

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, December 22, 2024

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: 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: 318.....Angels We Have Heard on High

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 476.....It Is Well with My Soul

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Hymn of Preparation: 298.....Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

Reading of the Word:Luke 12:49-53 (p. 1036)

Sermon: DID JESUS COME TO BRING PEACE OR DIVISION?

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 299.....Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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: 164.....God Himself Is with Us

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 101 (p. 593)

Singing of the Psalm: 101AOf Steadfast Love and Justice, LORD

Congregational Prayer

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GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 519.....I Asked the Lord That I Might Grow

Reading of the Word:1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 (p. 1173)

Sermon: PLEASE GOD MORE AND MORE

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 535.....Go, Labor On

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 after morning worship due to Christmas break.

Nursery AM: Mary Vander Molen and Liam Green

PM: Claire Vander Molen and Simeon Terpstra

On-call Nursery Attendant: Abby Dyke

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Greeters AM: Cade Walstra Family (South), Howie & Brenda Ridder (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Jon & Laureen Hoek (South), Josh Hubers Family (North), Kevin Post (Elevator)

Song Service: Reagan Ryken; **Songs:** 300, 313, 323

Wednesday: Christmas Day worship service at 10:00 am.

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 29

Fellowship meal following morning worship. All visitors and guests are welcome to join us!

Nursery AM: Bonnie Zeilenga and Ken Hager

PM: Carrie Bakker and Bev Hubers

On-call Attendant: Tina Dyke

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Greeters AM: Loren and Catie Cavanaugh (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Calvin E. Family (South), Brent & Val Dykhuizen (North), Max Vander Molen (Elevator)

Song Service: Carson Bakker

UPCOMING DATES:

January 5: Installation of office bearers.

January 7: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

January 13: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

January 21: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

Congregational Care

- Elaine Dyke
- The Woldt Family
- The Stegenga Family
- The Green Family
- Tony Vissers
- Jack DeVries
- Expectant mothers: Leanna Bakker and Kyra Hoek

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. Brian Zegers is a church-planter in Ajax, Ontario, Canada.

- Praise the Lord that a young man I've been discipling publicly professed his faith and was baptized! Pray that the Lord will bless him with strength to live out his profession, especially in light of the opposition he faces from his devout Muslim family.
 - Thank the Lord for the opportunity to meet weekly with a Muslim neighbor to read through the Gospel of Matthew. Pray that the Holy Spirit will cause him to see that Jesus is the Savior that he needs and that his wife will also develop an interest in reading the Gospels.
 - Thank the Lord for the ongoing opportunities to engage with the Ahmadiyya Muslim community. Pray that the Holy Spirit will open the minds and soften the hearts of the Muslims who hear the Gospel.
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Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and Mobility Ministries, Inc.

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

Our weekly amount to meet budget 2024 is \$8,160.

With grateful hearts, the deacons report that all monies for the sanctuary remodel project have been received.

Consistory Announcements

Next Pastor Search: The consistory thanks the congregation for providing names of suggested pastor candidates. We have reviewed the names received from the congregation and from among the council members. Our next step will be making initial inquiries with potential viable candidates. Please continue to keep the consistory in prayer in the search process.

Installation Service: On January 5, our newly elected officer bearers will be installed during the morning worship service. Please pray for John Hamstra and Rudy Tolkamp as they will be installed into the office of elder; and for Nathan Bakker and Reagan Ryken as they will be installed into the office of deacon. We give thanks and praise to God for the faithful and loving service of our outgoing elders, Jon Hoek and Russ Vander Molen, and our outgoing deacons, Josh Hubers and Ray Vander Molen.

General Announcements

Our Christmas Day worship service will take place at 10:00 am this Wednesday.

Nursery: Mandy Verduin and Corianna Green; **On-call Nursery:** Alicia Dyke

Sound System: Amos Terpstra

Greeters: Elias Martin (South), Dave Bosgraaf (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday, December 29. **Families of 1-2:** please bring a main dish, and **Families of 3+**, please bring a main dish and one side or dessert. **Clean-up:** Parishes 1 & 2, Anema-Hubers.

Men's Bible Study will resume on Saturday, January 4, and **Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour** will resume Wednesday, January 8, at 9:00 am. Group 2 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 15, *Love Your Enemies*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

GEMS Leader/Helper Opportunity: GEMS needs an additional leader to join us for the months of February - April, which will help us while Amber is in Costa Rica (Feb-March) and when Carrie leaves (end of March/April). Our GEMS program currently has 19 girls. You will be blessed by the girls, their love for the Lord and their enthusiasm for Gems like we have! Training will be provided. Please consider joining us for this short season! Questions? Talk to one of our current GEMS leaders: Carrie Rossi, Amber Green, Angie Rosenthal or Sydnie Walstra.

If you desire a paper copy of the Immanuel Connect newsletter which is emailed each Wednesday, please contact Donna Hamstra, and one will be placed in your church mailbox. Also, paper copies of our missionary newsletters can be provided upon request.

Word & Deed Prayer Update: Please pray for our partner in Quito, Ecuador. The first student who graduated from our partner's MINTS program recently passed away due to cancer. He was the pastor of Grace Church, a Reformed church in Quito. He was also on the MINTS board and taught some of their classes. Please pray for comfort for the church, his family, and many others who have been impacted by his death. We are grateful for the prayers and support of your church throughout the year.

Cornerstone United Reformed Church, Hudsonville, Michigan, invites you to the **28th Cornerstone Women's Conference** – March 14 & 15, 2025! Women of all ages are invited to this year's conference entitled "Unquenchable Faith" with guest speaker, Carol Kent, author of [When I Lay My Isaac Down](#). Registration and details can be found at cornerstonewomensconference.com

School Announcements

DeMotte Christian Schools loves to keep in touch with our school community. If you would like to be included in these email communications, please contact Amber Donnowitz at communications@dmcsemail.org with your name and email to be added to the list! Thank you!

DeMotte Christian Schools will be opening enrollment for the 2025-2026 school year FOR ALUMNI on December 2 and for NEW FAMILIES on January 6. Preschool and kindergarten spots will be reserved first come, first serve while grades 1st - 12th will be automatically waitlisted. Further details can be found in the Admissions section of our website. You can also reach out to us at admissions@dmcsemail.org for more information.

Restored Resale is looking to hire a full-time Manager to lead the operations of the store and advance its mission of raising funds for DeMotte Christian Schools! The ideal candidate will be a Christian in good standing with their Evangelical church, possess strong leadership and organizational skills, be experienced in retail and operational management with exceptional customer service skills, and thrive in a fast-paced, active role that requires frequent movement throughout the day. To apply for the position, please submit your resume, a cover letter detailing your experience and a pastor's reference verifying your church involvement and standing to restoredincresale@gmail.com. Thank you!

Council:

ELDERS:

President: Mark Van Der Molen (25) Parish 1
Vice President: Russ Vander Molen (24) Parish 4
Clerk: John DeBoer (25)
Derek Terpstra (26) Parish 3
Jon Hoek (24) Parish 2

DEACONS:

President: Ray Vander Molen (24) Parish 1
Vice President: Jim Zeilenga (25) Parish 2
Secretary: Nathan DeJong (25) Parish 3
Treasurer: Ross Hoek (26)
Assistant Treasurer: Josh Hubers (24) Parish 4

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: Jim Zeilenga
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
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: 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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