

# 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

Belmond, Iowa  
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### Elders:

Larry Pals                      Don Goeman                      Dennis Vanness

### Deacons:

Tate Goeman                      Lawrence Basener                      Leigh Jass

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karen\_halfpop@yahoo.com before 10 a.m. on Friday mornings.*



# Welcome! Immanuel Reformed Church December 10, 2023

## Prelude

\*Opening Hymn 131: *Angels From the Realms of Glory*

## Call to Worship

## Prayer

Hymn 143: *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

Hymn 151: *Good Christian Men Rejoice*

## Advent Candle Lighting

**Reader 1:** In days when God's people longed for peace, Isaiah declared, "Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins" (Isaiah 40:1).

**Reader 2:** We who gather today also seek comfort and peace, yet we are unsatisfied with ideas of peace that tell us to keep quiet and go with the flow. We long for real peace, true peace, just peace.

**Congregation:** We wait as people who yearn for peace that bears the fruit of community, equity, and flourishing for all.

**Reader 1:** We light these candles as signs of God's shocking hope and just peace. May they be beacons calling us to repent and to live the good news of Jesus Christ as we wait and watch and labor for the day when all people can gather together to worship and glorify God. Amen.

## Children's Message

\*Hymn 145: *O Come All Ye Faithful*

## Morning Prayer

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:114 - 17

**Message:** Seeing What Is Invisible

\*Responsive Hymn 128: *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*

## Offering Prayer

## Offertory

\*Doxology

## Church Happenings

\*Benediction

\*Closing Hymn 134: *Emmanuel*

\* Please Stand

## Announcements

- Our **Congregational Meeting** will take place Sunday, December 17, right after morning worship.
- **"I would like to thank** the friends who gave me the Fareway gift card for Christmas. It is very much appreciated, as is your generosity and thoughtfulness!!!" **Wanda**
- "There are little elves in this church who have been busy! **Thank you so much** to the friends who surprised us with a gift card. We are so grateful!" **Karen**
- **Did you know?** You can donate your consignment income to Immanuel Reformed Church at House of Treasures. When you drop off your items, ask them to post it under account I-7. Thank you!

## Prayers & Praise

- **Pray for Alissa and Manasa Qaranivalu**, Bati and Levi as they travel for Manasa's father's funeral, and then back to Myanmar, and for their health.
- **Pray for those in our church family** with ongoing health issues, that they would find peace and healing.
- 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.
- **Pray for a safe and successful second half of the school year** for our students, teachers and staff.

## 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:** Jerry & Mary Boelman  
**Clean Up:** Jerry & Mary Boelman  
**Musician:** Jane Pals

## December 17

**Greeters:** Joel & Cindy Boelman  
**Clean Up:** Joel & Cindy Boelman  
**Musician:** Donna Buseman