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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, January 21, 2024

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: 147B:1-4.....O Praise the LORD, for It Is Good

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 454.....I Lay My Sins on Jesus

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and CLIR (Rev. Bill Green)

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 121B.....To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

Reading of the Word: .....1 Peter 5:1-11 (p. 1206)

## Sermon: HUMBLE YOURSELVES

Prayer of Dedication

\*Song of Preparation: 543.....Fight the Good Fight

## 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.

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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.....Apostles' Creed

\*Song of Praise: 145A:1-4.....I Will Exalt You, O My God and King

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 15 (p. 534)

Singing of the Psalm: 15B.....Who, O Lord, with Thee Abiding

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and CLIR (Rev. Bill Green)

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 172.....Speak, O Lord

Reading of the Word: .....Ephesians 4:17-32 (p. 1161)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 43.....*Forms and Prayers* (p. 250)

## Sermon: GOD FORBIDS ALL FORMS OF FALSE TESTIMONY

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 534.....Fill Thou My Life, O Lord My God

## 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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Installation of office bearers. Coffee fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Christy Post and Sophie Bakker

**PM:** Amanda Staley and Abrielle Brummel

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Jessica Eenigenburg

**Sound System:** Thomas Bousema

**Greeters AM:** Tim & Laurel Stegenga (South), Ray Vander Molen Family (North), Max VM (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Pastor Anema Family (South), Clarence & Patty Oudman (North), Reagan Ryken (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Dana Perkins; **Songs:** SF 76, 3, 43

**Monday:** Hoosier Scholars 4H Club meets at 10:30 am.

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

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

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: JANUARY 28

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Installation of Office bearers. Cadet Sunday. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Janell Rottier and Liv Cox

**PM:** Laurel Stegenga and Naomi Dyke

**On-call Attendant:** Jessica Eenigenburg

**Sound System:** Thomas Bousema

**Cookies:** Karen Woldt, Bonnie Zeilenga, Faith Anema, Maggie Bakker

**Greeters AM:** the Cadets

**Greeters PM:** Pastor Brummel Family (South), Derek Terpstra Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elev.)

**Song Service:** Jon Hoek

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**January 30:** Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

**February 4:** Baptism of Henry Alan Stegenga.

**February 7:** Cadet Spaghetti Dinner at Immanuel URC. GEMS meet at 6:30 pm.

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

**February 13:** Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

**February 14:** Prayer Meeting.

**February 20:** Council meets at 7:00 pm.

**February 21:** GEMS and Cadets meet at 6:30 pm.

**March 6:** Cadets Pinewood Derby and GEMS Bake Sale at DMCGS.

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Steve Hubers
- Jack Pfau
- Dawn DeGraff
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley, Elizabeth DeJong & Jessica Colanese
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

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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. Mitch Persaud is a church-planter in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

- Thank God for the increase in numbers of those attending worship.
  - Pray for those preparing for profession of faith and baptism.
  - Pray for an additional elder or two (badly needed) to take on some teaching work.
  - Pray for strength, as it is exciting to see growth, but tiring to keep up.
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## *Deacon Report*

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Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and Cadets (Corporate).

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

Our weekly amount to meet budget 2024 is \$8,160.

## Consistory Announcements

With joy and thanksgiving to God, we welcome Titus and Abbie Martin along with their baptized children, Silas, Thea and Nora, into the membership of Immanuel today. There is a short bio about the Martin family in your mailboxes.

At the beginning of this year, we ask you to remember in prayer our church member at ISP, Kelly Holland, and also consider sending him a note of encouragement. Please send notes and letters (not cards), and use the church address as your return address (on back of bulletin).



Pastor Rossi will be attending the Classical Committee on Home Missions meeting tomorrow through Wednesday in South Dakota. Please contact your parish elder for prayer or pastoral care.

## General Announcements

A list of **Special Services** for 2024 along with an Explanation of Special Services is in the church mailboxes.

Our Immanuel **Cadets** will be holding their Annual Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Wednesday, February 7, from 5:00-7:00 pm here at church. Donations of pasta sauce and desserts will be welcome. Please sign up to attend in the Fellowship Hall by the poster.

