



## Immanuel Presbyterian Church

8:30am Alternative Worship Service

*Commitment Sunday*

January 22, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(\*Please stand as you are able)

## Welcome and Community Life

## Prayer of Adoration

\*Song *What Can I Do?* Baloché, Kendrick

\*Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 27*

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

All: **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble.**

One: I will offer sacrifices with shouts of joy; and I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

All: **Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me!**

One: "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, Lord, do I seek.

\*Song *Blessed Be Your Name* Redman, Redman

Call to Confession *John 3: 19*

One: The Apostle John tells us in his gospel, "The light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." With humble hearts, let us confess our sin to God.

## Responsive Prayer of Confession

One: Eternal Light,

All: **shine in our hearts;**

One: Eternal Goodness,

All: **deliver us from evil;**

One: Eternal Power,

All: **be our support;**

One: Eternal Wisdom,

All: **scatter the shadows of our ignorance;**

One: Eternal Compassion,

All: have mercy on us, that with heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to the Holy Presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

## Moment of Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Forgiveness

*John 1*

One: Hear the good news: "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." Sons and daughters of the Living God, you are forgiven and set free in Christ Jesus—be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song

*Thank You*

Glen Phillips

## Children's Message

### Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

*Matthew 4: 12-23* NRSVue

<sup>12</sup> Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup> He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup> so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup> "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—<sup>16</sup> the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." <sup>17</sup> From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>18</sup> As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. <sup>19</sup> And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." <sup>20</sup> Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup> As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. <sup>22</sup> Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <sup>23</sup> Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

*A Light Has Shined in the Darkness*

Rev. John C. Tittle

Faith Sharing

Ed Vander Woude

Consecration of 2023 Grace in Action Pledges

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

*Kind & Generous*

Natalie Merchant

Prayers of the People

One: God of light,

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

*Benediction*

Jars of Clay, Amy Grant

\*Charge and Benediction

Participants:

Rev. Dr. John Tittle, Pastor

Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries

Kris Goorsky, Director of Christian Formation

Laura Fennema, lay reader

Ed Vander Woude, audio visual

Alternative Ensemble – Joy Hager, Sandy Russell, Christina Russell, Clay Whittington, Bob and Carol Van Gelder

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