



IMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  

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*transforming* tradition

In everyone's life, at some time, our inner fire goes out. It is then burst into flame by an encounter with another human being. We should all be thankful for those people who rekindle the inner spirit.

- Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,  
"Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"  
And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

- Isaiah 6:8

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord?  
Or who shall stand in God's holy place?  
There is no one but us. There never has been.

- Annie Dillard "Holy the Firm"

**MORNING WORSHIP**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

February 9, 2025

Ten O' Clock

PRELUDE

Suite for Organ

*Purcell*

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

CHORAL INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Rev. Dr. Randall Bush

*Leader: We have come from different backgrounds on various roads to get here,*

*People: But we come seeking an experience of the holy and recommit ourselves to what is good and life-giving.*

*Leader: Along quite ordinary paths and in our daily lives, God calls us. Listen!*

*People: God calls us today. May we respond with our whole heart, giving thanks to the Lord always!*

\* HYMN 1    Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty (vs. 1-3)    *Nicaea*

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

The Rev. Teresa Larson

*Leader: Let us turn to the most holy One and together confess our sin, confident in God's faithful and steadfast love for us.*

*All: O God, Creator of all that is, we often fail to be fully honest about our lives. Sometimes we are deceitful; other times we judge ourselves too harshly and feel unworthy of your call to discipleship. Yet you know us completely and love us all the more. Touch us with your grace and cast away our fear. Then may we arise with renewed spirits to serve you, our Lord and our God. 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.*

\* RESPONSE *(the congregation sings)*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Robert Ater

THE SCRIPTURES Isaiah 6:1-8

(OT 635)

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

He Comes To Us

Jane Marshall

(Text by Albert Schweitzer)

*"He comes to us as One unknown, without a name, as of old, by the lakeside he came to those who knew him not. He speaks to us, he speaks the same word:*

*'Follow! Follow thou me!' and sets us to the tasks which he has to fulfill for our time.*

*He commands. And to those who obey him, whether they be wise or simple,*

*he will reveal himself in the toils, the conflicts, the sufferings which they shall pass through in his fellowship, and, as an ineffable mystery, shall in their own experience*

*learn Who he is." O Morning Star, how fair and bright Thou beamest forth in truth and light! O Sovereign meek and lowly. Thou Root of Jesse, David's Son,*

*My Lord and Master, Thou hast won My heart to serve Thee solely! Thou art holy;*

*Fair and glorious, all victorious, Rich in blessing, Rule and might o'er all possessing.*

SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Ater

\* HYMN 720 Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Larson

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH OFFERINGS

*Please sign the red Friendship Folder and greet one another following the service.*

*Online worshippers please indicate your presence using the link on the website.*

OFFERTORY

Air

Wesley

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

Elder Lindsey McKee

*Colleague in Ministry*

The Rev. Robert Harman

*By reaffirmation of faith*

Joseph Gustafson

Kari Gustafson

Laura Woodington\*

Ryan Woodington\*

*By letter of transfer*

Jon Brodie

*Christ Church UCC, Milwaukee, WI*

Peter Bratt

*Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Mequon, WI*

*\*Received as a member by the Session at an earlier date.*

QUESTIONS TO THOSE RECEIVED BY THE SESSION

*Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?*

*Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, following his Word and showing his love?*

*Will you be a faithful member of this congregation,  
share in its worship and ministry through your prayers and gifts,  
your study and service, and so fulfill your calling as a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

*Will you seek the fellowship of the church wherever you may be?*

PRAYER AND WELCOME

*Leader: Through baptism and the reaffirmation of the baptismal  
covenant these persons are members of the household of God.  
God has called them to serve Christ in the world.  
Let us welcome them to this ministry.*

*People: With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you  
to share with us the ministry of Christ  
and the communion of his people.*

*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.*

SPECIAL MUSIC      Someone To Fall Back On      Jason R. Brown  
William Toney, soloist; Pasquale Laurino, violin

THE SCRIPTURES Luke 5:1-11

(NT 62)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“A Complicated Call”

Dr. Bush

\* HYMN 726 Will You Come and Follow Me (vs. 1,3,5)

*Kelvingrove*

\* BENEDECTION AND RESPONSE

Dr. Bush

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune

*Lang*

*The flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Karen's parents,  
Talina Rapozo and Rudy Beber from the Plantinga family.*

After the postlude, a minister and elder will be at the font to hear prayer requests.

**Welcome! If you are visiting Immanuel Church today**, we welcome you to Milwaukee's first church, marking its **188<sup>th</sup> 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.

Worshippers are invited to **Coffee Hour in the Parlor** following the service. The coffee hosts are Kate and Dave Perry, Brian Frailing and Sibyl McCarley. **Welcome Team** members this morning are Leslie Davis, Keith and Eileen Pierce. 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/3WBSa2E>. Contact Rev. Larson with questions.

## **“SOUPER BOWL OF CARING” TODAY, February 9**

More than 100 million Americans will tune in to the Super Bowl football game on February 9. There will be parties with abundant food. At the same time, there will be people worrying about staying warm and finding a warm meal. Again this year, Immanuel's Youth Group will join young people in congregations around the country to celebrate the annual *“Souper Bowl of Caring,”* collecting **donations of non-perishable food and monetary contributions** to help combat hunger in Milwaukee through the Interchange Food Pantry, a longtime mission partner of Immanuel Church.

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH ADULT EDUCATION OFFERING

### **“What, to the Slave, is the Fourth of July?” by Frederick Douglass TODAY, February 9 at 11:15 in the Upper Room**

This Black History Month, join Immanuel friends for a closer look into the life of Frederick Douglass and the important role he played in shaping our public conversations. Discussion will be led by Immanuel member Dr. Sara VanderHaagen, Associate Professor of Communication and affiliated faculty in the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM). The conversation will focus on Douglass’s speech, “What, to the Slave, is the Fourth of July?” Copies are available in the Great Hall or by clicking here: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_FrederickDouglassSpeech](https://bit.ly/IPC_FrederickDouglassSpeech).

### ***BIBLE 101: the Old and New Testaments***

#### **Sundays: February 16 and 23 at 11:15 in the Upper Room**

All are welcome to join Rev. Larson for a two-part “Bible 101” offering following worship later this month. The Old Testament will be covered on February 16 and the New Testament will be covered on February 23. In addition to reviewing the content of each testament, participants will discuss the ways we read the Bible and how we can deepen our understanding of God’s Word. Though there is no required reading ahead of time, those interested in learning more about biblical content are encouraged to purchase a copy of *A Guide to Bible Basics* by the Rev. Dr. Tyler D. Mayfield, Prof. of Old Testament at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

## MEALS FOR CATHEDRAL CENTER SHELTER

### **Meal Volunteers Needed this month!**

Immanuel is providing evening meals for guests at the Cathedral Center Shelter for Women and Families every quarter this year. The next dates are **Wednesday, February 26; Thursday, February 27; and Friday, February 28**. To participate, sign up for a particular date and menu item, prepare the food in your home, and deliver the meal to the center where the staff will serve it. If you wish to help serve, put “I want to serve” in the comment box on the sign-up form. Click here: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_CathedralCenterMeals](https://bit.ly/IPC_CathedralCenterMeals) or contact the church office ([ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)). Questions may be directed to Bobbi Timberlake ([bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com](mailto:bobbi.timberlake@gmail.com)) or Rev. Ater ([robertater@immanuelwi.org](mailto:robertater@immanuelwi.org)).

## UPCOMING “IMMANUEL READS”

One of the NY Times best books of 2024 was Percival Everett’s novel James, which re-tells the story of Huck Finn from the perspective of the runaway slave, Jim. If you’ve read this book or would like to discuss it, we plan to hold a Zoom book discussion about this text in early March. More details to follow!

## “SHROVE SUNDAY” PANCAKE BRUNCH

Sunday, March 2, 11:15 a.m.

*Make reservations in the Parlor today.*



Immanuel marks the pre-Lenten tradition of pancakes and ham on the Sunday prior to Ash Wednesday, recalling a time when fat, eggs, and milk had to be used up in Christian households before the Lenten fast began. Join Immanuel Church friends for this annual feast Sunday, March 2 immediately following worship. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Members of the Parish Life Council are in the Parlor ready to take your reservation! Sign up to help by clicking here: [https://bit.ly/IPC\\_ShrovePancakeVolunteers2025](https://bit.ly/IPC_ShrovePancakeVolunteers2025)

## LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

*Mark your calendar:*

**Wednesday evenings during Lent: March 12, 19, 26 and April 2, 9**

Soup at 6:00 followed by communion, conversation, and study

*Would you like to help host one of the soup suppers?*

*A team of hosts prepares soup and provides bread for the meal and cleans up afterward.*

*Please contact the church office (414-276-4757, [ipc@immanuelwi.org](mailto:ipc@immanuelwi.org)).*

**Our prayers and sympathy** are with Debbie Whitmore and her children, Katie and Stuart, following the death of Debbie's mother, Betty Sawyer, on January 31 in DePere, WI. A Celebration of Life will be held on February 27 in DePere at the Ryan Funeral Home.

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

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

**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.

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Descant

4 Ho - - - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - - - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2–11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

TEXT: Reginald Heber, 1827, alt;

Korean trans. The Christian Literature Society of Korea; Spanish trans. Juan B. Cabrera

MUSIC: John Bacchus Dykes, 1861; desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

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NICAEA

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ho - - - - - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

# 726 Will You Come and Follow Me

## The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR & UPCOMING EVENTS

### TODAY

February 9	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Dr. Bush preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
	11:15	Adult Education: Black History Month ~ <i>Upper Room</i>
Monday	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>
Tuesday	6:30	HR Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
Wednesday	5:00	Mission Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>

### NEXT SUNDAY

February 16	8:55	Choir rehearsal
	9:30-noon	Nursery care ~ <i>Lower level</i>
	10:00	<b>Morning Worship</b> ; Rev. Ater preaching
	10:30-noon	Church School for children and youth ~ <i>The Peaceable Kingdom, lower level</i>
February 17	noon	Building Maintenance Committee meeting ~ <i>virtual</i>
	6:00	Choir rehearsal ~ <i>Choir Room, lower level</i>



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