



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

“In life and in death we belong to God.”

We have been called
to belong to the body of Christ
and to seek God’s purposes in this place.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church is
our home, where we grow and welcome all;
our community, where we care for one another and serve others.

We promise
to worship regularly,
to learn openly,
to give generously,
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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Adagio

Nyquist

*Welcome to our combined online and onsite worship service.
The order of service is designed for worshippers 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

I John 4:7-12

*Leader: Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God ...
God is love.*

*People: God's love was revealed among us in this way:
God sent his only Son into the world so that we might
live through him.*

*Leader: Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love
one another.*

*People: If we love one another, God lives in us and love is
perfected in us.*

Leader: Let us worship and give thanks.

*+ HYMN 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above *Mit Freuden Zart*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

I John 4:16-21

*Leader: God is love, and love has been perfected among us in this:
That we may have boldness on the day of judgement,
because as God is, so are we in this world.*

People: There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Leader: We love, because God first loved us.

*People: Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers
or sisters are liars for those who do not love a brother
or a sister whom they have seen, cannot love God
whom they have not seen.*

*Leader: The commandment we have from God is this:
Those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.
In penitence and faith, let us confess our sin.*

All: Loving God, who created us in love and calls us to live as loving persons in the world; we confess how easily we separate loving You from loving one another. We know what is right and choose another way. We love ourselves too much and our brothers and sisters too little. We are guided by fear more than by faith. Forgive us, Lord. Open us once more to the wideness of Your mercy, and the fullness of Your grace, that we might serve You with joy, and live together in love and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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*)

Spirit of God, today alive,
Amid your church abiding,
Who welcomes us and makes us one,
New life and strength providing,
Whose grace and mercy we proclaim,
Who knows and calls us each by name:
To God all praise and glory!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES John 15:1-8

(NT 109)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Let All the World in Every Corner Sing,
My God and King

V. Williams

*Let all the world in ev'ry corner sing: My God and King!
The heav'ns are not too high, His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.
The Church with psalms must shout; No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart must bear the longest part.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

St. Catherine

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

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

Prelude on "Rhosymedre"

V. Williams

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 Acts 8:26-40

(NT 127)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"All in?"

Mr. Ater

* HYMN 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

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

Grand Chorus

Guilmant

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in memory of Tom Christofferson by his family.*

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 Keith and Eileen Pierce, and Jim and Lynda Peterson. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Toni Jones, Leslie Davis, and Victor Plantinga. 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 **187th anniversary** this month. 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; 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.

Church School classes for children and youth follow the Prayer of Thanksgiving in The Peaceable Kingdom (lower level). Click <https://conta.cc/49N3OeP> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email.

Congratulations to David and Mikayla Symanzik-Stock on the birth of their daughter, Willow Beth Katherine Symanzik-Stock on April 25.

The 2024 Confirmation Class is going on a retreat to Cedar Grove this afternoon for final reflections on their confirmation experience and to compose their statement of faith. Please hold our confirmands and leaders in prayer: Conor Brennan, Griffin Frank, Harry Lewis, Alex Richards, Alfred Walker, and adult leaders Pat Goggin, Richard Rodgers, and Ms. Larson. Confirmands will be welcomed into full membership of the church on May 19, Pentecost Sunday.

The **Sacrament of Baptism** (infants and adults) will be part of the worship service on Sunday, May 26. Please contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org) about presenting a child for baptism or making a profession of faith.

WELCOME! Are you new to Immanuel?
Join us for one (or both!) of these upcoming events:

"IPC 101: An Introduction to Immanuel"
following worship NEXT Sunday, May 5

Interested persons are invited to gather at the Welcome Table in the Great Hall (at about 11:15) to tour the church building, hear about Immanuel's ministries and what it means to be Presbyterian. The session will last approximately 45-60 minutes.

Join us for a Prospective Member Brunch and Orientation!
Please follow this link

https://bit.ly/IPC_MembershipBrunch_Spring2024

**to let the Session know of your
interest and availability on two possible Sundays:
June 2 or June 9**

following worship from 11:20 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Designed for new friends considering church membership, participants will have an opportunity to hear our story, learn about our shared mission and ministry and enjoy a delicious meal with some of our members. For more information or to indicate an interest in attending, speak with one of the ministers today or contact Mr. Ater in the church office (robertater@immanuelwi.org, 414-276-4757).



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM

PARISH LIFE COUNCIL OUTING

TODAY, April 28 + 1:00 p.m. + free admission

Experience the Museum with Immanuel friends!

The Milwaukee Art Museum (MAM) is offering [free admission THIS Sunday](#), April 28 in celebration of the 100th birthday of Dr. Alfred Bader, chemist, art collector, and avid museum supporter.

