



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

"Being confident of this, that [the One] who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." - *Philippians 1:6*

"We believe that Christian unity is both a gift and an obligation for the church; that it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain." - *Confession of Belhar (1986)*

"The very least you can do in your life is figure out what you hope for. And the most you can do is live inside that hope. Not admire it from a distance but live right in it, under its roof."
- *Barbara Kingsolver*

MORNING WORSHIP
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

November 17, 2024

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

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Nyquist

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 16) The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

Leader: Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.

People: Because we keep the Lord ever before us, we shall not be moved.

Leader: Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad and your bodies rest secure.

People: For God does not give us up to death, but shows us the path of life. Praise the Lord!

* HYMN 629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (vs. 1-3) *St. Agnes*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION The Rev. Teresa Larson

Leader: We trust in our great high priest, Jesus Christ, and in his name we approach the throne of grace to bring our prayers of confession. God has promised to be merciful; therefore, let us pray together.

All: O God, you are faithful and just. We confess before you our sins and transgressions. We fail to help those with little while we have much. We fail to appreciate the gifts you have given. We fall silent when we should speak. Forgive us, merciful God. Let us consider ways to encourage one another to love and do good deeds, for the sake of Jesus the 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.

* Stand as you are able.

* RESPONSE (*the congregation sings*)

Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be.

Jesus, be thou our glory now, and through eternity.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Acts 2:37-47

(NT 120)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

J. Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! For my soul, it longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my soul and body crieth out, yea, for the living God. How lovely is Thy dwelling-place, O Lord of Hosts! Blest are they that dwell within Thy house, they praise Thy Name evermore! How lovely is Thy dwelling place.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Larson

* HYMN 847 Our Hope, Our Life

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Ater

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 Jesus the Very Thought of Thee

Burkhardt

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 Hebrews 10:19-25

(NT 224)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON	“Positive Provocation”	Dr. Bush
* HYMN 846	Fight the Good Fight	Duke Street
* BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE		Dr. Bush
POSTLUDE	Allegro Maestoso	Guilmant

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Tim Bailen.

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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Parish Associate

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November 17, 2024

Bulletin Announcements for Sunday, November 17, 2024

Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its 187th 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.

Members and friends are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Debbie Anderson, Mary Beth and Rick Allsop, and Patsy Aster. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Leslie Davis, Margaret Crowley, and Kathy Brumder. 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/3UQhAs>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

CARAVAGGIO'S FAITHFUL ART in the Upper Room following worship TODAY and next Sunday, November 24

Join Dr. Bush for two post-worship conversations on the "Faithful Art" of the 16th century Italian artist Caravaggio. The presentations will explore how Bible stories and church traditions were creatively (and at times provocatively) captured in the paintings of this innovative artist. Come learn more about familiar Bible characters and how art brings these stories to life even today.

CHURCH SCHOOL OUTING TO SANDHILL TREE FARM Join us to collect Immanuel's Advent greenery! TODAY, leaving at 11:30

Church School families are invited to join a group headed to Sandhill Tree Farm in Grafton to collect greens (trees and boughs) that will be used to decorate the church during Advent and Christmas. The farm is owned by Immanuel members Dave and Jaelyn Ness. A caravan will leave Immanuel around 11:30. At the farm, we'll have lunch (stop and get some on your way up), collect greenery, and enjoy fellowship together in God's creation. Please see Rev. Larson if you'd like to join!

Thank you to this morning's worship volunteers: Ushers – Dick Myers, Linda Neubauer, Tom Neubauer, Paul Campbell, Steve Jacobs, Mark Connelly, and Dave Salisbury; Camera operator – Rabah Rennane.

GIVING HOSPITALITY SOME SHINE: SILVER POLISHING!

Volunteers needed this Thursday from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

The Parish Life Council is organizing 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! A polishing team is gathering this Thursday from 1:00-3:00 in the Upper Room. All are welcome! Contact the church office to sign up.

THEATRE OUTING TO CARROLL UNIVERSITY

***"Anything Goes"* + THIS Thursday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m.**

Join members of the Parish Life Council at Carroll University for a special showing of *Anything Goes*, a classic musical comedy directed by Immanuel member James Zager, Professor of Theatre and Dance. Twenty complimentary tickets are available for members; reservations required. Sign up in the Parlor or click here https://bit.ly/IPC_CarrollUnvTheater_AnythingGoes2024. The only Presbyterian university in Wisconsin, Immanuel Church and Carroll have been partnered in mission since their beginnings.

ARE YOU NEW TO IMMANUEL?

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

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"

NEXT SUNDAY, November 24 at 11:15

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 either of these events, 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.