Our next **Fellowship Meal** will be February 11. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2 (Anema-Hubers).

Our next **Prayer Meeting** will be Wednesday, February 14 at 7:00 pm.

Save the date for the **Annual Cadet Pinewood Derby** and **GEMS Bake Sale** on March 6 at DeMotte Christian Grade School. Anyone who wants to enter a car for the open class, please sign-up at the Cadet Bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Hager.

**Save the Date**, April 13, for our Annual First Responders Appreciation Pancake Breakfast. Details coming soon.

**Word & Deed Urgent Prayer Request**—The country of Ecuador has had a growing problem with gangs in the last two years. The new President recently promised to fight against the drug cartels. In the last few days, gang leaders escaped prison and there have been prison riots. Gangs have taken to the streets across the country, vandalizing towns and the government has responded by mobilizing the army. Word & Deed's partners Mission San Lucas (children's afterschool programs & medical clinic) in Quinde and the MINTS Leadership Training in Quito are not operating this week but are safe at this time. Please pray for this country, Word & Deed's partners, and other Reformed missionaries & ministries in Ecuador.

Cornerstone United Reformed Church announces its **Annual Women's Conference** entitled *God's Grace in Seasons of change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times*, to be held on Friday-Saturday, March 15 and 16, 2024, with main speaker, Megan Hill. Brochures detailing the conference are available on the table in the narthex. This year's conference price is \$40.00 and includes refreshments on Friday evening and coffee bar and lunch on Saturday. Early registrations post-marked by March 1<sup>st</sup> qualify for a reduced rate of \$30.00. For more information, contact Cornerstone URC, Hudsonville, Michigan, by visiting [www.cornerstonewomensconference.com](http://www.cornerstonewomensconference.com) or by calling (616)669-2190.

**New in the Library** this month:

**ADULT FICTION:**

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem by Lori Copeland  
Lost and Found by Suzanne Woods Fisher  
The Heirloom by Beverly Lewis  
The Letter Tree by Rachel Fordham.

**JUV:**

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (Christian Biography)  
by Simonetta Carr.

**TEEN:**

God's Great Story: A Daily Devotional for Teens

**ADULT NON-FICTION:**

Do Not Be True to Yourself: Countercultural Advice for the Rest of Your Life by Kevin DeYoung  
Echoes of Eden: Reflections On Christianity, Literature, and the Arts by Jerram Barrs  
Elizabeth Elliot: A Life by Lucy Austen

**ADULT NON-FICTION (cont.)**

Encouragement for the Depressed by C. H. Spurgeon  
Endless Grace: Prayers Inspired by the (Psalms 76-150) and  
Sheltering Mercy (Psalms 1-75) by Ryan Whitaker Smith and Dan Wilt  
Finishing Our Course with Joy: Guidance from God for Engaging with Our Aging by J. I. Packer,  
God Is Still Good by Katie Faris  
The Stories We Tell: How TV and Movies Long for and Echo the Truth by Mike Cospers  
Street Smarts: Using Questions to Answer Christianity's Toughest Challenges by Gregory Koukl  
The Expulsive Power of a New Affection by Thomas Chalmers  
The Life of God in the Soul of Man by Henry Scougal  
Weakness Is the Way: Life with Christ Our Strength by J. I. Packer.

## School Announcements

**Important Dates:**

Feb 16: No school - Teacher in service/Makeup Day  
Feb 19: No school - President's Day/Makeup Day  
Feb 24: DMCHS Winter Formal  
March 8: No school - Teacher in service/Makeup Day  
March 14: Required Senior Service Week Meeting @ 7 pm  
March 16: Service Brunch Fundraiser 6 am @ DMCS Church  
March 25-29: Spring Break  
April 9: Annual Society Meeting @7 pm  
April 12-13: DMCHS Spring Musical @ 7:30 pm

## *Our Council:*

### **ELDERS:**

President: Mark Van Der Molen (24) Parish 1  
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4  
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)  
Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3  
Jon Hoek (25) Parish 2

### **DEACONS:**

President: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1  
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2  
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3  
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)  
Assistant Treasurer: Josh Hubers (24) Parish 4

## *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: Jim Zeilenga  
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

## *Church Contact Information:*

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