



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

The Church is an assembly of the faithful called or gathered out of the world; who truly know and rightly worship and serve the true God in Christ the Savior, by the Word and Holy Spirit, and who by faith are partakers in all the benefits which are freely offered through Christ.

-Second Helvetic Confession

The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

-Theological Declaration of Barmen

*Immanuel Presbyterian Church is
our home, where we grow and welcome all; ...
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 of 2012

MORNING WORSHIP
REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 26, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE	Prelude and Fugue in c minor	<i>JS Bach</i>
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Please enjoy the prelude as a time of silent preparation for worship.

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: In life and in death, we belong to God.

People: Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ,

People: fully human, fully God.

Leader: We trust in God,

People: whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit,

People: everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

from "A Brief Statement of Faith" PC(USA)

* HYMN 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God *Ein' Feste Berg*
(Martin Luther, 1529)

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Robert Ater

*Leader: We stand in Your presence, O God, in order
that You may comfort our timid and fearful consciences,
and we may trust anew in You,
knowing that you have taken away our sin.*

People: You have indeed taken it away and have left us the Word that assures us of it.

* Stand as you are able.

All: Lord God, it is Your will that we should come to You in prayer. Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, so that we may have a clear and joyful conscience before You. Give us a fearless hope in Your mercy and grace that we may remain steadfast. Help us so to live that we may be found true children of God.

Blessed are You, O faithful God, my merciful Redeemer.

In You alone do I trust. Amen. *(Martin Luther)*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Ater

* 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)*

Our thanks and praise will never cease: God is our sure salvation!

God is our stronghold and our peace, Our hope in tribulation.

Let earth and sea and sky, From depth to height reply;

In one eternal song, Through all the ages long:

God's mercy is forever!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

THE SCRIPTURES John 14:8-17

(NT 108)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Credo from St. Cecelia Mass

Gounod

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten of the Father,

God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, begotten, not made,

Being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made,

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost

and the Virgin Mary, and was made human, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead

and his kingdom shall have no end. We believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is

worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. We believe one holy catholic and

apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins,

and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 694 Great God of Every Blessing

Aurelia

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Bush

Invitation to Stewardship

Trustee Lisa Trost

Minute for Mission - *Eastside Senior Services*

Elder Julia Vosper

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.

Online worshippers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress is our God

Walther

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 Isaiah 55:10-11

(OT 686)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"The Reforming Word"

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 624 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

(attr. John Calvin, 1545)

* BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

Rev. Larson

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

JS Bach

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Sam and Lloyd Lewis by their children
John and Mark Lewis and Mary Lewis Delcore.*

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 Fond du Lac, as far south as Kenosha, and as far west as Summit. Our livestream worship extends our community across the country. **Coffee Hour will be hosted in the Parlor** today by Patsy Aster, Pam Mahnke, Nancy Synder, and Sue and Curtiss Peck.

Welcome Team members this morning are Toni Jones, Claire and Ray Moulis. 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. 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. Use the following link to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email for information about **Church School** activities: <https://conta.cc/3JkkvqV>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

REFORMATION SUNDAY: ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

Reformation Sunday remembers the sweeping church reforms and new theological understandings of the 16th century. The hymns today reflect the Reformation movement and some of its leaders, Martin Luther and John Calvin. The paraments on the lectern and pulpit and the ministers' stoles are made from Immanuel's signature tartan, registered in Scotland, as a celebration of the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s roots in the Church of Scotland.

CELEBRATING 1700 YEARS OF THE NICENE CREED

Facilitated by the Rev. Dr. Deborah Block

TODAY, October 26 at 11:15 in the Upper Room

The Nicene Creed was the first (and in fact is the only) creed used ecumenically by the majority of Christians throughout the world. As part of the annual celebration of Reformation Sunday, Immanuel's Pastor Emerita, Deborah Block, will offer a post-worship presentation on the Nicene Creed which is celebrating its 1700th birthday this year. All are invited to learn more about the origins of the creed, its history, and how its language still speaks to us today.

