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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, December 10, 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: 319.....O Come, All Ye Faithful

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 496.....My Jesus, I Love Thee

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 306.....To Us a Child of Hope Is Born

Reading of the Word: .....Luke 1:26-38 (p. 1016)

## Sermon: THE SON OF THE MOST HIGH

## God's People Respond

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 293:1, 3-5.....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

## 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: 291.....O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 128 (p. 613)

Singing of the Psalm: 128B.....Blest the Man Who Feared Jehovah

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and DeMotte Food Pantry

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 119E.....Teach Me, O LORD, Your Way of Truth

Reading of the Word: .....Matthew 5:27-32 (p. 963)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 41.....*Forms and Prayers*, p. 248

## Sermon: GOD FORBIDS ALL FORMS OF ADULTERY

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 431:1, 3-5.....And Can It Be That I Should Gain

## 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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Fellowship meal after the morning worship service.

**Nursery AM:** Elizabeth DeJong and Liv Cox

**PM:** Abby Dyke and Emmelene Dyke

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Mandy Verduin

**Sound System:** Reagan Ryken

**Greeters AM:** Jon & Laureen Hoek (South), Rudy & Stacey Tolkamp (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Elias Martin (South), Thomas Bousema (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Derek Terpstra; **Songs:** SF 16, 58, 74

**Monday:** Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

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

Youth meet at First Church of Hebron at 5:30 pm. Prayer meeting at 7:00 pm.

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

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 17

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Sunday School children sing before morning worship. Coffee fellowship after morning worship. Young

Adults meet after the evening worship service.

**Nursery AM:** Alicia and Naomi Dyke

**PM:** Tina Dyke and Levi Hubers

**On-call Attendant:** Carrie Rossi

**Sound System:** Amos Terpstra

**Cookies:** Amanda Staley, Cami Stegenga, Laurel Stegenga, Jennie Terpstra

**Greeters AM:** William Green Family (South), Dana & Joan Perkins (North), John Hamstra (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Noah & Nicole Hoek (South), Dave & Brenda Long (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Peter Brummel

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**December 19:** Council meets at 7:00 pm.

**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

**January 14:** Installation of office bearers.

**January 17:** Cadets meet at church.

**January 28:** Cadet Sunday

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## *Congregational Care*

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- Barb Meppelink
- Cade & Sydnie Walstra
- Carolyn Woldt
- Jim Kuiper
- Expectant mothers: Cami Stegenga, Leanna Bakker, Sydnie Walstra, Nicole Hoek, Amanda Staley and Elizabeth DeJong
- 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. Thabet Megaly ministers in Trinity URC, St. Catherines, Ontario, Canada.

- We started to build new studio; please pray that our Lord uses all of our efforts for His glory.
  - Pray for those who come to know the Lord, but suffer in dangerous and hostile places.
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## Deacon Report

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Our offerings next Sunday will be for the General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

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

## General Announcements

Bookmarks for **December 2023 Bible Reading Schedule** are on the tables near the bulletins.

**Youth Group** will meet this Wednesday, December 13, to serve at *ANEW Mama's Market*. Please be at the First Church of Hebron between 5:30-5:45 pm. If you would like a ride to the church, please meet at Bakkers at 5:20 pm. We will be done by 8:00 pm. Girls will be helping in nursery, rocking babies, playing with toddlers or reading stories and doing crafts with preschoolers. Boys will be helping bring toys to the mom's cars and loading up and helping set up different games all night. It will be a great night for the youth to show the love of Christ. Any questions please reach out to a leader.

Our **December Prayer Meeting** will be this Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Adult Sunday School room.

All **Young Adults** are invited for a time of fellowship and food at John & Donna Hamstra's after evening service next December 17. Please bring a drink or dessert.

**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.

**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!

Attention post-high singles and married couples ages 18-30. Lord willing, RYS will be hosting our **Winter LOGOS Retreat** January 4-6 at Cedar Lake Ministries in Cedar Lake, Indiana. Rev. Ken Anema will be speaking on the theme of prayer “I called. God Answered”. Registration is now open on our new website, <https://reformedyouthservices.org/>. Cost is \$260.00 per person and \$480.00 per married couple. The deadline to sign up is Monday, December 18.

**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](mailto:curcwc@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

## School Announcements

**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:

December 12: DMCM/HS Winter Band & Choir Concert

December 19: DMCGS K-5 Christmas Program

December 22 - Jan 5: Christmas Break – No school



## *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

## *Church Contact Information:*

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