



# Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship

January 21, 2024

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# Celebration of the Lord's Day

*\*stand as you are able*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Prayer of Adoration

### \*Song

*Build Your Kingdom Here*

Rend Collective

### \*Call to Worship

*Psalm 62*

One: For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him.

**All: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

One: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

**All: Don't make your living by extortion or put your hope in stealing. And if your wealth increases, don't make it the center of your life.**

One: Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

**All: Let us worship the living God!**

### \*Song

*I Will Follow*

Tomlin, Ingram, Morgan

## Call to Confession

*1 John 1: 9*

One: God's Word assures us: "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: You asked for my hands, that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard. You asked for my mouth to speak out for Christ and against injustice. I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused. You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty. I closed them, for I did not want to see. You asked for my life, that you might work through me. I gave a small part, that I might not get too involved. Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you—only when it is convenient for me to do so,**

**only in those places where it is safe to do so, and only with those who make it easy to do so. Father, forgive me, renew me, send me out as a ready and willing instrument of peace, that I might take seriously the meaning of your cross. Amen.**

**Song**

*Praise the Father, Praise the Son*

Tomlin, Cash

**Children's Message**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Reading**

*Mark 1: 14-20 NRSVue*

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God <sup>15</sup> and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." <sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

One: The grass withers and the flower fades, but the Word of God endures forever.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*No Safety Nets*  
Rev. John C. Tittle

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

**All: Christ calls us to drop our own goals, agendas, and grand designs for our lives- and follow him. We are summoned to a definite purpose and mission that is way beyond ourselves. Our God and Father has chosen us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us in his Son.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

## Offertory

*There Was Jesus*

Zach Williams, Dolly Parton

## Prayers for the People

One: God of Grace,

**All: hear our prayer.**

## The Lord's Prayer

**All: 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.**

## \*Closing Song

*All the People Said Amen*

Maher, Moak, Morgan

## \*Charge and Benediction

### Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Kevin Murphy, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Adoraci3n Ensemble – George Davis, Becky Diebold, Bob and Carol Van Gelder, Sandy Russell,

Joy Hager

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