

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, November 26, 2023

Worship Services: 10:00 am & 5:00 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: *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: 118B:1-4, 8.....The Glorious Gates of Righteousness

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 116A:1-4, 8.....I Love the LORD, for He Has Heard My Voice

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 169.....Master, Speak! Thy Servant Heareth

Reading of the Word:Numbers 9:1-14 (p. 138)

Sermon: THE GOD OF SECOND CHANCES

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Formulary for the Lord's Supper.....Forms & Prayers, p. 50

*Confession of Faith

*Hymn of Preparation: 338.....When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Distribution of the Elements**

*Song of Application: 498.....I Will Sing of My Redeemer

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.

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.....Lord's Day 1

*Hymn of Praise: 92B.....It Is Good to Sing Your Praises

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 119:33-40 (p. 607)

Singing of the Psalm: 119E.....Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 539:1-4.....Am I a Soldier of the Cross

Reading of the Word:Luke 9:57-62 (p. 1031)

Sermon: THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 513.....Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

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-Thanksgiving break.

Nursery AM: Wendy Buiters and Claire Bakker

PM: Mary DeBoer and Rennie Bakker

On-call Nursery Attendant: Alicia Dyke

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters AM: Jay Staley Family (South), Jim and Cathy Kuiper (North), Calvin Eenigenburg (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Miriam Hamstra (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Peter Brummel; **Songs:** 23A, 22D, 32B

Tuesday: Building & Grounds Committee meets at 7:00 pm.

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

Friday: Christmas Caroling at 6:30 pm. Fellowship time afterwards.

Saturday: Men's Bible Study at 7:00 am. Christmas Caroling at 6:30 pm.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 3

Coffee Fellowship after the morning worship service.

Nursery AM: Kirsten DeBoer and Sophie Bakker

PM: Sue DeBoer and Abrielle Brummel

On-call Attendant: Lydia Rossi

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Steve & Patti Ryken (South), Ross Hoek Family (North), Cody Stegenga (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Joe Cox Family (South), Brian Kingma Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Carson Bakker

UPCOMING DATES:

December 4: Baby Shower at 6:00 pm.

December 8 & 9: Neighborhood Christmas Caroling.

December 10: Fellowship Meal after morning worship.

January 28: Cadet Sunday

Congregational Care

- Cade & Sydnie Walstra
- Carolyn Woldt
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Sydnie Walstra, Nicole Hoek and Amanda Staley
- Teen Mother Choices (TMC)

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests

Please give thanks for three of our mission works that have formally organized as URCNA churches:

- Jersey City – Rev. Sam Perez
 - Chinese Reformed Church – Rev. Yi Wang
 - Gig Harbor URCNA - Rev. Caleb Janson
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Deacon Report

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

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Our offering next Sunday, December 3, will be for the General Fund and M.I.N.T.S. (Norlan DeGroot).

The November 19 and Thanksgiving Day offerings will be reported in next Sunday's bulletin.

General Announcements

We are grateful to have Rev. Paul Ipema lead us in worship this evening. Rev. Ipema is Assistant Professor of Ministerial Studies and Dean of Students at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana.

GEMS: Our GEMS Christmas Party is Wednesday, December 6 from 6:30-8:00 pm. We'll celebrate Christ's birth, make crafts to give as Christmas gifts, sing carols, enjoy snacks & more! Please bring a grab bag gift valued at \$5.00 (or less). Don't forget to wear your favorite Ugly Christmas Sweater or anything red and green! See you there!

Neighborhood Christmas Caroling begins this Friday and Saturday evening. Please see the schedule on the sign-up table in the fellowship hall. If you didn't sign up for a date yet, but would like to join us, please contact Donna Hamstra.

On Wednesday, December 13th from 6:00-8:00 pm, Anew Ministries is hosting a **Mama's Christmas Market** at First Church in Hebron. This event will provide a wonderful opportunity to show the love of Jesus to young mothers in this area. Each young mother will get to shop, purchase, and wrap her own gifts for her child, giving her the dignity of being a part of providing Christmas gifts for her child. If you are interested in learning more about volunteering or purchasing toys for this event, please visit anewministries.org for more information!

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

Word & Deed Prayer Update – Colombia– Word & Deed's partner in Colombia, whose primary goal is to provide Christian education and counseling, is under increasing pressure from the current government. The vice president is the Secretary of Education and vows to bring false gender ideologies to all schools. Our partner's desire is to nurture and protect families; they have sprung into action teaching the parents, students, and staff at their schools the Biblical truth about gender. Please pray that they remain steadfast as they seek to educate the next generation in Biblical principles and values in a country whose government increasingly opposes them.

Illiana Oratorio Society cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of Handel's Messiah. The concert will be next 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!

Save the Date: 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.

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

Carrying on the Promise—As you know, growing the ministry of DMCS requires the faithful effort and support of many people. All the ways you lift up DeMotte Christian Schools are valued and vital to the growth of our student body and, in turn, God's kingdom. One way that we are seeking immediate support is through financial gifts toward our annual Carrying on the Promise campaign. This campaign helps us to continue fulfilling the promise of Christian education to God's covenant children.

Our goal this year is to raise \$90,000 through the Carrying on the Promise campaign. We are seeing a large influx of families inquiring about DMCS. More and more parents are wanting quality, Biblically-based education for their children. Our school is now at capacity, so we are in need of increased resources to adequately provide the best education and space we can. We are extremely blessed to be able to minister to future generations and shape their Biblical worldview. We'd be so grateful for your support during this season of growth!

If you would like more information on the Carrying on the Promise Campaign, feel free to contact our Finance Manager, Shelley Dexter, at 219-987-3721 ext. 112.

Important Dates:

Nov 27: Students return
Dec 12: DMCM/HS Winter Band & Choir Concert
Dec 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program
Dec 22 - Jan 5: Christmas Break – No school
Jan 8: Students return

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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