

*And the angel said to them,  
"Fear not, for behold, I bring  
you good news of great joy  
that will be for all the people.*

*Luke 2:10*

Immanuel United Reformed Church

December 25, 2022

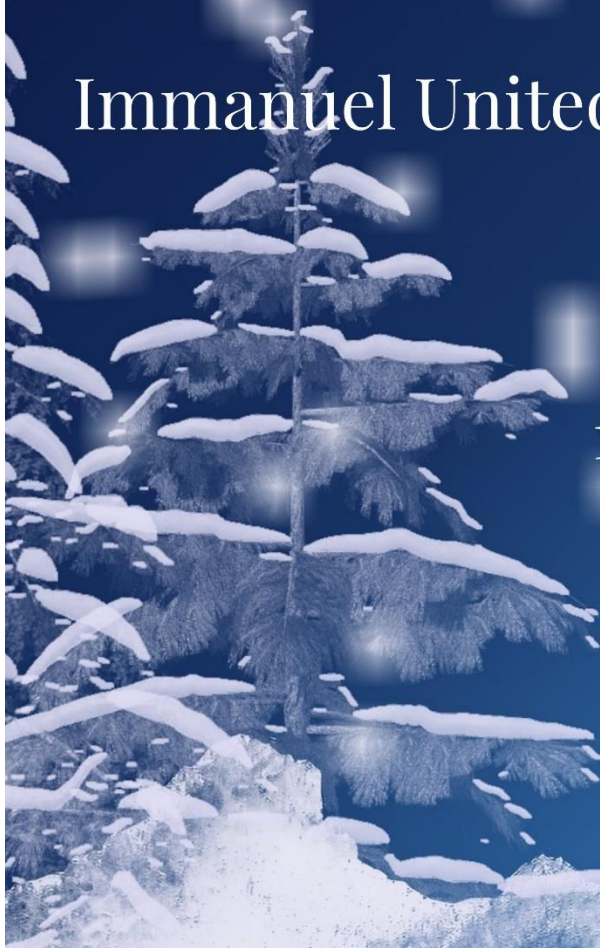
Worship Services:  
10:00 am & 5:00 pm

Hymn Sing 4:50 pm

Rev. Roberto Rossi, Pastor

Rev. Ken Anema, Associate Pastor

Rev. Nathan Brummel, Associate Pastor



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# MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer-concluded by minister

\*Votum

*\*Pastor: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield.*

*\*Congregation: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.*

\*Salutation

\*Song of Praise: 319.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 298.....Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People

Congregational Prayer.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts.....General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 318.....Angels We Have Heard on High

Reading of the Word: .....Luke 2:1-20 (p. 1018)

Catechism Reading.....Lord's Day 14, *Forms and Prayers*, (p. 215)

## Sermon: THE BIRTH OF CHRIST CAME TO PASS

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 311.....Hark! the Herald Angles Sing

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 473:1, 3.....By the Sea of Crystal

\*Silent Prayer-concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer - concluded by minister

\*Votum

*Pastor: Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.*

*Congregation: For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.*

\*Salutation

## GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

\*Confession of Faith: .....Apostles' Creed

\*Hymn of Praise: 313.....Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 24 (p. 541)

Singing of the Psalm: 24B:1-3, 5.....The Earth and Its Riches

Preparatory Exhortation to the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts.....General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 315.....Silent Night! Holy Night!

Reading of the Word: .....Luke 1:21-38 (p. 1016)

## Sermon: THE FIRSTBORN SON PRESENTED TO THE LORD

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 324.....Thou Who Wast Rich beyond All Splendor

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 570.....Doxology

\*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

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## THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

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No Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

**Nursery AM:** Jessica Colanese and Sophie Bakker      **PM:** Miriam Hamstra & Hudson Bakker

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Leanna Bakker

**Sound System:** Nick Post

**Song Service:** Dana Perkins; **Songs:** 308, 314, 322

**Greeters AM:** Dana & Joan Perkins (South), Justin Colanese Family (North), Nick Post (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Steve & Patti Ryken (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

**Tuesday:** Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

**Wednesday:** No Ladies' Bible Study/Story Hour. Christmas break.

**Saturday:** No Men's Bible Study. Christmas break.

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: JANUARY 1

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Communion Service. No Coffee Fellowship.

**Nursery AM:** Tina Dyke and Naomi Dyke

**PM:** Donna Hamstra and Abrielle Brummel

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Wendy Buitter

**Sound System:** Mason Vander Molen

**Greeters:** Hamstra Family (South), Carson & Leanna Bakker (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** John & Mary DeBoer (South), Ray VM Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Noah Anema

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**January 4:** Youth Christmas Party

**January 9:** Bridal shower for Nicole Nannenga at 6:30 pm.

**January 15:** Installation of office bearers.

**January 22:** Cadet Sunday

**February 23:** Save the date for the Cadets' Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Details to follow.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Amber Green
- Jerry Hager
- Expectant mothers, Mandy Verduin and Jessica Eenigenburg

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## *Apostles' Creed*

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I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

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## *United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Rich Bultje is a church planter in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

- Pray that those talking the membership class would grow in knowledge and faithfulness so that they would be able to make a public profession of faith.
  - Pray for men who can take on leadership positions.
  - Pray for a speedy timetable to replace our roof that often leaks.
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## *Deacon Report*

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### Offering Schedule:

**Today:** General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

**January 1:** General Fund and Word & Deed

**January 8:** General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

**January 15:** General Fund and CLIR

All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of December 18:

General Fund

Sanctuary Remodel Fund

Mid-America Reformed Seminary

DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary

## Consistory Announcements

Pastor Rossi will be on vacation December 26-January 9. Please contact your parish elder for prayer or pastoral care.

