



*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*

Christmas Worship

December 24, 2023

Immanuel United
Reformed Church

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

Pastor Roberto Rossi

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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: 319.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 277.....Before the Throne of God Above

Preparatory Exhortation to the Lord's Supper

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Benevolence

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 323.....O Little Town of Bethlehem

Reading of the Word:Luke 2:1-7 (p. 1018)

Sermon: THE CHILD IS BORN

God's People Respond

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 317.....What Child Is This

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.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

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

*Hymn of Praise: 311.....Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 148 (p. 623)

Singing of the Psalm: 148B.....Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Benevolence

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

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

Reading of the Word:Luke 2:8-20 (p. 1018)

Sermon: GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY!

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 314.....God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen

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.

THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL:

No Coffee fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Amber & Corianna Green

PM: Kyra Hoek and Bev Hubers

On-call Nursery Attendant: Carrie Bakker

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Pastor Brummel Family (South), Calvin & Jessica Eenigenburg (North), Jerry Hager (Elev.)

Greeters PM: John & Mary DeBoer (South), James Blom (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 31

No Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Donna Hamstra and Nora Kuiper

PM: Lauren Hoek and Hope Terpstra

On-call Attendant: Wendy Buitter

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Pastor Brummel Family (South), Jim & Bonnie Zeilenga, Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

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

Song Service: Tim Stegenga

UPCOMING DATES:

January 6: Men's Bible Study resumes.

January 7: Sunday School and Catechism classes resume.

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

Congregational Care

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

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. Sam Perez is a church-planter in Jersey City, New Jersey.

- We thank God for our organization and for providing men to serve as elders.
 - We ask God to help us integrate new visitors in the church in His truth and love.
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Deacon Report

Our offerings next Sunday, December 31, will be for the General Fund and the Sanctuary Remodel Fund.

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

General Announcements

We are blessed to be a part of the family at Immanuel. Thank you for your prayers, cards and acts of kindness. Our needs were met before we could ask. You are wonderful! The tumors have been removed, but I must continue with treatments to avoid recurrence. Yours in Christ, Herb, Carolyn & Karen

Pastor Rossi will be out of the office from Monday, December 25, to January 8. Please contact your parish elder for pastoral care and other needs. The Rossi Family hopes that you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Concert Fundraiser: You are invited this Thursday, December 28, at 7:00 pm to attend a musical fundraiser for **Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary**. We are pleased to announce “*A Musical Celebration of Christmas and the New Year*” featuring the Lakeside Artists Guild, a quartet made up of Christian musicians with ties to the OPC and URC communities. The concert will be held at Redeemer United Reformed Church, 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. Bring your children! Gifted students of the Lakeside Artists Guild will also use their musical gifts. A free will offering will be taken, and desserts and refreshments will be served afterwards.

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 or call (219) 987-7651, extension 210. Thank you!

Sing-Along Messiah – The Illiana Oratorio Society, Men of A-Chord, and Lakeside Artists Guild invites you to participate with them in a Sing Along Handel's *Messiah* to Ring in the New Year! The concert will be on Sunday, December 31, 2023, at 2:00 pm at Thorn Creek Reformed Church located at 1875 E 170th Street in South Holland, IL. No ticket necessary. A free-will offering will be taken to defray the costs of the event. Please do not forget to bring your own music!

Cornerstone URC's 27th Women's Conference is scheduled for March 15-16, 2024, featuring Megan Hill who will be speaking on *"God's Grace in Seasons of Change: Finding Certain Hope in Uncertain Times"*. Watch for more information to come! Contact the Women's Conference Committee at curcwc@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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 for more information! Next meeting: January 11.

Important Dates:

Jan 8: Students return

Jan 9: Dordt Orchestra at 1st CRC DeMotte 7 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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