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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, December 31, 2023

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 5:00 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:** Proclaim the name of the Lord and ascribe greatness to our God.*

***Congregation:** I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation, I will praise You.*

\*Salutation

\*Hymn of Praise: 306.....To Us a Child Is Born

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 90A.....Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling Place

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Sanctuary Remodel Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 102B.....Thou, O Lord, Art God Alone

Reading of the Word: .....Psalm 102 (p. 593)

## Sermon: AN EXILED SONG-WRITER LAMENTING PERSONAL & CORPORATE AFFLICTIONS

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Formulary for the Lord's Supper

\*Confession of Faith

\*Song of Preparation: 73C.....In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee

Distribution of the Elements\*\*

\*Song of Dedication: 103A.....Bless the LORD, My Soul

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 106B:1, 14.....O Praise the Lord, for He Is Good

\*Silent Prayer-concluded by the Postlude

\*Postlude

\*Please stand if able.

\*\*Grape juice is in the inner circles of the communion trays, and wine is in the outer circle.

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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:** *Proclaim the name of the Lord and ascribe greatness to our God.*

**Congregation:** *I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You.*

\*Salutation

## GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

\*Confession of Faith.....Nicene Creed

\*Song of Praise: 10:1-3, 7, 8.....O LORD, Why Do You Stand Far Off

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 13 (p. 534)

Singing of the Psalm: 13.....How Long Will You forget Me, LORD?

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Sanctuary Remodel Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 22A:1-4.....My God, My God. O why Have You Forsaken Me?

Reading of the Word: .....Lamentations 3:1-26 (p. 817)

## Sermon: JEREMIAH LAMENTING THE ROD OF GOD'S WRATH

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 77:1-4.....I Cried Aloud to God for Help

## GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

\*Benediction

\*Doxology: 563.....May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

\*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 morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Donna Hamstra and Nora Kuiper

**PM:** Lauren Hoek and Hope Terpstra

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

**Sound System:** Peter Brummel

**Greeters AM:** John Hamstra Family (South), Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Nate & Elizabeth DeJong (South), Rob Buiters Family (North), Dale Eenigenburg (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Tim Stegenga; **Songs:** 478, 245, 433

**Wednesday:** Youth Group meets at church at 5:30 pm.

**Saturday:** Men's Bible Study resumes at 7:00 am studying Hebrews 8.

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: JANUARY 7

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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship. Sunday School and Catechism classes resume.

**Nursery AM:** Jessica Hubers and Simeon Terpstra

**PM:** Lydia Rossi and Hudson Bakker

**On-call Attendant:** Alicia Dyke

**Sound System:** Amos Terpstra

**Greeters AM:** Loren & Catie Cavanaugh (South), Nathan Bakker Family (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Tim Dyke Family (North), William Green Family (South), Elias Martin (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Reagan Ryken

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**January 9:** Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

**January 10:** Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour resume. GEMS girls meet. **Devotions/snack:** Norah Kuiper  
Prayer Meeting at 7:00 pm.

**January 14:** Installation of office bearers.

**January 15:** Hoosier Scholars 4H meets at 10:30 am.

**January 17:** Cadets meet at church at 6:30 pm.

**January 28:** Cadet Sunday

**February 11:** Fellowship meal after morning worship.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Barb Meppelink
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong & Jessica Colanese
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

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## Nicene Creed

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I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,  
begotten of the Father before all worlds;  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made.  
Who, for us men and for our salvation,  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures;  
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life;  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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## *United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests*

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On this last Lord's Day of 2023, let us pray for our missionaries, both foreign and domestic.

- Give thanks to God for his rich provision for this past year.
- Pray that our missionaries would feel encouraged and refreshed in their labor and that God would bless and watch over their children and families.

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## Deacon Report

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Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary.

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

### General Announcements

**Thank you** for all your prayers and kind words regarding my sons, Heath and Jason. They are appreciated.  
Lindsay Poortenga

Bookmarks for the **January 2024 Bible Reading Schedule** are on the tables near the bulletins.

**Youth Group Christmas Party** is this Wednesday, January 3. Please meet at church at 5:30 pm. We will be eating and then heading to laser tag at Team Combat in Merrillville. We hope to be back at church by 9:00 pm.

**Adult Sunday School**—If you or someone you know experiences grief, pain, or disappointment, join *Dark Clouds, Deep Mercy* on January 7 at 9:00 am. This new Adult Sunday school study, based on Mark Vroegop's book, will show us how to use the Psalms to pray in the midst of our hurts. Joni Eareckson Tada considers it the “best of guides.” We meet every Sunday in the Adult Sunday School room. Nathan Brummel and Ken Anema will lead the class. Together let’s learn to trust God’s deep mercy under the clouds of life – no matter how dark.

On the evening of Tuesday, January 9, the **Dordt University Chamber Orchestra** will perform at 1st CRC DeMotte at 7:30pm. This free concert is part of a winter tour across Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. A freewill offering will be taken to defray tour expenses. Join us for an evening of music for the Glory of God! Before the concert, orchestra members and chaperones will share a meal. Homemade side dishes, salads and desserts are needed! If you can help, please contact Bonnie Zeilenga [dmchs.office@dmcsemail.org](mailto:dmchs.office@dmcsemail.org) or call (219) 987-7651, extension 210. Thank you!

### School Announcements

**Moms in Prayer: A Community-wide Prayer Group**—DeMotte Christian Schools is excited to partner with the local community and offer this wonderful opportunity! Moms in Prayer is for anyone and everyone who wishes to come pray for our local schools, students, teachers, and staff. We have organized monthly prayer topics and prayer requests. We hope you’ll join us the first Thursday of each month at Cup of Joy Cafe in DeMotte from 8:15-9:15 am. Feel free to reach out to Amber Donnowitz at [communications@dmcsemail.org](mailto:communications@dmcsemail.org) for more information! Next meeting: January 11.

**Important Dates:**

Jan 8: Students return

Jan 9: Dordt Orchestra at 1st CRC DeMotte at 7:00 pm.

Feb 16: No school- Teacher in service/Makeup Day

Feb 19: No school- President's Day/Makeup Day

Feb 24: DMCHS Winter Formal

## *Our Council:*

### **ELDERS:**

President: Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2  
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4  
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)  
Steve Ryken (23) Parish 3  
Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1

### **DEACONS:**

President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2  
Vice President: Nathan De Jong (25) Parish 3  
Secretary: Justin Colanese (23) Parish 4  
Treasurer: Joshua Hubers (24)  
Asst. Treasurer: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1

## *Parishes:*

1: Anema – Drenth

2: Dyke – Hubers

3: Ipema – Ryken

4: Staley – Zeilenga

## *Committees and Contact Person:*

Administrative Assistant: Donna Hamstra  
Adult Sunday School: Pastor Ken Anema  
Bookkeeper: Elaine Dyke  
Building & Grounds: Rob Buiters  
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant  
Cadets: Jerry Hager  
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff  
Education: Russ Vander Molen  
Evangelism & Outreach: Pastor Roberto Rossi  
Fellowship: Wendy Buiters  
Funerals: Beth Kingma and Sue DeBoer  
GEMS Club: Carrie Rossi  
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: Mark Van Der Molen  
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 and  
Derek and Jennie Terpstra

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