



IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

transforming tradition

Surrounded by the powers of good, faithful and still,
comforted and inspired beyond all fear –
in this way I want to live these days with You
and go with You into a new year.

The old year still wants to torment our hearts;
the heavy burden of evil days still holds us down.
O Lord, give our frightened souls
the salvation for which You created us...

Today, let the candles glow warm and bright
that You brought into our darkness,
and if it can be, bring us together again!
We know Your light shines in the night.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, for the new year 1945

MORNING WORSHIP
FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

January 1, 2023

Ten O' Clock

+ PRELUDE

Variations on "Adeste Fideles"

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.

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

+ * HYMN 143 (stzs. 1-3) Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Regent Square

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Isaiah 63:7-9a

*Leader: I will recount the gracious deeds of the Lord,
the praiseworthy acts of the Lord,*

*People: because of all that the Lord has done for us,
and the great favor to the house of Israel
that has been shown them according to God's mercy,
according to the abundance of God's steadfast love.*

*Leader: For God has said, "Surely they are my people,
children who will not deal falsely";
and God became their savior in all their distress.*

*All: God of mercy and of steadfast love,
we confess the regrets and the wrongs of the year
now past and pray for a new resolve to live with
integrity. Forgive us for closing our minds to truth
and for hardening our hearts to injustice and need.
Open us to the grace that encourages us in Your
goodness and call us again to find promise and
purpose in Your gift of a savior. Send us into this
new year confident of the good news that we are all
Your children, and make us bold to proclaim that
great good news, in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

* DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 63:9b

* 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*)

All creation, join in praising God Creator, Spirit, Son,
evermore your voices raising to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn King!

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

GREETINGS AND INVITATIONS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE SCRIPTURES Matthew 2:1-12

(NT 2)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM There Shall a Star Come Out of Jacob *Mendelssohn*

There shall a star come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel.

*With might destroying, princes and cities! How lovely shines the Morning Star
with God's own brilliance from afar, aglow with consolation! Your word, O Lord,
brightly shining, truth defining, brings salvation! Praises sing in exultation.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

* HYMN 152 What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

THE SCRIPTURES Colossians 4:2-6

(NT 202)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION "Into A New Year"

Dr. Block

* HYMN 686 God of Our Life

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

Dedication of the Christmas Joy Offering

OFFERTORY

What Child Is This

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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 worshipers, please click the Virtual Worship Sign-in link.

THE OFFERING OF BREAD AND WINE

Elders present the gifts of the loaf and the cup in thanksgiving for God's Word.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

Leader: Come to the table of the Lord. The true light, which enlightens everyone, has come into the world. To all who receive him, who believe in his name, is given power to become children of God.

People: The Word became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth, and we have seen his glory. From his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: God of majesty and splendor, we give You thanks for all Your good gifts. You created light out of darkness and brought forth life on the earth. Throughout the ages You called Your people to love and serve You, and to be Your light among the nations. In the fullness of time, You sent Your Son Jesus to be the Light of the world. Therefore we praise You, joining our voices with the faithful of every time and place, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing to the glory of Your name:

THE SANCTUS *(all sing)*

Tune: *Puer Nobis Nascitur*

O holy, holy, holy Lord,
O God of power and God of might,
Fill heaven and earth with glory bright,
And sing Hosanna! day and night.

Blest is the One who in God's name
To earth from highest heaven came;
Hosanna to our God we sing,
Our highest praises offering.

*Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty,
and blessed is Jesus Christ Your Son, our Lord,*

*People: Born to dwell among us, full of grace and truth;
in him we have seen Your glory.*

Leader: By the light of a star, the faithful sought and found him;

*People: In every age and place, You have led Your people
from far places to his light.*

*Leader: Remembering Your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from Your creation this bread and wine
and joyfully celebrate his new life as we await his coming.
Great is the mystery of faith:*

*People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.*

*Leader: Gracious God, pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these Your gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.*

*People: By Your Spirit, make us one with Christ,
that we may be one with all who share this feast.*

Leader: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

*People: Illumine our hearts with the radiance of Christ's
presence, that our lives may show forth his love in
this weary world.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD, THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All are offered the bread and cup, regardless of age or understanding.

It is our practice to serve unfermented wine.

Gluten-free bread is at the center of each tray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 827 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright *Wie Schön Leuchtet*

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

CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

In Dulci Jubilo

Bach

*The flowers are given to the glory of God
by Dr. Deborah Anderson and Joanne Anderson
in loving memory of Jerry L. Anderson.*

Following the postlude, a minister and elder
will be at the font to receive prayer requests.

Welcome! All are invited to enjoy coffee and refreshments in the Parlor following the worship service. The hosts are Dave and Kate Perry and Eileen and Keith Pierce.

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.

A room for parents with crying babies or small children is located on the second floor, overlooking the Sanctuary. The worship service can be seen and heard from there. **Nursery Care and Church School for children and youth resumes Sunday, January 8.**

Ms. Larson will return on Tuesday after a Christmas break.

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). We dedicate the Christmas Joy Offering today. 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.

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!

The **Human Resources Committee** is pleased to welcome Ms. Crystal Stinemates 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. Stinemates 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 Steven Jensen and John Komasa and the members of the Immanuel Chancel Choir for the gifts of music they have offered during this holy season. Choral music returned to our Advent and Christmas services for the first time since 2019 and it has truly been a great gift to us all.

Thank you to this morning's volunteers: Welcome Team - Patsy Aster, Janet Christiaansen, Pat Curley, and Lindsey McKee; Ushers - Mark Connelly, Steve Jacobs, Dick Myers, Curtiss Peck, and Jeff Stearns; Camera operator - David Crum.

NEXT Sunday, January 8, is the Baptism of the Lord and we will reaffirm the baptismal covenant. Parents who would like to present children for baptism should contact Dr. Block. The next Service of Baptism for infants or adults will be in early spring.

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.

Covid-19 Advisory Team Update

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.

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 \$843,574.

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.

Pledge envelopes for 2023 are available and ready for pick up in the Great Hall **for those who requested them** on their pledge forms. Envelopes are provided for weekly and monthly contributors **if you so request**; they are not ordinarily provided for those who plan to give quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. If you would like envelopes or cannot find yours, please contact Ms. Campbell in the church office. **On-line giving options are available on the Immanuel website.**

WEEKLY CALENDAR AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY

		FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Dr. Block preaching The Sacrament of Communion
	11:00	Coffee Hour ~ <i>Parlor</i>
Monday		Church office closed
Tuesday	6:00	Meeting of the Board of Deacons ~ <i>St. John's on the Lake</i>
Wednesday	9:00	Common Ground Staff Meeting ~ <i>Conference Room</i>

NEXT SUNDAY

		BAPTISM OF THE LORD
	10:00	Morning Worship ; Mr. Ater preaching Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant
	11:00	Coffee Hour ~ <i>Parlor</i>
January 11	5:00	Mission Committee Meeting ~ <i>online</i>

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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Susan J. Stoll	Part-time Associate Pastor for spiritual care
William H. Johnstone	Pastor Emeritus
Jean Dow	Associate Pastor Emerita
Steven J. Jensen	Organist
John S. Komasa	Choir Director
James C. Fisher	Parish Associate
Sister Karlyn Cauley	Ecumenical Associate
Sarah Campbell	Financial and Facilities Administrator Program and Office Administrator
Nathan Wesselowski	Sexton

January 1, 2023