Installation of office bearers will be Sunday, January 15.

The membership of Kaiden Tolkamp has been released so that he can affiliate with Grace Evangelical Free Church in La Mirada, California, and the membership of Brenna Brouwer has been transferred to Redeemer United Reformed Church in Orange City, Iowa.

## General Announcements

**Bible Reading Plan** booklets are in your mailboxes, and there are additional booklets and bookmarks on the tables in the back of the sanctuary. Book marks for each month will be available throughout the year.

**Youth Group Christmas Party** will be Wednesday, January 4. Check your text messages for details.

**A bridal shower** for Nicole Nannenga will be January 9 at 6:30 pm. Please contact Mary Vander Molen to sign up to bring a food item or to help in the kitchen.

**Sunday School and Catechism** classes will resume on January 15.

**Young Adults** will meet after the evening worship service on January 15 at Rob & Wendy Buiters' home. Please bring a side, dessert or drink to share.

**Cadets** will meet on January 18 at church at 6:30 pm. **Snack:** Levi Hubers.

**GEMS** will meet on January 18 at church at 6:30 pm. **Devotions and snack:** Emma Rivera.

All ladies of the church are invited to our first **Ladies' Bible Study** of 2023 on Wednesday, January 11. We are studying the book [Disciplines of a Godly Woman](#) by Barbara Hughes. Please see Donna Hamstra to order a book.

**Men's Bible Study** will resume on Saturday, January 14.

**Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary** is pleased to announce a *Christmas and New Year Music Concert* featuring the Lakeside Artists Guild, a stringed ensemble made up of Christian musicians with ties to the URC community. The concert will be this Thursday, December 29, at 7:00 pm at Redeemer United Reformed church, located at 10681 Park Place, St. John, Indiana. This concert and sing-a-long will be a family event featuring traditional Christmas music, hymns and congregational singing. Make your plans now for a joyful evening celebrating the season of the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus and the arrival of a new year. A free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served.

## School Announcements

### **Carrying on the Promise:**

We are blessed to share with the community the wonderful ways God has been working at DeMotte Christian Schools for over 75 years! We have an enrollment of nearly 520 students in grades preschool through 12 and are continually encouraged by the growth and progress each student exhibits during their time at DMCS. We praise God for His provision and pray He continues to guide us as we provide strong academic and spiritual foundations for our students.

As you know, growing the ministry of DMCS requires the faithful effort and support of many people. All the ways you lift up DeMotte Christian Schools are valued and vital to the growth of our student body and, in turn, God's kingdom. One way that we are seeking immediate support is through financial gifts toward our annual Carrying on the Promise campaign. This campaign helps us to continue fulfilling the promise of Christian education to God's covenant children.

Our goal this year is to raise \$130,000 through the Carrying on the Promise campaign. We are seeing a large influx of families inquiring about DMCS. More and more parents are wanting quality, Biblically-based education for their children. As our school grows and thrives, we are in need of increased resources to adequately provide the best education we can. We are extremely blessed to be able to minister to future generations and shape their Biblical worldview. We'd be so grateful for your support during this season of growth! If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign or want to make a donation, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, at 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

1/1: Happy New Year!

1/9: Students return

## *Our Council:*

### **ELDERS:**

President: Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2  
Vice President: Dan Kingma (22) Parish 1  
Clerk: Russ Vander Molen (24)  
John Hamstra (22) Parish 4  
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3

### **DEACONS:**

President: Nathan Bakker (22) Parish 2  
Secretary: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4  
Treasurer: Joshua Hubers (24)  
Vicar: Dale Eenigenburg (22) Parish 3  
Asst. Treasurer: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1

## *Parishes:*

1: Anema – Drenth

2: Dyke – Howard

3: Hubers – Ridder

4: Rossi – Zeilenga

## *Committees and Contact Person:*

Administrative Assistant: Donna Hamstra  
Adult Sunday School: Pastor Ken Anema  
Bookkeeper: Elaine Dyke  
Building & Grounds: Rob Buiten  
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant  
Cadets: Dave DeGraff  
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff  
Education: Dan Kingma  
Evangelism & Outreach: Pastor Roberto Rossi  
Fellowship: Tina Dyke  
Funerals: Beth Kingma and Sue DeBoer  
GEMS Club: Carrie Rossi  
Handiwork Fellowship: Jessica Hubers

Helping Hands: Naomi Hamstra  
Librarian: Maggie Bakker  
Men's Bible Study: Rudy Tolkamp  
Nursery: Jessica Colanese  
Sound & Video System: Rudy Tolkamp  
Special Events Coordinator: Mary Vander Molen  
Special Music: John Hamstra  
Story Hour: Stacey Tolkamp  
Sunday School: Carolyn Hager  
Teen Mother Choices: Stacey Tolkamp  
Web Manager: Dana Perkins  
Women's Bible Study: Donna Hamstra  
Youth Group: Nathan & Carrie Bakker, Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga and Pastor Roberto Rossi

## *Church Contact Information:*

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