NEW MEMBERS AND FRIENDS TO BE WELCOMED

Would you like to join Immanuel?

Immanuel will welcome new members and friends next month. Are you interested in joining the congregation as a new member or friend? Speak with one of the ministers today or contact Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ In response to a call from the Milwaukee Presbytery's Disaster Preparedness Task Force, **Immanuel Church School children and youth will assemble 20 CLEAN UP BUCKETS after worship on November 9. Your donations are needed.** Each bucket contains 16 different cleaning supplies that will assist with continuing local recovery efforts. **Sign up to donate items on the flipchart TODAY** in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_PDA_CleanUpBuckets2025. You may also make a financial donation toward the cost of the project; write "PDA buckets" in the memo line of a check or donate online at: bit.ly/IPC_PDA_BucketDonation. The approximate cost per bucket is \$75. All donations must be received by Monday, November 3.
- ✦ Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the **CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND FAMILIES** every quarter this year. The next dates are **Sunday-Tuesday, November 16-18**. To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver it to the center where the staff will serve the food. *If you wish to help serve*, put "I want to serve" in the comment box on the form. To volunteer, sign-up on the clipboard in the Parlor, go to https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals or contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com).
- ✦ **THE GATHERING** Meal Program will serve Thanksgiving Dinner to about 800 guests at three Milwaukee locations on Saturday, November 22. Immanuel Church has committed to cooking fourteen of the 125 turkeys for this special holiday meal. If you would like to participate, the frozen turkeys will be available for **pick up after church on Sunday, November 9**. Disposable pans, cooking instructions and zip lock bags will come with each turkey. Bring them back to the church – cooked, deboned and frozen – **on Sunday, November 16**. They have also asked if we could provide some pies for the dinner. Sign up in the Parlor OR sign up to cook a turkey here https://bit.ly/IPC_Turkeys_for_TheGathering2025; sign up to make a pie at https://bit.ly/IPC_Pies_for_TheGathering2025.

CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING TO SANDHILL TREE FARM

Sunday, November 16 following worship

All Church School children, youth, and their families are invited to an afternoon at Sandhill Tree Farm in Grafton, owned by Immanuel members David and Jaclyn Ness. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship and fun around the farm and select trees that will be set up in the Sanctuary during the holiday season. *A professional photographer will join us to take family holiday photos!* Sign up in the Peaceable Kingdom or email Cassie Olson, Program Coordinator: programcoordinator@immanuelwi.org.

Hymns are listed out of order to make it easier to sing without a page turn.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

TEXT: Martin Luther, 1529; trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852
 MUSIC: Martin Luther, 1529, alt.

EIN' FESTE BURG
 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.6.7

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth - er save in thee;

my on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 no harsh - ness hast thou and no bit - ter - ness.
 our faith is built up - on thy prom - ise free;

who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 sus - tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

October 26

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

REFORMATION SUNDAY

8:55	Choir rehearsal
9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
10:30-11:30	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>Lower level</i>
11:00	Coffee Hour ~ <i>Parlor</i>
11:15	Celebrating the Nicene Creed with Dr. Deborah Block ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday 11:30	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday 1:30	Alternative Christmas Market Planning Team meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

November 2

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Daylight Saving Time ends

8:55	Choir rehearsal
9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching Celebration of the Lord's Supper
10:30-11:30	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>Lower level</i>
11:00	Formal Coffee Hour hosted by the Deacons ~ <i>Parlor</i>
Nov. 3 6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Nov. 4 6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>
Nov. 5 6:00	Parish Life Council ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 + ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will include reading the names of members and friends who have died in the past year.

Time Change: Daylight Saving Time ends next Sunday. Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour on Saturday night.

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Jeff McEathron, Mark Connelly, and Steve Jacobs; Camera operator – David Ravie.

Needed: Chancel flower sponsors. If you would like to sponsor the flowers in the Sanctuary **during Advent** (\$150 total for the two arrangements), please contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org).

Our prayers and sympathy are with Bob and Susan Mikulay following the death of their newborn grandson, Callahan David Mikulay on October 19 in Los Angeles.

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.



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.



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