



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

For I know the

Plans

I have for you,

DECLARES THE LORD



Plans for

Hope and a Future.

Jeremiah 29:11

MORNING WORSHIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 16, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Andante

Rhienberger

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Robert Ater

Leader: *God of our past, present, and future,*

People: Our creator, redeemer, and sustainer,

Leader: *Be with us now as we gather for worship:
to sing, to pray, and to listen ...*

People: That we might hear Your hopeful promise anew:
that we belong to You and
that You are the God of each of our lives.

* HYMN 686 God of Our Life

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* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: *Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;*

People: but their delight is in the law of the Lord;
and on God's law they meditate day and night.

Leader: *They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season,*

People: and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper,

All: Faithful God, we confess that too often we seek our
own way in the world, tempted by the advice of the
wicked or stunted by fear and trepidation.

Rather than seek Your will, we trust our own instincts
for direction. We doubt Your presence and question
Your guidance. Have mercy on us, O God.

Turn us again to You, that we might be renewed in our
faith and united as one in Your love; bearing Your
enduring fruit of grace and peace for all the world.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Larson

* 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 spirits seek your glorious majesty: Show us your face.
Your constant love gives more than life to us: Lord of all grace.
Thus will we bless your name through all our days,
And lift our hands to you in thankful praise.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Larson

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 6:17-23

(NT 64)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The Beatitudes

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Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst for righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they that are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Ye are the light of the world. Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Faithfulness

** sing: "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator..."*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

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

Vocalise

Rhienberger

*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 29:1,4-14

(OT 731)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Future with Hope"

Rev. Ater

* HYMN 49 The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

* BENEDICTION

Rev. Ater

RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Guilmant

*The flowers are given to the glory of God by Rebecca Emmons
in honor of her sister, Elizabeth Buhler, and daughter, Lauren Frye.*

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**



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



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1 God of our life, through all the cir- cing years, we trust in thee.
 2 God of the past, our times are in thy hand. With us a - bide.
 3 God of the com - ing years, through paths un-known we fol-low thee.

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, thy hand we see.
 Lead us by faith to hope's true prom-ised land. Be thou our guide.
 When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone. Our ref-uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
 With thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
 Be thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

we own thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
 and faith's fair vi - sion chang - es in - to sight.
 our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

This text was created for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, by its pastor. He wrote these words especially for this tune, originally composed for John Henry Newman's text "Lead, Kindly Light."

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 *Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!
오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.
날 마 다 자 비 를 배 푸 시 며

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.
일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!
오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

49 The God of Abraham Praise

1 The God of A-braham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
 2 Your spir - it still flows free, high surg - ing where it will.
 3 Your good - ly land we seek, with peace and plen - ty blest,
 4 You have e - ter - nal life im - plant - ed in the soul;

the An - cient of E - ter - nal Days, the God of love!
 In proph-et's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
 a land of sa - cred lib - er - ty and Sab - bath rest.
 your love shall be our strength and stay, while a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con-fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is your law, and change-less it shall stand,
 There milk and hon - ey flow, and oil and wine a - bound,
 We praise you, liv - ing God! We praise your ho - ly name:

we bow be - fore your ho - ly name, for - ev - er blest.
 deep writ up - on the hu - man heart by your strong hand.
 and trees of life for - ev - er grow with mer - cy crowned.
 the first, the last, be - yond all thought, and still the same!

Shaped by its traditional Jewish tune, this selection of English stanzas conveys the essence of the *Yigdal*, a canticle based on a medieval Hebrew statement of faith about the nature of God and often used in synagogue worship, alternately chanted by cantor and congregation.

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, February 16, 2025

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, 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 in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Victor Plantinga, Johnny Harkey and Ashley Krysik, and Paula Lewein. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Tamara and David Crum, Claire 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. 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/3EvDPP4>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

BIBLE 101: *the Old and New Testaments* TODAY and next Sunday, February 23 at 11:15 in the Upper Room

All are invited to join Rev. Larson for a two-part "Bible 101" offering following worship. Today's session will cover the Old Testament, also called the Hebrew scriptures; the New Testament will be discussed next Sunday. In addition to reviewing the content of each testament, participants will discuss the ways we read the Bible and how we can deepen our understanding of God's Word. Though there is no required reading ahead of time, those interested in learning more about biblical content are encouraged to purchase a copy of *A Guide to Bible Basics* by the Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield, Professor of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

UPCOMING "IMMANUEL READS"

One of *The New York Times* best books of 2024 was Percival Everett's novel *James*, which re-tells the story of Huckleberry Finn from the perspective of the runaway slave, Jim. If you've read this book or would like to discuss it, we plan to hold a Zoom book discussion about this text in early March. More details to follow!

