



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE

“LET US SEE THY GREAT SALVATION
PERFECTLY RESTORED IN THEE:
CHANGED FROM GLORY INTO GLORY,
TILL IN HEAVEN WE TAKE OUR PLACE.
TILL WE CAST OUR CROWNS BEFORE THEE,
LOST IN WONDER, LOVE, AND PRAISE.”

CHARLES WESLEY, 1747

MORNING WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2022

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Noel IV

Daquin

*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.
Worshipers in the Sanctuary are requested to silence phones.*

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

We light the fourth candle for LOVE.

CALL TO WORSHIP

- * HYMN 366 (stzs. 1-3) Love Divine, All Loves Excelling *Hyfrydol*
- * PRAYER OF CONFESSION Isaiah 9:2
 - Leader: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;*
 - People: "those who lived in a land of deep darkness -
on them light has shined."*
 - All: Gracious God, We look to You for deliverance from
all that impedes the coming of Your peace,
all that tarnishes Your glory,
all that obstructs the light and life of Jesus Christ.
We sing of Your steadfast love,
knowing that our love is conditional and occasional.
We proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations,
knowing that our faith so often is dependent on the
emotions of the moment and the circumstances of
the day. Visit us with Your salvation and open us to
receive the transforming gift of Your grace in Jesus
Christ, our Immanuel. Amen.
- * DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

* *Worshipers in the Sanctuary may stand, as able.*
+ *Worshipers may be shown to a pew.*

* THE PEACE

*Leader: Since God has forgiven us in Christ,
let us forgive one another.*

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us all.

* RESPONSE *(the congregation sings)*

Finish then Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee:
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before Thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 1:18-25

(NT 1)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

* HYMN 110 Love Has Come

Bring a Torch

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

GREETINGS AND INVITATIONS

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*(During the Offertory, please sign your name in the red Friendship Folder
as it comes to you in the pew. Pass the folder back to its starting place,
noting your neighbors. Please greet one another by name following the service.
Online worshippers, please click the Virtual Worship Sign-in link.)*

OFFERTORY Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella

Uline

*(Children 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 congregations 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 61:1-4

(OT 691)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

“The Christmas Mix”

Dr. Block

ANTHEM

Gloria

Francis Poulenc (1959)

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax
hominibus bonae voluntatis.

*Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace,
good will towards all.*

Laudamus te, benedicimus te.
Adoramus te, glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter
magnam gloriam tuam.

*We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee.
We give thanks to Thee
for Thy great glory.*

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,
Deus Pater omnipotens.

*O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty;*

Domine Fili unigenite Jesu Christe.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,
Deus Filius Patris.

*O Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,*

Rex coelestis Deus

King of Heaven, Lord God;

Qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Thou that bearest the sins of the world,
show Thy mercy to us.*

Deprecationem nostrum

Hear us when we call upon Thee,

Suscipe

Hear our prayer.

Quisedes ad dexteram Patris

Thou, enthron'd at God's right hand,

Miserere nobis

show Thy mercy to us.

Quoniam tu solus sanctus.

Thou only art the holy One,

Tu solus Dominus.

Thou alone art the Lord.

Tu solus altissimus, Jesu Christe.

Thou alone art the most high, Jesus Christ.

Cum Sancto Spiritu

With the Holy Spirit

In Gloria Dei Patris

in glory with God the Father.

Amen.

Amen.

Colleen Brooks, soprano

LITANY FOR CHRISTMAS

*Leader: Jesus, Son of the living God, splendor of the Creator,
Light eternal:*

People: Glory to God in the highest!

*Leader: Jesus, King of glory, Sun of Righteousness,
born of the Virgin Mary;
Wonderful Counselor, mighty God, everlasting Lord:*

People: Glory to God in the highest!

*Leader: Jesus, Prince of Peace, Shepherd of souls, perfect in holiness:
Friend of all, Protector of the poor, Treasure of the faithful:*

People: Glory to God in the highest!

*Leader: Jesus, Good Shepherd, inexhaustible Wisdom,
our Way, our Truth, and our Life:
Joy of the angels and crown of all saints;*

People: Glory to God in the highest! Amen!

* HYMN 119 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *Mendelssohn*
*(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.)*

* BENEDICTION

* POSTLUDE Hark! The Herald Angels Sing *arr. Miller*

Following the postlude, elders
will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

The Advent wreath symbolizes the light and life of Jesus Christ.

