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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 12, 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: 122A.....I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

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

Congregational Prayer

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

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 133B.....How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight

Reading of the Word: .....Matthew 5:1-12 (p. 962)

## Sermon: BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 488.....May the Mind of Christ, My Savior

## 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

\*Hymn of Praise: 153.....O Day of Rest and Gladness

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 92 (p. 589)

Singing of the Psalm: 92B.....It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

Congregational Prayer

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

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 154.....This Day at Thy Creating Word

Reading of the Word: .....Hebrews 4:1-13 (p. 1189)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 38.....*Forms and Prayers* (p. 246)

## Sermon: A DAY OF REST FOR THE PEOPLE OF GOD

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 155.....Praise God for Joy of Sabbath Blest

## 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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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Mandy Verduin and Nora Kuiper

**PM:** Bonnie Zeilenga and Ella Rottier

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Sue DeBoer

**Sound System:** Carson Bakker

**Greeters AM:** John & Donna Hamstra (South), John Dyke Jr. Family (North), Cade Walstra (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Naomi and Miriam Hamstra (South), Elaine Dyke (North), Noah Anema (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Elias Martin; **Songs:** 203,165,148B

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

Senior Night with the Youth Group at Terpstras at 6:30 pm. GEMS and Cadets meet at 6:30 pm.

**Thursday:** Teen Mother Choices meets at 6:00 pm.

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

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: NOVEMBER 19

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Coffee Fellowship after morning worship. Sunday School children sing before morning worship.

Professions of Faith. Chapel Service at Oak Grove at 2:30 pm.

**Nursery AM:** Carrie Bakker and Lucy Rottier

**PM:** Leanna Bakker and Hope Terpstra

**On-call Attendant:** Elizabeth DeJong

**Sound System:** Peter Brummel

**Cookies:** Barb Meppelink, Patty Oudman, Joan Perkins, Irene Pfau

**Greeters AM:** Dale & Marie Eenigenburg (South), Dan & Beth Kingma (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Justin Colanese Family (South), Sue DeBoer (North), Amos Terpstra (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Jay Staley

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**November 23:** Thanksgiving Day Service

**November 26:** Communion Service. No Sunday School or Catechism classes.

**December 1, 2, 8, & 9:** Neighborhood Christmas Caroling.

**December 4:** Baby Shower at 6:00 pm.

**December 10:** Fellowship Meal after morning worship

**January 28:** Cadet Sunday

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Carolyn Woldt
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Sydnie Walstra, Nicole Hoek and Amanda Staley
- 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. Austin Rifle is a church-planter in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Rejoice with us over the Lord's continued blessing on the ministry at Indy Reformed and pray that together we would grow in spiritual maturity.
  - Pray for our local office bearers, two elders and a deacon, that we would faithfully shepherd the flock entrusted to our care.
  - Pray for clarity and unity as our congregation considers changing our name to better reflect who we are.
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## *Deacon Report*

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

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Our offering on **November 19** will be for the General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools. Inc.

**Thank you for your faithful giving.** Just an update—for the remaining weeks of 2023, we need to average \$11,875 per week on collections to meet the budget. If you have any questions, please reach out to the deacons.

## Consistory Announcements

With gratitude and praise to God, the Consistory had the privilege of hearing and accepting the professions of faith of [REDACTED] will publicly profess their faith in Jesus Christ during the morning worship service next Sunday, November 19. May the Lord richly bless, encourage and strengthen them in their walk with our gracious and faithful God.

### Results of the Congregational Meeting:

Elected to serve as elder: Derek Terpstra

Elected to serve as deacon: Ross Hoek

2024 Annual Budget—passed.

## General Announcements

**A Thank You from Craig and Patty White**—Our neighbors Craig and Patty White wanted us (Dana and Joan) to express to you their heartfelt gratitude for the items you recently donated. Your help with linens and small appliances made their move into the rental smoother, allowing them to prioritize caring for Shyann and rebuilding their home. The way you responded to our request for aid was truly astonishing, exemplifying the love of Christ in action. Thank you.