Dr. Bush is on vacation today. He will be out of the office this week and will return for worship next Sunday.

“SHROVE SUNDAY” PANCAKE BRUNCH

in two weeks on

Sunday, March 2 at 11:15 a.m.

Make your reservation in the Parlor today.



Immanuel marks the pre-Lenten tradition of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, recalling a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up in Christian households before the Lenten fast began. Join Immanuel Church friends for this annual feast Sunday, March 2 immediately following worship. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Members of the Parish Life Council are in the Parlor ready to take your reservation! Sign up to help by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_ShrovePancakeVolunteers2025



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

**“Everything in Between:
Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes”**

Mark your calendar:

Wednesday evenings during Lent:

March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9

Soup at 6:00 followed by communion, conversation, and study

The theme for this year’s study is “Everything in Between: Meeting God in the Midst of Extremes” and offers an invitation to navigate the polarities in our lives with faith and intention. The program on Wednesday evenings includes guest presentations from leaders of local non-profits and conversations on living out our faith as a church community. More information is coming soon!

Would you like to help host one of the soup suppers?

A team of hosts prepares soup and provides bread for the meal and cleans up afterward. Please contact the church office (414-276-4757, ipc@immanuelwi.org).

“MUSIC AT IMMANUEL”

Chamber Music Concert

Friday, March 7 at 7:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary

As part of Immanuel’s commitment to hospitality and the arts, Immanuel will host a special chamber music concert on Friday evening, March 7, featuring the piano and violin duo of Lucas and Leah Amory. Lucas is a Harvard graduate student and last year’s winner of the PianoArts North American Competition and Music Festival. He will be joined by his talented younger sister, a student at the Curtiss Institute of Music in Philadelphia. They will be performing the rarely heard Prokofiev Violin Sonatas. Dr. Bush will open the event by interviewing the musicians. This program is open to the public; a freewill offering will be received. For more information of PianoArts go to: <https://pianoarts.org/>

“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” UPDATE

Thank you for your generosity!

Immanuel’s youth set an ambitious goal of raising \$5,900 for the annual Souper Bowl of Caring (in honor of last Sunday’s 59th Super Bowl). The goal has been met and exceeded by over \$150.00! In addition to financial gifts, several bags of non-perishable food were also collected. Thank you to all who made generous donations to support our neighborhood Interchange Food Pantry!

MEALS FOR CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER

Thank you, meal volunteers!

Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families every quarter this year. The volunteer roster for this quarter is full. Thank you! **Immanuel will serve again on May 14-16.** Mark your calendars and watch for a sign-up link in April. For more information about this longtime mission partner go to: <https://cathedral-center.org/> Questions about serving or getting involved in this mission initiative may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com) or Rev. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

MEMORIAL SERVICES PLANNED

Services will be held in the Sanctuary for these Immanuel members & friends.
David Dooley (husband of Marty Dooley), Saturday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m.
Jim Green, Saturday, March 29 at 3:00 p.m.
Hester Besteda, Saturday, April 5 at 1:30 p.m.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 16	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Education: Bible 101 ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Wednesday	7:00	Church School Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Saturday	10:00	Presbytery of Milwaukee meeting ~ <i>Forest Park Presbyterian Church</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
February 23	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Education: Bible 101 ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
February 24	11:30	Meeting of the Board of Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
February 25	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>

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

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Steve Jacobs, Dick Myers, and Curtiss Peck; Camera operator – Keith Pierce.

Randall K. Bush	Interim Pastor
Robert W. Ater	Associate Pastor
Teresa A. Larson	Associate Pastor
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
Crystal Stinemates	Program and Office Administrator
Sarah Campbell	Part-time Financial Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton
Deborah A. Block	Pastor Emerita
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Susan J. Stoll	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate