



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

Immanuel Presbyterian Church affirms the call to be a servant of Christ and a steward of the Gospel through worship, education, and mission.

We affirm that the church does not live for itself; we are to be an instrument of grace, wisdom, and compassion and a witness to God's activity in our midst.

We shall marshal and manage our resources to be effective stewards for the continuing vitality of mission.

Reminded that "new occasions teach new duties," we embrace change and commit ourselves to discerning responsibilities and opportunities to which God calls us in each new day.

We will attend to human need in both congregation and world, address the issues of our time in dialogue with our faith, and affirm the love and teachings of Jesus Christ through our mission.

from the Mission Statement of Immanuel Presbyterian Church

MORNING WORSHIP
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 15, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE Prelude on "Praise to the Lord the Almighty" *Sedio*

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

*Leader: The Almighty and Eternal God calls us in this time and place
to be a servant people as we follow our servant Lord.*

People: May the Holy Spirit move within and among us,
that together we may live a new life
in the crucified and risen Christ.

All: We come as a people bound together in faith,
to receive the spiritual gifts needed to fulfill our calling
and to encourage one another in common ministry.

*Adapted from the Service of Ordination & Installation,
Presbyterian Church (USA)*

*+ HYMN 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (stz. 1-4)

Marion

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Philippians 4:4-7

*Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness be known to everyone.*

People: The Lord is near.

*Leader: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and
supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made
known to God.*

People: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.

All: Great God, hear our prayer. We draw strength from Your
faithfulness, confessing our doubts in Your purposes and
turning away Your presence. We depend on Your

graciousness, admitting that we live in a deficit of second chances. We are corrected by Your justice, resisting Your terms, but knowing that our ways are not Your ways. We are healed by Your kindness, acknowledging our own brokenness. Be near to us in Your mercy and forgive us. Help us to live in Your image: faithful, gracious, just and kind; in the name of Jesus Christ. 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*)

Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 25:1-9 (OT 652)
Philippians 4:4-9 (NT 198)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Praise to the Lord, the Almighty *Distler*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

My heart is longing to offer up sweet adoration.

Melody make; dulcimer, harp now awake, sound forth your praise, ev'ry nation!

Praise the Almighty, o'er all life, so wondrously reigning.

God is our rest, working in all for the best. Look to God's gracious ordaining.

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 652 A Grateful Heart

Rockingham

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

Elegy

Archer

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 Matthew 28:16-20

(NT 34)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Commission to Mission"

Mr. Ater

MISSION SERVICE RECOGNITION AND COMMISSIONING

* HYMN 298 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

Abbot's Leigh

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 and benediction.

* BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Praise the Lord

Karg-Elert

The flowers are given to the glory of God in celebration of Kathy Brumder's 75th birthday, today, by her grandchildren Solari, Ike, Fausto, Fia, Ryden, and Perfereia.

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 Dinshah and Shobha Gagrat, and Mike and Debbie Gillard. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Claire Moulis, Patsy Aster, and Pat Parks. 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 **186th 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. 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/3PWn4yS> to read this week's "Wednesday Grace" email and the recap of last Sunday's **Faith at Home Fair**.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

Mission Service Recognition and Commissioning

Inspired by Matthew's "Great Commission," today's service will include a recognition and commissioning of members and friends who **serve the wider community** through Immanuel Church. If you haven't already, please click here for a brief survey (https://bit.ly/IPC_MissionServiceSurvey2023) to let Mr. Ater and the mission committee know of your service both through *and beyond* Immanuel.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Ushers – Mark Connelly, Dave Salisbury, Victor Plantinga, and Bill LeFeber; Camera operator – David Crum.

PASTORAL TRANSITION UPDATE

What is interim ministry? Who will be our Interim Pastor?

Interpretation Session Today

11:15-noon in the Upper Room

As announced in a letter to members and friends, the unanimous and enthusiastic selection of the Interim Pastor Search Committee and the Session is the Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush. An acclaimed preacher, published author, and classically trained pianist, Dr. Bush has roots in Wisconsin, formerly serving as pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Racine. Serving over three decades of pastoral ministry in settings from Zimbabwe to Pittsburgh, to his current interim position in a large church in the Baltimore area, Dr. Bush currently feels called to provide a guiding, non-anxious presence for congregations moving through leadership transitions, helping them to clarify their God-given gifts and mission as they turn toward the future. This morning's information session will review the interim search process, describe the work of interim ministry and our goals for this interim period, and give a profile of Dr. Bush. Participants will have the opportunity for table discussion and questions. The session will be led by members of the Human Resources Transition Team: Deborah Anderson, Jill Fahr, Kate Lewis, David Plank, Victor Plantinga, Sharon Rose, and the ministers.

Dr. Block will retire at the end of January and Dr. Bush will join us early in 2024 after completing his current interim position.

"CELEBRATION SUNDAYS"

History ... Herstory ... Our Story

"Celebrating Women in Ministry" + Next Sunday, October 22

We are celebrating our 45+ years of ministry with Dr. Block with some special emphases this fall. Next Sunday's celebration of women in ministry coincides with the October 1956 ordination anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Margaret Towner, the first woman ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Dr. Towner ordained Dr. Block in the fall of 1977. We will recognize the clergywomen among us from all denominations. Following the worship service there will be a panel discussion of their ordination stories and ministry experiences.

CARE PACKAGES FOR STUDENTS:

THANK YOU, DEACONS!

As part of its ministry of support and care, the Board of Deacons mailed care packages to fifteen Immanuel college students and young adults last week. In addition to much needed mid-term snacks, the packages included a personal note of encouragement and fun Halloween decorations and candy.

“A FUTURE WITH HOPE”

Pledging Our Gifts for Today and Tomorrow

STEWARDSHIP 2024

The annual appeal to fund the church budget turns us to the upcoming year and our continuing life and ministry, worshiping, learning, and serving together. This fall, in addition to our annual pledges, we are also looking farther into the future by encouraging members to include Immanuel Church in their estate planning.

Stewardship Interpretation Sunday is November 12

Pledge Dedication Sunday is November 19

The Stewardship Committee:

Trustee Steve Carlton and Elder Kate Egan, co-chairs

Spencer Frank, Kristi Leswing, Kate Lewis, Will Loder, Jim Peterson

GIVING HOSPITALITY SOME SHINE: SILVER POLISHING!

Volunteers needed this month, sign up below

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!

Click below to share your interest and availability for a two-hour time slot from October 19 to November 2; weekday and evening times, as well as a Saturday morning slot, are being considered.

Questions? Contact Ms. Larson (teresalarson@immanuelwi.org).

Sign-up: <https://doodle.com/meeting/organize/id/epzz78Qb>

A MESSAGE from the COVID ADVISORY TEAM

Masks Welcomed; COVID Boosters Now Available

The COVID Advisory Team continues to review current guidelines and recommendations. Rising rates of positivity and hospitalizations across the country are being monitored. The current predominant strains are giving generally less severe symptoms, more closely mimicking other respiratory viruses (including congestion, sneezing and headache), and less severe cough or fever. This makes testing important to differentiate, and to isolate as needed.

Masks continue to be welcomed at Immanuel. Please inform the Immanuel Church office if you test positive within 72 hours of attending an in-person church gathering. **A new vaccine protective against the current circulating strains is now available.** COVID cases are anticipated to peak again from December to February, and the vaccine is most protective in the first three months after a dose.



COMMON GROUND FALL ASSEMBLY

REFORMING PUBLIC HOUSING

Sunday, November 12 + 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Mount Mary University
Bergstrom Hall, Alumnae Dining Room
2927 N 92nd St, Milwaukee

Join Common Ground and Public Housing Resident Leaders for an update on the next phase of the campaign to reform public housing. Celebrate recent successes and hear updates on *all* the exciting CG work.

In-person participation is strongly encouraged.

To attend in person or online, RSVP at tinyurl.com/CGNOV12RSVP
or sign-up today in the Parlor

Register for Zoom: tinyurl.com/CGNOV12ZOOM

A multiracial, broad based community organizing group, Common Ground is made up of over 40 congregations, nonprofit organizations, small businesses, and schools in Southeastern Wisconsin, organized to address some of Greater Milwaukee's important social needs in an effective, non-partisan way.

Immanuel Church was a founding member of Common Ground in 2008.

Learn more at: www.commongroundwi.org.

Questions? Speak with a member of Immanuel's Common Ground Core Team: Margaret Crowley, Martha Mainland, Sharon Rose, or Rob Ater

FALL CLEAN-UP DAY RESCHEDULED

Putting the Immanuel Gardens to Bed

THIS Saturday, October 21 + 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 fall, the Landscaping Committee now needs your help to clean up the grounds and cut back the plants. Due to weather, **yesterday's planned clean-up day was re-scheduled for this Saturday, October 21.** Sign up today in the Parlor or follow this link: https://bit.ly/IPC_Gardens_FallCleanUp. Questions? Contact committee chair Trustee Terese Zinn at teresezinn@gmail.com.

SPOTLIGHT ON MISSION

Interchange Food Pantry

In 1971, Interchange, Inc. was founded as an “interchange” of Lower East Side congregations responding to God’s call to address pressing social justice needs in the neighborhood. For many years, the primary Interchange mission has been the Interchange Food Pantry (IFP). Previously hosted at Immanuel for over ten years, the pantry’s home has been at the Village (Lutheran) Church at Juneau and Edison since 2005. Convinced that access to healthy food is a human right, Interchange aspires to serve the same quality food that anyone would want to serve in their own homes. Now one of only a few city-wide pantries, IFP serves all who enter its doors (approximately 40,000 people each year) regardless of where they live. Recent data showed that 82% of IFP guests live in food desert areas and that children represent 47% of those they serve.

Immanuel is a founding member congregation of Interchange with elders Allyson Nemeck (board president) and Scott Silet currently serving on its board. Mr. Ater is helping to organize a new Advisory Council to engage supporting congregations and guests in the ongoing mission of IFP.

Today is Immanuel’s monthly **Interchange Food Pantry Sunday** when we lift up the ministry of this longtime mission partner. Use the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, follow this link (https://bit.ly/Donate_InterchangeFoodPantry) to make an online contribution, or send a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). **Volunteers are always needed to sort, bag, and serve food for guests.** Contact the pantry staff (ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com or 414-551-2184) for information or to sign-up. www.interchangefoodpantry.org

A Spotlight on Mission article will be included in each bulletin this fall that highlights a current Immanuel mission partner who will be participating in this year’s

***Alternative Christmas Market** at Immanuel Church*

on Sunday, December 10. Mark your calendar!

PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is involved in recent weeks with immediate and long-term recovery efforts in the United States and around the world in response to wildfires, earthquakes, storms, flooding, and now the war in Israel-Palestine. You may contribute to these relief efforts by check (payable to Immanuel Presbyterian Church, indicating where to direct the gift with “PDA” in the memo line) or give directly to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at www.pcusa.org/pda.

YOUR OFFERING, here and afar

During the pandemic many members changed their method of giving. Now that passing the offering plates has resumed, you may wish to observe this ritual. Those who are worshipping at home or away may continue their giving by:

1. **Mailing a check** to the office: 1105 N. Waverly Place, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Note in the memo line how you'd like the amount recorded.
2. **Going to our web site** at <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>
3. **Scanning this QR** ("Quick Response") code with your smart phone camera for immediate connection to giving options on the Immanuel site.
4. **Texting 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.



HOSPITALITY: *How we say "welcome"*

Welcome Team, Ushers, Coffee Hour hosts, Camera operators needed

The Apostle Paul encouraged early Christians to "practice hospitality," to be gracious and welcoming to others in the name of Christ. In this season of our life together, we're renewing our shared commitment to practicing hospitality.

How will you say "welcome"?

Welcome Team members greet worshipers at the church doors, offer a smile and a warm welcome, answer questions or direct people to the Sanctuary, church school, or the nursery. Three or four welcome team members are needed each Sunday.

Ushers welcome and seat worshipers in the Sanctuary, distribute bulletins, collect and present the offering, and organize and straighten the pew racks before and after the service. 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. They coordinate by phone or email the week before.

Camera Operators help share Sunday morning worship online. They arrive by 9:40 and follow a bulletin marked for the pre-set camera angles. Volunteers receive training and report that "it's not difficult!"

If you would like to help again or for the first time, 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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 15	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Mr. Ater preaching Mission Service Recognition & Commissioning
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00-12:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
	11:15	Interim Ministry Interpretation – <i>Upper Room</i>
	5:00	Confirmation Gathering ~ <i>The Frank home</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session ~ <i>conference room</i>
Wednesday	4:45	Membership Task Force ~ <i>virtual</i>
Thursday	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

NEXT SUNDAY		TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 22	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	8:45-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block preaching <i>Celebrating Women in Ministry Sunday</i>
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:00-12:00	Coffee hour in the Parlor
October 23	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
October 26	noon	Meeting of the Trustees ~ <i>virtual</i>

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

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.**

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



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



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