

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE

Call to Worship

Silent Prayer-concluded by minister

*Votum

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*Salutation

*Song of Praise: 349.....O Jesus, We Adore Thee

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 51C:1, 2, 5, 6.....God, Be Merciful to Me

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 335.....Praise the Savior Now and Ever

Reading of the Word:John 11:38-53 (p. 1067)

Sermon: MADDENING RAGE AGAINST THE LAMB OF GOD

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 343.....What Wondrous Love Is This

GOD'S 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: Give thanks to the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Congregation: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.

*Salutation

GOD'S PEOPLE OFFER PRAISE

*Confession of Faith.....Apostles' Creed

*Hymn of Praise: 236.....To God Be the Glory

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 46 (p. 557)

Singing of the Psalm: 46A:1, 3-5.....God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and The Women's Center of Northwest Indiana

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 473.....By the Sea of Crystal

Reading of the Word:Revelation 21:1-8 (p. 1233)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 22.....Forms and Prayers (p. 223)

Sermon: THE COMFORT OF ETERNITY

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 468.....Jerusalem the Golden

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

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Mary Vander Molen and Ella Rottier

PM: Sydnie Walstra and Lucy Rottier

On-call Nursery Attendant: Sophie Bakker

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Elias Martin (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Calvin Eenigenburg Family (South), Carson Bakker Family (North), Max Vander Molen (Elev.)

Song Service: Noah Anema; **Songs:** 121B, 119E, 89B

Tuesday: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Story Hour and Ladies' Bible Study meet at 9:00 am. GEMS, Cadets and Youth Group meet at 6:30 pm.

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

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: APRIL 6

Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Mandy Verduin and Abrielle Brummel

PM: Bonnie Zeilenga and Rennie Bakker

On-call Attendant: Claire Vander Molen

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Tim & Laurel Stegenga (South), Pastor Brummel Family (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Dave & Brenda Long (South), Pastor Anema Family (North), Case Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Tim Stegenga

UPCOMING DATES:

April 18: Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm.

May 1: National Day of Prayer Service at 7:00 pm.

May 3: Third Annual First Responders Appreciation Breakfast.

Congregational Care

- Ed Kingma
- Jessica Eenigenburg
- Wendy Hager received a good report this week.
- Jon Hoek will have macular hole repair eye surgery tomorrow.
- Laureen Hoek
- The Green Family
- The Rossi Family
- Expectant mother, Leanna Bakker

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. Collin Welch is a church-planter in Madison, Indiana.

- Pray for more open doors with unbelievers and those who have walked away from church in our community.
 - Pray for the Spirit to continue cultivating a loving and patient church community.
 - Pray for wisdom in ongoing discussions about a long-term building prospect.
 - Praise for four churches in Classis Central who have stepped out in faith to form a joint venture committee with us and our overseeing church to help us pursue organization in the future.
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Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary. All cash donations not placed in an envelope and designated will go to the second offering cause.

General Announcements

We are grateful to have Dr. Mark Beach lead us in worship today. Dr. Beach is Professor of Ministerial and Doctrinal Studies at Mid-America Reformed Seminary in Dyer, Indiana. Rev. John Vermeer will be preaching next Sunday, April 6.

Rossi Family Update: Dear Congregation, thank you for praying for us! God has provided a place for us to live off base and allowed all the moving details to fall into place! This will be our last Sunday at Immanuel as Lydia and I will move to Virginia on Thursday, April 3rd. On April 9th, Roberto will graduate and fly "home" to Virginia. He will then report for duty at Naval Station Norfolk on April 15th so that he can be flown to the USS Stout to finish out their deployment (exact timing of departure and length of deployment is to be determined).

We appreciate your continued prayers for us as we move, start a new chapter in our lives in another state, and spend time apart from Roberto again. God is faithful and continues to sustain us by His grace! Thank you too for praying for Matteo while he serves in the Navy. Our family has been truly blessed to be a part of Immanuel's church family these past 6 years, and we thank God for each one of you! We will miss you very much! In Christ, Roberto, Carrie, Matteo and Lydia

Young Adults will meet tonight after evening worship.

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will resume this Wednesday, April 2, at 9:00 am. Group 1 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 26, *Do Not Be Anxious About Your Life*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

Youth Group meets at Terpstras this Wednesday at 6:30 pm. **Devotions/snack:** Trevor.

GEMS and Cadets meet on Wednesday at 6:30 pm. **Devotions/snack:** Rennie Bakker.
Snack for Cadets: Ken Hager

Attention men of the congregation: Due to the growth of our Cadet program, we are in need of more counselors for next year's cadet season. For more information, please contact Jerry Hager 219-863-7498.