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Carol and Alfred Block.*

Welcome! All are invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Parlor following the worship service. The hosts are Kris and Jenna Hanson and Terese and Jay Zinn.

If you are visiting Immanuel Church today, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **185th 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 and/or membership details.

ABOUT WORSHIP TODAY

The season of Advent (“coming”) is the beginning of the church year, telling of the coming of Jesus Christ. The Advent wreath is an ancient tradition, the candles marking the four Sundays before Christmas. Purple is the color of royalty for the “King of Kings and Prince of Peace;” rose symbolizes joy. Matthew 1:18-25 is the lectionary Gospel for the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Nursery care for infants and toddlers is provided until noon. The **Immanuel Nursery** is located on the lower level, to the right of the northeast staircase. Elevator access is also available. There is also a “**crying room**” on the **second floor** for parents who need 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/3PrkcsS> to read this week’s “Wednesday Grace” email with more information.

Congratulations to Sara Shaw and Scott Hollander on the birth of a son, Ellis Shaw Hollander, on December 11, 2022.

“GO TELL: PRACTICING THE GOOD NEWS” TODAY from 11:15 - noon + Upper Room

Ever since angels lit the Bethlehem sky and sent amazed shepherds to meet the baby, people whose lives have been touched by Jesus have been telling others the story. “Go Tell” is a two-week adult education program on the faith practice of telling the story of Christ’s coming into our lives, and the hope of his coming again. The series will be facilitated by Ms. Larson using the adult resource from the *Follow Me: Biblical Practices for Faithful Living* curriculum.

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET

It’s not too late to shop!

Many thanks to all who have already shopped and volunteered their time at this year’s Alternative Christmas Market! If you missed the market or wish to purchase additional gifts, members of the Mission Committee will be in the Parlor following worship today to assist you. Specially designed gift cards present your selection and describe the program supported by your gift. These “alternative gifts” are a meaningful way to spread the Good News of Christmas to this hungry and hurting world.

“LONGEST NIGHT” VESPERS

THIS Wednesday, December 21 + 7:00-7:30 (online)

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83021195656>

Are you navigating an experience of grief and loss? Are you seeking God’s comfort and peace? Even in the best of times, this season can be a difficult time for those who have experienced a significant loss or transition in their lives. On December 21, is the longest night of the year, join us for a special time of worship and prayer to acknowledge the grief and loss that accompanies what can be the “long night” of the holidays, and hold hope together in Immanuel, God with us.

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

The Christmas Joy Offering has been a Presbyterian tradition since 1931. It offers an opportunity to extend the joy of Christmas to those who have special need of it. Your gift this year will provide financial assistance for retired church workers with special needs for help and students of color at schools and colleges related to the Presbyterian Church (USA). The Christmas Joy Offering will be dedicated on January 1. Special offering envelopes are available in the pews. For more information or to make your gift online, go to: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/> or <https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>. You may also mail your gift to the church office noting “Christmas Joy” in the memo line.

TODAY IS INTERCHANGE FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Holiday Food Drive Concludes

Each third Sunday of the month is Interchange Food Pantry Sunday at Immanuel Church. Worshipers are invited to make a gift to support the pantry by using the yellow food pantry envelopes in the pew racks, following this link (<https://www.immanuelwi.org/onlinegiving>) to make an online contribution, or sending a check to the church office (payable to the Interchange Food Pantry). Founded by neighborhood congregations (including Immanuel) over fifty years ago, Immanuel remains committed to supporting the pantry mission to serve healthy and nutritious food to our neighbors facing food insecurity from throughout the city. Mr. Ater and Elders Allyson Nemec and Scott Silet serve on the Interchange board.

Today marks the conclusion of a seven-week Holiday Food Drive to raise funds for turkeys and hams and to collect sides for holiday tables. Thank you to all the Immanuel friends who participated. The effort was a huge success serving well over a thousand households. For more information about the pantry or to inquire about volunteering in 2023, go to <https://interchangefoodpantry.org/about/> or contact pantry director George Neureuther (ifpmilwaukee@gmail.com or 414-551-2184).

NEW from the Covid-19 Advisory Team:

Please practice self-care and community care in this “triple-demic” season. *Masking* is not required but it *is encouraged* to mitigate the spread of colds, flu, and Covid. Flu shots, current boosters and health-conscious practices are ways we can embody the ethic of loving our neighbors as ourselves. If you are experiencing symptoms, please test and isolate as necessary. All members of the Immanuel staff, church school teachers, choir members and other Sunday morning volunteers who interact with you are fully vaccinated.

RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED FOR NEW TRUSTEES

The Nominating Committee will meet soon to nominate four members to serve on the **Board of Trustees** (3 year term; Class of 2025). Nominees will be elected at the Annual Financial Meeting on January 29, 2023. Participate in the process by suggesting names for consideration by the Nominating Committee. The persons you suggest must be active members of Immanuel Church. *Please be specific about the person's gifts for a particular office; only names with qualifications will be considered.* Members who are currently serving as elders and deacons are not eligible for election to the Board of Trustees at this time. Elders and deacons are elected in May. Use the forms on the Narthex tables. Thank you!

SEEKING CAMERA OPERATORS

As Immanuel has embraced a permanent shift to livestreaming worship each Sunday morning, the ministers and office staff would like to grow our team of volunteer camera operators. Volunteers are well trained and supported and report that while it is an important job, it's not difficult. Camera operators arrive by about 9:40 and follow a marked bulletin to adjust the camera to several preset camera angles throughout the service. Interested in learning more or joining the team? Contact the church office at: ipc@immanuelwi.org.

The **Human Resources Committee** is pleased to welcome Ms. Crystal Stinemat to the position of Program Administrator and Assistant to the Ministers. She comes to us from administrative work at several other area churches and brings skills and experience in computer publications, data management, and volunteer recruitment. Ms. Stinemat is a graduate of Alverno College and a member of the United Methodist Church of Whitefish Bay. She will begin work with us on Monday, January 9.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Welcome Team – Pat Parks and Laura and Dan Yocum; Ushers – Mark Connelly, Justin Mayer, Dick Myers, Dave Salisbury, and Jeff Stearns; Camera operator – Kristi Leswing.

The Sacrament of Baptism (infants and adults) will be part of the worship service on Sunday, January 8, the Baptism of the Lord. Please contact Dr. Block

Take your place

in the church ... in the world

STEWARDSHIP for 2023

THANK YOU

to the members and friends who have submitted pledges for 2023.

Our pledge goal is \$970,662; the current pledge total is \$794,337.

If you did not receive a packet in the mail with budget information and a pledge form, please contact Sarah Campbell in the church office, 414-276-4757 or finance@immanuelwi.org. Pledge forms are on the Great Hall tables, as well.

We are grateful to the members and friends who have made gifts and pledges for the work of the church in 2023. We also thank those who pledge but do not wish to have their names appear here, and those who support the church through regular Sunday offerings, time, and prayer.

Gwen Abig

Rick and Mary Beth Allsop

Kathryn and Sal Amato

Deborah Anderson

Hannah and Steve Anderson

Sara and Richard Aster

Robert Ater and Greg Baer

Amanda Back and John Hassell

Carl and Mary Backus

Gary Balcerzak

Frances Tessa Bartels

Wilbert Bauer

Mary and Clair Baum

John Becker

Robert and Jill Bewell

Judith Blackbourn

Deborah Block

D. Rodney and Mary Bluhm

Carl and Jane Boecher

Margaret MacLeod Brahm

Audra and Joel Brennan

Rick Brewer

Marge Brindley

Robert and Kathleen Brumder

Ernie Brusubardis and Margaret Crowley

David Buckholdt

Kathleen Burchby

Sue Burwell

Kathryn Carlton

Matthew and Katherine Carlton

Stephen and Danette Carlton

Sr. Karlyn Cauley

Mark Cebulski

Janet Christiaansen

Judith Christofferson

Mark Connelly

Thomas Cooper

Jeanne and Peter Corrao

Lana Cramer and Keith Schmitz

John and Kay Crichton

David and Tamara Crum

Terri Danola

Leslie Davis

Abigail Debbink

Myrna Dittmer

Sarah and Joe Dominguez

Martha Dooley

Jean Dow

Kate and Matt Egan

Evelyn Ericson

David and Ronda Ewald

Jill and George Fahr

Daniel and Helena Faraca

James and Barbara Fisher

James and Barbara Flint
Debra Forsaith
Brian Frailing and Sibyl McCarley
Georgia Frailing
Harrison Frailing
Bennett Frank
Mika Frank
Spencer Frank
Dinshah and Shobha Gagrat
Lucy Gillard
Matilda Gillard
Michael and Deborah Gillard
Mary Ginnebaugh
Patrick and Connie Goggin
James Green
Duane and Debra Grimm
Joan Hardy
Laurel Heebsh
John and Sara Hein
Cindy Helt
George and Nancy Herro
George Herro
Madeleine Herro
Harvey and Lu Hewes
Alan and Jean Hilgeman
J. David Hoeveler
Clara Hoffmann
Meredyth and Andrew Hunn
Barbara Hypes and Terry Lee-Docken
Steve Jacobs and Pat Curley
Charles James
Steven Jensen
Candice and David Johnstone
William and Charlotte Johnstone
Toni Jones
JohnPiero and McKinzie Joyce
Christine Karpowicz
Kevin and Alison Keefe
David Klehm and Carol Kraft
Susan Kraeblen
Robert and Kathleen Landaas
Teresa Larson
Charlotte Lauren
William and Susan LeFeber