The Advent Workshop

Sunday, December 1 + 11:00-12:30

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 will focus 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 so that there are adequate supplies and food on hand: https://bit.ly/IPC_AdventWorkshop2024.

The Alternative Christmas Market

Sunday, December 8 + 11:00 – 1:00 in the Upper Room

Celebrating Thirty Years!

For thirty years, the annual Alternative Christmas Market has offered an alternative to the consumer culture that invades the Christmas season while raising nearly 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. The market shopping list will be available soon. *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_Refreshments2024

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ The **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY** hopes to provide food for 1,400 families to enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner (turkey, traditional trimmings, and 15 pounds of fruits and vegetables). The total cost of this initiative is \$41,680. Follow this link <https://www.interchangefoodpantry.org/donate> to make a gift to support the Thanksgiving Dinner event or mail a check to Interchange, 130 E. Juneau Avenue, Milwaukee, 53202.
- ✦ Supporting the **CHRISTMAS TOY STORE** at Christ Presbyterian Church (20th 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 10.

WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

NOVEMBER 17

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THANKSGIVING AND PLEDGE DEDICATION SUNDAY

	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	Caravaggio's Faithful Art ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	11:30	Sandhill Tree Farm Outing
Monday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
Wednesday	5:45	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>Block conference room</i>
Thursday	1:00	Silver Polishing ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	7:00	Parish Life Outing to "Anything Goes" ~ <i>Carroll Univ.</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 24

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Rev. Larson preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Caravaggio's Faithful Art ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
November 25	11:30	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
November 28 & 29		Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Christmas Concert featuring Britten's *Ceremony of Carols*

Followed by Tree lighting, Holiday Hors d'oeuvres and Dessert Buffet

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 15th or 29th** (\$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.

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee 629

1 Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee
 2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
 3 O hope of ev - ery con - trite heart,
 4 But what to those who find? Ah, this
 5 Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou,

with sweet - ness fills my breast. But sweet - er far thy
 nor can the mind re - call a sweet - er sound than
 O joy of all the meek, to those who fall, how
 nor tongue nor pen can show. The love of Je - sus,
 as thou our prize wilt be. Je - sus, be thou our

face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 thy blest name, O Sav - ior of us all.
 kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 what it is none but his loved ones know.
 glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

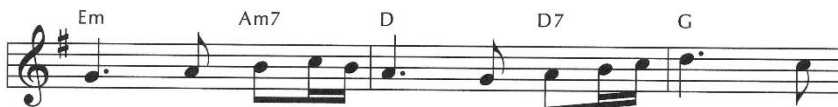
The sweetness celebrated in this anonymous 12th-century Latin poem is not cloying or sentimental; it is more like an antidote to bitterness and a source of hope and healing. The best-known 19th-century translation is set here to a tune composed especially for these words.

Our Hope, Our Life

(Psalm 49)



1 Our hope, our life are in the Lord, the God we
 2 Some flaunt their gold; some trust its power, but what they
 3 Though wealth or learn - ing may be ours, or fame that
 4 Be - yond this age of shame and sham we glimpse a



hon - or and con - fess. Why crave re - nown or
 cher - ish will de - cay; and still the ran - som
 spreads through - out the land, the shack - les of mor -
 bet - ter des - ti - ny: the Lord will lift us



op - u - lence? They fade, those things we now pos - sess.
 for a soul re - mains a price too great to pay.
 tal - i - ty pre - vent so much that we have planned.
 free from death to dwell in praise e - ter - nal - ly.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

As this recent paraphrase of Psalm 49 illustrates, human beings have long been tempted to put their trust in earthly assets, especially wealth and fame. But these are not enduring possessions, and they cannot save us. Only in God can we find unending hope and eternal life.

Fight the Good Fight

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1 Fight the good fight with all thy might.
 2 Run the straight race through God's good grace;
 3 Cast care a - side; lean on thy guide.
 4 Faint not nor fear: God's arms are near.

Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
 lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face.
 God's bound-less mer - cy will pro - vide.
 God chang - eth not, and thou art dear.

Lay hold on life, and it shall be
 Life with its way be - fore us lies;
 Trust, and thy trust - ing soul shall prove
 On - ly be - lieve, and thou shalt see

thy joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
 Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.
 Christ is its life, and Christ its love.
 that Christ is all in all to thee.

The opening phrase here (based on 1 Timothy 6:12) is not a military image but an athletic one, from a Greek verb meaning "struggle" or "grapple" or "wrestle." The sports context continues in later stanzas reflecting the experience of a runner (recalling Hebrews 12:1-2).