Parish Life Council member and overall "MAM-lover," Terri Danola will meet Immanuel friends in Windhover Hall (under the Calatrava) at 1:00 p.m. to share her "MAM highlights" and give out museum maps! Terri will also be happy to show people around. She'll be recognizable with a burgundy-colored Immanuel shopping bag over her shoulder. For those who are interested, there will be a short, 30-minute documentary shown at 1:30 p.m. entitled, *Alfred Bader: Legend: Art, Bible, Chemistry*. Weather-permitting, Immanuel friends may park in the Immanuel lot and walk down to the museum.

KRAYBILL ORGAN RECITAL

NEXT Sunday, May 5 + 3:00 p.m. + Immanuel Sanctuary

Volunteers needed!

Immanuel's Parish Life Council and the Milwaukee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists are pleased to host an organ recital by Jan Kraybill of Kansas City, Missouri. Ms. Kraybill is a Grammy nominated organist recognized for her work in promoting the organ worldwide. Please join us for the recital and reception of this gifted performer on our historic organ. **Volunteers are needed to assist with ushering and hosting a reception in the Parlor following the recital** (food will be provided for the reception, assistance is needed with set up and clean up). Sign up in the Parlor or click here: https://bit.ly/IPC_Kraybill_organ_recital_volunteers.

Participate in the process of nominating ELDERS AND DEACONS for Immanuel Church

The Church Nominating Committee is working to identify members for service on the **Session (governance; worship, education, mission)** and the **Board of Deacons (pastoral care)**. Nominees will be elected at the Annual Program Meeting later this spring; new elders and deacons will be ordained in June. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church and members who are currently serving are not eligible for election to another board. Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office. Nomination forms are on the Great Hall tables TODAY or submit your suggestions to https://bit.ly/IPC_Nominations2024. The committee meets Tuesday evening.

THE IMMANUEL GARDENS ARE SPRINGING TO LIFE

Spring Spruce-up Day + Saturday, May 11 + 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

The Immanuel Church grounds and gardens are a big part of the welcoming face we offer to the community. With the arrival of Spring, the Landscaping Team invites your help to clean up the church grounds, mulch, and maintain the gardens throughout the spring and summer. The first yard work day is May 11. Volunteers will clean up the grounds and spread mulch; the rain date is May 18. If you enjoy gardening or want to learn from some experienced gardeners, please join us for this mulching day, and/or volunteer for weekly watering of a section of the landscape or individual planters.

Sign up today by clicking https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_SpringSpruceUp2024 or signing up in the Great Hall to join the landscaping team for 2024.

Please contact Terese Zinn at teresezinn@gmail.com if you wish to adopt a garden bed/plot to water and maintain throughout the season. Please use a subject line of Immanuel Landscaping in your e-mail.

PUTTING FAITH TO WORK

Opportunities for Mission and Service

- ✦ Again this year, **EASTSIDE SENIOR SERVICES (ESS)** is sponsoring a **Floral Fundraiser**. Purchase a gift card for **Bayside Garden Center** and 15% will be donated to ESS to support its work. Place your order online at <https://essmilw.org/ess-donations/> OR send a check to Eastside Senior Services, 1840 N. Prospect Avenue Box 216, Milwaukee, 53202. **Online orders and checks must be received by May 1.** Gift cards will be mailed in time for Mother's Day. Immanuel has been a longtime mission partner of Eastside Senior Services, a neighborhood program which helps older adults on Milwaukee's East Side continue to live independently and in their own homes. Elder Julia Vosper serves on the ESS board on behalf of Immanuel Church.

- ✦ 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, May 19, and Monday, May 20.** To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item and prepare the food in your home. On **Sunday night**, the team will **deliver and serve the meal in-person** and on **Monday night**, the team will **deliver the meal to the center and others will serve it.** Click to volunteer for a **May** date https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals or contact the church office (ipc@immanuelwi.org). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake (bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com) or Mr. Ater (robertater@immanuelwi.org).

- ✦ This spring the **INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY** is hosting a special **Peanut Butter collection drive!** Through May 24, Immanuel is collecting both 16 and 28 oz. jars of **CREAMY peanut butter** in a bin in the Astor Street coatroom. Let's see if we can fill it! The goal of this special initiative is to meet the need for nutritious and filling food during the summer months when many families can't rely on a school lunch program. Financial gifts may also be made through the Immanuel website (note peanut butter) (<https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>), or by check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry with "peanut butter" memo), or at: <https://gofund.me/b757e914>. Located right here in our neighborhood, Immanuel helped found Interchange over fifty years ago. Members Allyson Nemec and Scott Silet currently serve on the board. For more information about the pantry or to sign-up to volunteer, go to: <https://interchangefoodpantry.org/about/>.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY Presbyterian Coalition Gratitude

Milwaukee Habitat for Humanity hosted its annual Volunteer Summit on April 22. The focus of the event was to provide updates and learning opportunities for the core group of Habitat volunteers, affectionately called “habituals.” Immanuel members Richard Rodgers (construction) and Evelyn Ericson (ReStore) were among the habituals recognized for serving more than 125+ hours in 2023. Congratulations and thank you, Evelyn and Richard.

As Milwaukee Habitat marks its 40th anniversary this year, member congregations of the Presbyterian Coalition were also recognized and thanked for providing homes for 30 families and donating over a million dollars during those years. A recognition plaque is on display today in the Great Hall.

Immanuel leaders helped start Milwaukee Habitat in 1984 and The Rev. Brian Sonderman, Milwaukee Habitat CEO, will be Immanuel’s guest preacher on World Communion Sunday in the fall to help celebrate our continued Presbyterian and Habitat connections as we strive together to provide safe, affordable housing for our neighbors.

“CREATION SUNDAY” + May 12

The Church School children, youth, and teachers will celebrate Creation Sunday on May 12 with lessons and activities that celebrate the gift of God’s good creation! Following worship, members and friends will be invited to join in the celebration and enjoy eating some “dirt cake,” a favorite Creation Sunday treat.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY AND PENTECOST + May 19

The Day of Pentecost is the day that the Church celebrates its birthday – the day we recall the coming of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples of Jesus Christ, fifty days after his resurrection. It is an Immanuel tradition to celebrate Pentecost by receiving our confirmation students as full members of the church followed by our annual *Pentecost Party*. All will be invited to the Upper Room to enjoy a light lunch, complete with “Fruit of the Spirit” salad, and a birthday cake for the Church! We will also thank the 2023-24 Church School teachers. **RED** is the color of the day – the Holy Spirit came with wind and fire to those first disciples. Sign up for the Pentecost Party in the Parlor or by clicking here: https://bit.ly/IPC_Pentecost_Party_2024.

SERMON TEXTS AVAILABLE

Copies of the prior week’s sermons will now be available both online on our website and in a display rack in the Great Hall. Having the chance to re-read a preached sermon or share it with a friend literally helps “spread the word” from Immanuel.

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar
In addition to offerings during onsite worship:

1. **Mail a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202.
2. **Go to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scan this QR** (“Quick Response”) code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Text 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.



MAKING SUNDAY MORNING HAPPEN: *It takes you!*

The practice of gathering for worship on Sunday mornings is the center of our life together. Sunday mornings at Immanuel Church are meaningful *and busy*. There's more to be done that meets the eye! Will you help? Perhaps you'd like to begin *or resume* a practice of helping to make Sunday mornings happen at Immanuel Church! **Welcome Team** members greet worshipers at the church doors, answer questions, and offer directions. *Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.* **Ushers** welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary. *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.* If you would like to help, 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 worship volunteers: Ushers – Steve Jacobs, Jeff McEathron, and Bill LeFeber; Camera operator – David Ravie.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 28	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Mr. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:30	Confirmation retreat ~ <i>offsite</i>
	1:00	Milwaukee Art Museum outing ~ <i>art museum</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:30	Nominating Committee meeting ~ <i>Block Conference Room</i>
NEXT SUNDAY		SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 5	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-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>
	3:00	Jan Kraybill Organ Concert ~ <i>Sanctuary</i>
May 6	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
	6:00	Meeting of the Deacons ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers (\$150 for the two arrangements), 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.**

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al - might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

mur - mur stilled:
 all is right:
 cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!
 take your part:

703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

1 Je - sus, thy bound - less love to me no thought can
2 O grant that noth - ing in my soul may dwell, but
3 O Love, how gra - cious is thy way! All fear be -

reach, no tongue de - clare; O knit my thank - ful heart to
thy pure love a - lone; O may thy love pos - sess me
fore thy pres - ence flies; care, an - guish, sor - row melt a -

thee, and reign with - out a ri - val there! Thine whol - ly,
whole, my joy, my trea - sure, and my crown! All cold - ness
way wher - e'er thy heal - ing beams a - rise. O Je - sus,

thine a - lone, I'd live; my - self to thee en - tire - ly give.
from my heart re - move; may ev - ery act, word, thought be love.
noth - ing may I see, noth - ing de - sire, or seek, but thee.

John Wesley learned the original German hymn from the Moravians during his time in Savannah, Georgia, and translated all sixteen stanzas. The tune, named for a 4th-century martyr, comes out of the Roman Catholic revival movement of the mid-19th century.

Called as Partners in Christ's Service 761



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
4 So God grant us for to - mor-row ways to or - der hu - man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
blend-ing hu-man skills to - geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un - fold.
bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
mes - sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



This hymn is a celebration of mutuality and diversity as well as a challenge to the Christian community to live out a ministry of reconciliation and inclusion. This 20th-century text is set to a 19th-century tune named for the noted pastor and preacher Henry Ward Beecher.

**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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