

## **Immanuel Reformed Church**

Alliance of Reformed Churches: Following Christ In Mission In a  
Lost and Broken World

**9:30 a.m. Morning Worship**  
(Playroom available downstairs)

**10:30 a.m. Coffee & Fellowship**

**10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages**

### **Immanuel Reformed Church**

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# Welcome! Immanuel Reformed Church December 3, 2023

## Prelude

**Hymn 10:** *O Worship The King*

**Hymn:** *Cares Chorus*

**Hymn:** *I Exalt Thee*

## Prayer of Adoration

### Advent Candle Lighting:

**Reader 1:** In the days of exile and uncertainty, the prophet Isaiah cried out: O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence. As when fire sets twigs ablaze and causes water to boil, come down to make your name known to your enemies and cause the nations to quake before you! For when you did awesome things that we did not expect, you came down, and the mountains trembled before you. (Isaiah 64:1-3)

**Reader 2:** In the midst of our own encounters with uncertainty and upheaval and our longing for deliverance, Jesus calls to us, "Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come" (Mark 13:35).

**Congregation:** We wait as people surprised again and again by God who shakes us out of our complacency and wakes us up to the work of the kingdom all around us.

**Reader 1:** We light this candle as a sign of our shocking hope. May we stay awake to God's activity in the world as we wait in expectation that even now God is with us, working to restore us to the fullness of life with God and one another. Amen.

## Children's Message

**Hymn 365:** *Close To Thee*

**Scripture:** Jeremiah 31:31 - 34 & 1 Corinthians 11:23 - 25

**Message:** Drink the Cup of Redemption

### Communion:

**Hymn 210:** *Jesus Paid It All (vs. 1, 2)*

Lord's Table

Response to God

**Hymn 210:** *Jesus Paid It All (vs. 4)*

## Offering

## Prayer

## Offertory

## Doxology

## Benediction

**Closing Hymn: 608: May The Grace of Christ, Our Savior**

## Announcements

- Our **Congregational Meeting** will take place Sunday, December 17, right after morning worship.
- **Drafts of Bylaws, Amended Articles of Incorporation, and Budgets** are in members' mailboxes. These are to facilitate the separation from RCA and will be presented for approval during the December 17th Annual Congregational Meeting. Please contact a member of Consistory with questions.
- **"Thanks** for all of the prayers, cards and visits during my time of healing. I'm improving daily and now working with physical therapy." **Judy**
- "A big thank you to **Melanie Sopher and Larry and Karla Pals** for helping with Meals on Wheels this last month! I appreciate your help immensely! Wanda
- **A couple of men** are needed to carry the Christmas tree down from the balcony after today's service. And, any and all **volunteers to decorate for Christmas** are needed Wednesday morning at 9:30.

## Prayers & Praise

- **PRAISE** – Congratulations and God's blessings to **Mallory Sopher** and Andrew Domnick, married at Immanuel on Saturday.
- **PRAISE** – there are new babies in our families: **Keith & Karen Halfpop's** granddaughter, Olive Kaylee, was born Nov. 22; and **Dave & Betty Kobes'** grandson, Warren William was born Nov. 30!
- **PRAYERS** for **Judy Klink, Rich Clark, Dave Kobes, and Jackie (Buseman) Netten** as they travel the road to recovery.
- Pray for the **spiritual growth of our church families**, and our ability to reach out to those in our community who need the saving grace of Jesus.
- Prayers for the **Lord to be present** as Immanuel transitions to our new denomination, Alliance of Reformed Churches (ARC)
- **Guidance** for our all of our consistory members and search team members as we seek the next Pastor for Immanuel.

## Happy Birthday!

**Dec. 4** John Pals  
**Dec. 19** Larry Pals  
**Dec. 27** Everett Joshua Stahl,  
 Nathan Stahl  
**Dec. 28** Brad Berneman  
**Dec. 29** Gary Steenblock  
**Dec. 30** Brenda Stahl

## Happy Anniversary!

**Dec. 3** Curt & Skip Dorenkamp  
**Dec. 7** Tate & Jenna Goeman  
**Dec. 30** Joel & Cindy Boelman

## Serving Us Today

**Greeters:** Brad & Julie Berneman  
**Clean Up:** Brad & Julie Berneman  
**Organist:** Jerry Boelman

## December 10

**Greeters:** Jerry & Mary Boelman  
**Clean Up:** Jerry & Mary Boelman  
**Organist:** Jane Pals