

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 19, 2023

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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: 98C.....Sing a New Song to Jehovah

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 476.....It Is Well with My Soul

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts.....General Fund and Illiana Right to Life

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 119P.....I Have Followed Truth and Justice

Reading of the Word:Exodus 5:1-6:13 (p. 56)

Sermon: LET MY PEOPLE GO!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 474:1-3, 5.....If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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: 365.....Thine Be the Glory

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 16 (p. 535)

Singing of the Psalm: 16A:1, 2, 4, 5.....Preserve Me, O My God

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes and Gifts.....General Fund and Illiana Right to Life

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 459.....My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Reading of the Word:Romans 4:13-25 (p. 1119)

Catechism Reading:Lord's Day 17 (*Forms and Prayers*, p. 218)

Sermon: JESUS OBTAINED RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR US

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 360:1-4.....Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

GOD BLESSES HIS PEOPLE

*Benediction

*Doxology: 570.....Doxology

*Silent Prayer - concluded by the Postlude

*Postlude

*Please stand if able.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service. Young Adults meet after evening worship.

Nursery AM: Jessica Hubers & Corianna Green

PM: Sydnie Walstra & Levi Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Jessica Colanese

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Jon & Lauren Hoek (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), John Hamstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Becky Walstra (South), Howie and Brenda Ridder (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Song Service: Elias Martin; **Songs:** 163, 98A, 431

Tuesday: Council meets at 6:30 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am.

Saturday: Men's Bible Study meets at 7:00 am.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: MARCH 26

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Bonnie Zeilenga and Kenny Hager

PM: Carrie Bakker and Lydia Rossi

On-call Nursery Attendant: Tina Dyke

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Cookies: Buitter, Cavanaugh, Colanese, Mary DeBoer

Greeters AM: William Green Family (South), Dana & Joan Perkins (North), Nick Post (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Noah & Nicole Hoek (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel

UPCOMING DATES:

March 28: Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

April 2: Sunday School children sing before morning worship.

April 7: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm. Communion Service.

April 8: First Responders Appreciation Breakfast, 6:30-10:30 am.

April 19: All Church Skate at 6:00 pm.

June 7: Scripture Fest at Immanuel URC.

Congregational Care

- Jim Kuiper
- Amber Green
- Expectant mothers, Mandy Verduin and Jessica Eenigenburg

Apostles' Creed

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

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Rev. Nollie Malabuyo is a church-planter in Big Springs, California.

- Praise for a safe trip to the Philippines and for the seminars I've done in Bacolod City and in Imus, Cavite. Pray for safe travels back.
 - Pray for my plan to retire by the end of this year, or by Spring 2024. Pray that Evelyn and I will enjoy our retirement years and that God will provide our needs.
 - Pray for another URC pastor to accept a call to Big Springs. The other two options are: (1) merging with a small, nearby Bible Presbyterian Church, in which case, they'll join the BPC or (2) continuing with only short-term, interim pastors.
 - Pray for physical strength for older members who have long-term health problems.
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Deacon Report

Offering Schedule:

Today: General Fund and Illiana Right to Life

March 26: General Fund and DeMotte Christians Schools, Inc.

April 2: General Fund and Cadets (Corporate)

April 7: Good Friday Service–Word & Deed (Turkey Earthquake Relief)

April 9: General Fund and Mobility Ministries

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of March 12:

General Fund
Benevolence

Classical Church Assistance Fund
Sanctuary Remodel Fund

Consistory Announcement

New Members: According to the URCNA Book of Church, Article 44, the elders of Immanuel had the privilege and joy to meet with Barbara Meppelink. Barb shared her testimony of faith and her desire to become a member of Immanuel URC. With thanksgiving to God, the consistory has accepted her testimony of faith, and she will be welcomed into membership on April 2. We also give thanks to God that Lynzie Hoffman, Barb's granddaughter, will be welcomed as a baptized member on that day.

General Announcements

Reminder—The Pancake Breakfast for First Responders and the Community will take place on Saturday, April 8, from 6:30-10:30 am. Please visit the large bulletin board in the fellowship hall for more information and to sign up. There are one hour time slots available throughout the morning. If you have questions, please contact an Evangelism & Outreach Committee member—Kirsten DeBoer, Miriam Hamstra, Jennie or Derek Terpstra.