**All Senior Saints**—Youth Group will be hosting **Senior Night** this Wednesday, November 15. Invite your senior neighbors and friends for a night of fun and fellowship with the youth group. You can sign up on the sign-up table in the fellowship hall or talk to Carrie Bakker or Jennie Terpstra.

**GEMS and Cadets** meet this Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm. **GEMS Devotions and snack:** Lucy Rottier.

Evangelism & Outreach Committee is organizing **Neighborhood Christmas Caroling** to take place the first two weekends of December (December 1, 2, 8, 9). There are several opportunities for you to become involved. Please sign up on the sheet at the sign-up table in the Fellowship Hall.

**New in the Library**—Adult Fiction: [A Beautiful Disguise](#) by Roseanna White, [The Deep End](#) and [Every Hidden Thing](#) (for young adults) by Tim Shoemaker, [Facing the Enemy](#) by Diann Mills, [Finding Us, Knowing You, and Remember Me](#) by Tracie Peterson, [Into the Fire](#) by Irene Hannon, [The Lady's Mine](#) by Francine Rivers, [The Legacy of Longdale Manor](#) by Carrie Turansky, and [Until Then](#) by Cindy and Erin Woodsmall. Adult Non-Fiction: [Digital Liturgies: Rediscovering Christian Wisdom in an Online Age](#) by Robin James, [Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age](#) (with a study guide) by Rosaria Butterfield, and a DVD by Robert Godfrey – [Not Ashamed: Paul's Letter to the Romans](#). Young People – Do you have questions? Try reading the book by Chris Morphey: [How Can I Feel Closer to God?](#) This book is in his series *Big Questions*.

**Wedding bells will be ringing!** Let's celebrate the upcoming marriage of Katy Long and her fiancée, Liam Lanting, with a card shower. There is a box in the fellowship hall for cards. Please check your email for more information.

**Revitalizing & Expanding Your Diaconal Ministry**—Fulfilling the duties of the office of deacon can seem challenging at times. Word & Deed is sponsoring a one evening seminar on the special calling deacons have within Christ's church. This event is meant to impact, equip, and encourage seasoned and new deacons in their ministry and calling for service to Christ's church and to His glory. Our speaker for this event will be Rip Pratt. He is a Biblical counselor, and he has trained and equipped deacons in multiple churches and denominations. He is a well-known speaker who has led many church leadership retreats and has helped many men prepare for the ministry through an internship program and is also a loved RYS convention speaker. There will also be a time for questions and answers. All are welcome to attend this event whether or not you are a deacon! To be held Tuesday, **December 5**, at 7:00 pm at Community United Reformed Church in Schererville, Indiana.

The **Costa Rica Work Trip** is being organized for March 1-8. We hope to have a group of approximately ten people who would be willing to travel to Costa Rica to help with the Reformed Christian School (CECRE- Centro Educativo Cristiano Reformado). Work will be tailored depending on the gifts of the group, such as construction (painting, fixing desks, building), teaching English or helping with after school Bible programs. No specific skills are needed except for a heart that is ready and willing to serve! The group will also have the opportunity to fellowship with our Tico brothers and sisters in Christ from our sister church, Pacto de Gracia (Rev. Bill Green). Please contact William or Amber by **December 1** if you are interested in joining the group. [amberwilliamgreen@gmail.com](mailto:amberwilliamgreen@gmail.com)

**Young Adult Hymn Sing**— All post-high young adults are invited to a hymn sing to be held at Oak Glen URC tonight after the evening service. We will have a time of light refreshments and fellowship beginning at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall with singing in the sanctuary beginning at 7:30. For more information contact Rebecca Walstra at 219-779-5128. We hope to see you there!

**Illiana Oratorio Society** cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. The concert will be on Sunday December 3, 2023 at 2:00 pm at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland, Illinois, located at 16248 South Park Ave., South Holland, Illinois. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

## *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](mailto:AmberDonnowitz@dmcsemail.org) at [communications@dmcsemail.org](mailto:communications@dmcsemail.org) for more information! Our next meeting will be **December 7**.

### **DMCS Important Dates:**

Nov 22-24: Thanksgiving Break – No School

Nov 27: Students return

Dec 12: DMCM/HS Winter Band & Choir Concert

Dec 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program

## *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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