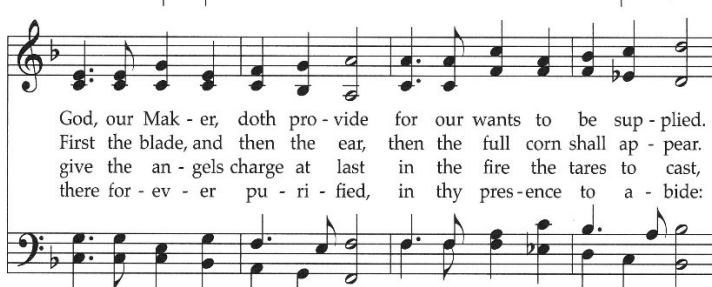
## 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



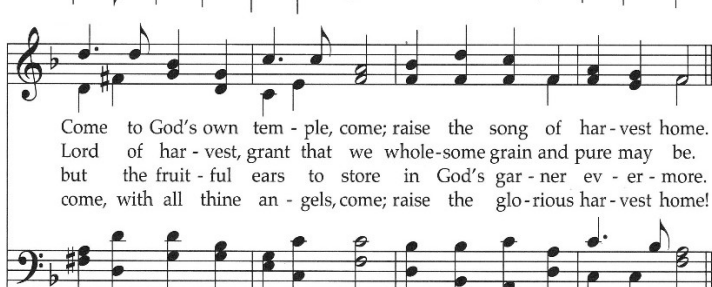
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

## O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand  
 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,  
 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,  
 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead

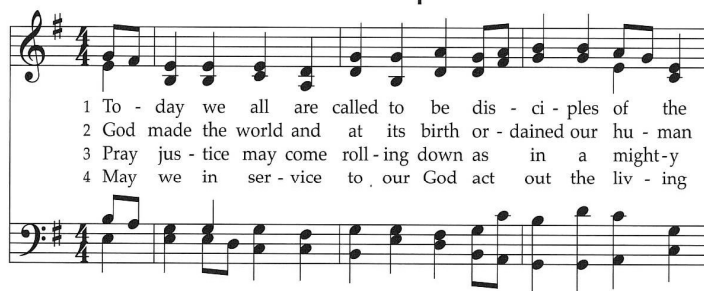
to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:  
 we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:  
 where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,  
 shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.

pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,  
 one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,  
 there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin  
 The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:

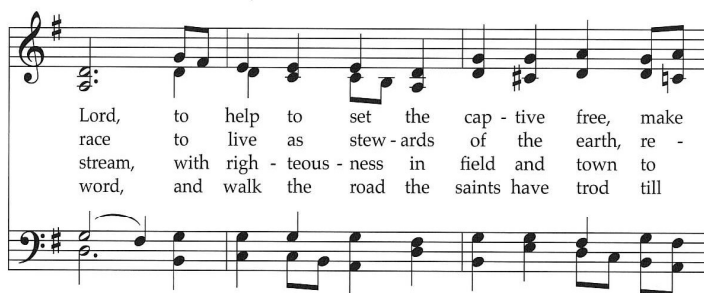
to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.  
 by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.  
 and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.  
 the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

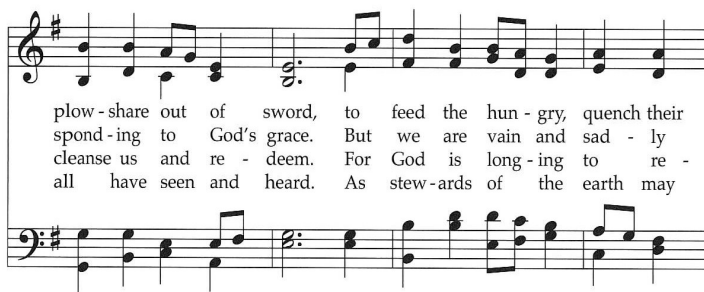
# 757 Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples



1 To - day we all are called to be dis - ci - ples of the  
 2 God made the world and at its birth or - dained our hu - man  
 3 Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down as in a might - y  
 4 May we in ser - vice to our God act out the liv - ing



Lord, to help to set the cap - tive free, make  
 race to live as stew - ards of the earth, re -  
 stream, with righ - teous - ness in field and town to  
 word, and walk the road the saints have trod till



plow - share out of sword, to feed the hun - gry, quench their  
 spond - ing to God's grace. But we are vain and sad - ly  
 cleanse us and re - deem. For God is long - ing to re -  
 all have seen and heard. As stew - ards of the earth may

This text placing stewardship in the context of faithful witness was written by a retired Presbyterian minister to be part of the 1986 stewardship campaign titled "Called to Be Disciples." The tune name recalls the Sussex village where the arranger first heard the melody.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION

thirst, make love and peace our fast, to serve the  
 proud; we sow not peace but strife. Our dis - cord  
 store an earth where con - flicts cease, a world that  
 we give thanks in one ac - cord to God who

poor and home - less first, our ease and com - fort last.  
 spreads a dead - ly cloud that threat - ens all of life.  
 was cre - at - ed for a har - mo - ny of peace.  
 calls us all to be dis - ci - ples of the Lord.