Young Adults will meet tonight at church after evening worship. Please bring a side, drink or dessert to share.

Fellowship Meal—Our next fellowship meal will take place on June 4. **Clean-up:** Parishes 3 & 4.

Save the Date—**All Church Roller Skating** will be on Wednesday, April 19, from 6-8 pm at Bazz Roller Rink in Rensselaer. Pizza will be provided, and the concession stand will be open. Please RSVP with the link in the weekly emails or on the sign-up sheet on the table by the GEMS & Cadets bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. No cost to attend. Please note: Roller blades are not allowed.

You are invited to the **Rockville Women's Conference** scheduled for April 14-16. Terri Pols and Pam Zylstra will be the keynote speakers on the topic "Trusting God". Both have received training from the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC) and are members of our supporting churches. The conference begins with one session on Friday evening, and three throughout the day and evening on Saturday. It concludes with a Sunday morning chapel service. You can encourage these ladies by your very presence -- even if you can attend only one or two sessions. Contact John Hamstra by March 31 if you plan to attend.

Scripture Fest: Have a ready answer for those who ask. Let the memorized Word of God transform your life from within. Sign up early for your Bible memory recitations. Read your selected passage 5-10 times each day and see how life-changing it is to hide God's Word in your heart. Reserve the evening of June 10 for this unique hour of fellowship. Come to bless and to be blessed by this multi-generational event. See sign-up display in the church basement.

Bible Bee 2023—According to the Barna Group, in 2016 only 3% of American teens read their Bibles every day. Almost two-thirds of 18-29 year olds who grew up in the church were no longer actively involved. Give your teens and younger children a strong spiritual foundation. Join us this summer at the Bible Bee!

The theme is: BELIEVE. Explore God's Word. Unlock the truth. Discover eternal treasure. You can register at BibleBee.org. For more information contact hosts Renee Anema or Miriam Hamstra.

Save the Date! Friday, April 28, from 7-9 pm please join **Reformed Mission Services** for our bowling fundraiser at Stardust Bowl in Dyer, Indiana. Come for a fun evening of FREE bowling, fellowship, and dessert all while learning more about RMS and supporting their mission. Free will donations will be accepted at the door. Find out more and sign up online at rms.org/bowling. We hope you'll join us! If you have questions, please contact Jim Iwema at jim@rms.org.

The **Men of A-Chord** is excited to announce a concert in celebration of their 70th Anniversary. The concert will be next Saturday March 25, 2023. The concert will begin at 7:00 pm at the First Church (OPC) of South Holland located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, Illinois. As part of this Celebration Concert former members of the Men of A-Chord are joining us for a mass chorus. There will be piano/organ duets as well, along with plenty of audience participation in singing the great hymns of the faith! Make your plans now for a great evening of song and praise in celebration of God's faithfulness for 70 years with Men of A-Chord. A free will offering will be taken. For information, please see our website at www.menofachord.org or contact any member of the Men of A-Chord.

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their presentation of Mendelssohn's Elijah. The concert will be on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at 2:00 pm at First Church (OPC) of South Holland, IL, located at 16248 South Park Ave. Nancy Venema – Organist, Rebecca Walstra – Pianist, and Justin Rich – Director.

DeMotte Christian School Annual Society Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 11, at 7:00 pm at the high school.

School Announcements

DMCS Important Dates:

3/20:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
3/27-31:	Spring Break
4/3:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
4/6:	Suds pick-up at DMCGS front hall
4/7:	Good Friday, No School/Make up day
4/11:	DMCS Society Meeting at DMCHS
4/10:	SCHOOL IN SESSION
4/13-14:	DMCHS Spring Musical Aladdin, Doors open at 6:45 PM, Play begins at 7:00 PM
4/17:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
4/24-29:	DMCHS Service Week
5/1:	E-learning grades 9-12 only
5/1:	RaiseRight (SCRIP) Due
5/6:	DMCS Carnival 4-8 PM
5/9:	DMCHS & DMCMS Spring Concert 7-8 PM
5/11:	8th Grade Banquet 6:30-8:30 PM

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: Dave DeGraff
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, Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga and Pastor Roberto Rossi

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