TMC Childcare: A few more nursery workers are needed for April 17, May 1, May 8, May 15 and May 22. Please sign-up at the Events Table in the Fellowship Hall or speak with Mary Vander Molen.

Our next **Prayer Meeting** will be April 9.

The Sunday School children will sing before morning worship on April 13.

Our next **Fellowship Meal** will be April 13. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2, Anema-Hubers.

Our **3rd Annual First Responders Appreciation Pancake Breakfast will take place on Saturday, May 3.** This year we are planning to have an expanded "Touch a Truck" display for the children in our west parking lot. If you have a tractor or truck you would like to enter, please speak with Derek Terpstra. Sign-up sheets for helping cook food or serve at the breakfast are in your mailboxes. This breakfast has been a blessing to our first responders and to our community the past two years.

Spring Conference: Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary is hosting a spring conference to be held at Rockville Correctional Facility on April 25-27. You are invited to join us for one or all the sessions. For more information or to sign up, please contact John Hamstra (219) 296-9389 or johnmhamstra@gmail.com. A simple background check will have to be done by April 14.

Having served our Lord as a pastor for over thirty-three years, Rev. Ed Marcusse will be retiring from full-time ministry in May of this year. Rev. Marcusse and Denise have faithfully served six different congregations over the years with pastoring, preaching countless sermons, providing excellent musical guidance, ministering to our covenant youth and evangelism. Oak Glen URC is inviting all who may wish to attend, to a retirement dinner in Rev. and Denise's honor, to be held on Saturday, April 26 at Lansing Christian School in Lansing, Illinois. Punch is at 5:30 with dinner at 6:00 pm. If you plan to attend, please contact Fred Colvin by email at facolvin@msn.com, or call/text him at 708-341-9902 by March 30.

Reformed Mission Services News:

RMS has been blessed to send teams to San José, Costa Rica, for several years to support the ministry of Rev. Bill and Aletha Green. During our upcoming trip from April 22–May 1, 2025, we will assist with various projects, including work in the CLIR print shop, maintenance and repairs on the property, and other miscellaneous tasks. If you are interested in joining this trip or learning more, visit rms.org/costa-rica or contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

RMS has been serving in Cusco, Peru and the surrounding villages since 2010, and we invite you to join us in continuing this work from May 12–21, 2025. Our team will be working in the village of Rosaspata, near Lares, assisting with the construction of a new church building. If you are interested in joining this trip or learning more, visit rms.org/peru or contact Steve at steve@rms.org.

Reformed Mission Services is committed to supporting missionaries and ministries worldwide in their efforts to share the gospel. The RMS Board carefully evaluates needs and distributes donations to assist in the construction of essential facilities by funding property purchases, materials, and labor. To learn more about the current projects we are working on, visit rms.org/projects.

School Announcements

This year's Annual Society meeting is on Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 pm in the Upper Campus Covenant Room (formerly the cafeteria). We highly encourage any individual who meets the requirements in Section 7.03 or 7.04 of the school bylaws to attend and participate in this meeting. We will receive an update from our Head of School, Buddy Hucks, as well as vote on new school board members and the budget for the upcoming school year!

School Calendar:

- April 3: Suds soap pick-up 3-5 pm UC Covenant Room
- April 8: DMCS Society Meeting 7-8 pm
- April 11-12: DMCHS Spring Musical
- April 18: No school, Good Friday/Make-up Day

Council:

ELDERS:

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1
Vice President: Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3
Clerk: Rudy Tolkamp (27)
John DeBoer (25) Parish 2
John Hamstra (27) Parish 4

DEACONS:

President: Nathan Bakker (27) Parish 4
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)
Assistant Treasurer: Reagan Ryken (27) Parish 1

Associate Pastors:

Rev. Ken Anema, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Rev. Nathan Brummel, Instructor, Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary
Rev. Roberto Rossi, Missionary Chaplain, United States Navy

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 Nathan Brummel
Bookkeeper: Kirsten Zandstra
Building & Grounds: Jim Zeilenga
Bulletin: please contact Administrative Assistant
Cadets: Jerry Hager
Custodians: Dave and Dawn DeGraff
Education: Derek Terpstra
Evangelism & Outreach: Derek Terpstra
Fellowship: Wendy Buiters
Funerals: Mary DeBoer and Dana Vander Molen
GEMS Club: Angie Rosenthal
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: Derek Terpstra
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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