Kristi and Jeffrey Leswing
Paula Lewein
Lloyd P. Lewis
William Loder
Anne Luber
Paul and Cathy Luber
Jeremy and Jennifer Lucas
Ann MacIver
Janet MacIver
Jackie Mahony
Martha Mainland
Vince Martin
Justin Mayer
Jeffrey McEathron
Lindsey McKee
Marilyn Minor
William Morley and James Schleif
Hugh Morris and Lisa Lauren
Karen Morrisey
Claire and Ray Moulis
Richard Myers
Betty Jo and James Nelsen
Thomas and Linda Neubauer
Dennis and Linda O'Brien
Peter and Theresa Ogden
Patricia Parks
Amy Pauls and Nathan Wesselowski
Richard and Lois Pauls
Susan and Curtiss Peck
Alexander and Terese Pendleton
Elise Pennington
Wilson Dave and Kathryn Perry
James and Lynda Peterson
Keith and Eileen Pierce
David Plank
Victor and Karen Plantinga
Trent and Joell Poole
Daisy Price-Hagos
David and Irina Ravie
Sue and Rabah Rennane
Jon Richards and Andrea Rowe-Richards
Karen and Richard Rodgers
Pat Roeper

Sharon Rose
David Salisbury
Judith Schulz and Chris Bonin
Richard Schwartz
Virginia Schwartz
Robert Schweers
Brian Schwellinger
Tom and Karen Scott
Sara Shaw
Scott Silet and Kate Lewis
Todd Slusar and John George
Leslie and Frederick Smart
Nancy Snyder
Jo Ann Stade
Patricia Stark
Jeffrey and Marjorie Stearns
Robert and Mary Stetson
Scott Stieg
Susan and Richard Stoll
Virginia Street
Phyllis Stuart-Jacobson
and Mark Jacobson
Cece Sullivan
Janet Tallberg
Jeff and Susan Teerink

John Thomas
Robert and Barbara Timberlake
Lisa Trost
Carol Tsao and Nancy Debbink
John and Vicki Turner
Julia Vosper
George and Alicia Walker
Leslie Waltke
Gloria Ware
Sidne Weis
Matt Weith
Carl and Janice Welle
Vance Werner, Jr.
Stephanie Wesselowski
Winona Wilson
Benjamin Wimmer
and Madalyn Davidson
Johnathan Woodward
James and Jill Zager
Barbara Ziermann
Jay and Terese Zinn



Join us for
Christmas Worship
at Immanuel Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Saturday evening, December 24 at 7:00 p.m.

(Please note the time change from previous years)

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
and service of candle lighting
Dr. Block preaching; choral anthems and carols

CHRISTMAS MORNING

Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 a.m.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Opening the gifts of the Magi!
Bring a bell to ring

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY		FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	8:30	Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block preaching Special music: <i>Gloria</i> by Francis Poulenc
	11:15	“Go Tell: Practicing the Good News” Adult Education Program ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
	7:00	Advent Vespers (virtual)
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room</i>
Tuesday	5:45	Meeting of the Session
Wednesday	9:00	Common Ground Staff Meeting ~ <i>Conference Room</i>
	7:00	“Longest Night” service of remembrance and hope (virtual)

December 24		CHRISTMAS EVE
		THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
	6:45	Caroling at the Astor Street entrance
	7:00	Service of Communion and Candle lighting Dr. Block preaching <i>Holiday refreshments around the Parlor tree following worship</i>

December 25		CHRISTMAS MORNING
	10:00	Morning Worship; Service of Communion and Carols <i>Bring a bell to ring!</i>
	11:00	Christmas Morning coffee and refreshments around the Parlor tree

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

Available dates for Chancel flowers: If you would like to donate flowers on **January 15, 22, 29, or February 5**, 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.**

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 (to your pledge or another offering, like "Flower Donation.")
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.





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



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December 18, 2022