

# Immanuel Presbyterian Church



11:00am Traditional Worship Service  
*Communion Sunday*  
*All Saints' Day*

November 5, 2023

*Discovering and displaying Christ  
in here and out there*

# CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S DAY

(\*Please stand as you are able)

PRELUDE

*Theme and Variations on SINE NOMINE*

Rutz

WELCOME

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 145*

One: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;

**All: there is no end to his greatness.**

One: One generation shall praise your works to another

**All: and shall declare your power.**

One: All your works praise you, Lord,

**All: and your faithful servants bless you.**

One: They make known the glory of your kingdom

**All: and speak of your power.**

One: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**All: Let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

\*HYMN

*For All the Saints*

Vaughan Willaims

CALL TO CONFESSION

One: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world, but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Holy God we come before you a broken people in a broken world. We confess we have ignored, yet again, your assured presence. We have forged our own paths and charted our own waters. In the name of independence we have ignored your aid, your comfort, and your peace. We have called upon you in desperation rather than recalling your mighty and faithful acts in all times and places. Forgive us. You have been with us in exile and exodus; be with us even now. Amen.**

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

## ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Psalm 147*

One: Hear the good news: “The Lord heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.” Brothers and sisters—be at peace. In Christ Jesus you are washed clean and given a new start.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### \*SUNG RESPONSE

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Pardini

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us; Christ, have mer - cy up - on us; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Revelation 7: 9-17* NRSVue

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They cried out in a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup> And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> singing, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup> I said to him, “Sir, you are the one who knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> For this reason they are before the throne of God and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. <sup>16</sup> They will hunger no more and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat, <sup>17</sup> for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*The Saints Await*  
Rev. John C. Tittle

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostle's Creed*

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*HYMN

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

Hopkins

OFFERTORY

*Shalom*

Dan Forrest

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hopson

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow;      praise Christ, all  
peo - ple here be - low;      praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -  
more;      praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**All: O God of all bounty, from your hand we have freely received. Accept these offerings of your people as expressions of our thanks. Lovingly remember those who have given, enrich the lives of those for whom these gifts are intended, and use these gifts to promote goodwill and to bring your kingdom, for the sake of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

REMEMBERING ALL SAINTS' DAY

*Winn Brittain  
Nancy Dukart  
Susan Eazer*

*Bill Hanson  
Jim Kelley  
Pauline McClure*

*Howard Ross  
Carole Smith  
Dot Weaver*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts!

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

**All: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

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.**

\*PASSING THE PEACE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

CONCLUDING PRAYER

\*HYMN

*Soon and Very Soon*

Crouch

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Lowry

## Participants:

Rev. Dr. John C. Tittle

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