

Welcome to

IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



Sunday, February 16, 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: 91B.....Who with God Most High Finds Shelter

GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 238.....Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Reformed Mission Services

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 25B:1-4.....Lord, to You I Lift My Soul

Reading of the Word:Genesis 12 (p. 10)

Sermon: THE GRACIOUS PROMISE OF BLESSING

Prayer of Application

*Song of Application: 22D.....The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear

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

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Call to Worship

Silent Prayer - concluded by minister

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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: 239.....Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 1 (p. 528)

Singing of the Psalm: 1B.....How Blest the Man

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts:General Fund and Reformed Mission Services

GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

*Song of Preparation: 68A:1-4.....God Shall Arise and by His Might

Reading of the Word:John 16:1-15 (p. 1072)

Catechism Reading: Lord's Day 18.....Forms and Prayers (p. 218)

Sermon: OUR HEAVENLY ADVANTAGES IN THE ASCENDED LORD

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

*Hymn of Application: 374.....All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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: Laureen Hoek and Nolan Dyke

PM: Laurel Stegenga and Naomi Dyke

On-call Nursery Attendant: Jennie Terpstra

Sound System: Carson Bakker

Cookies: Alicia Dyke, Val Dykhuizen, Jessica Eenigenburg, Marie Eenigenburg

Greeters AM: Cade Walstra Family (South), Barb M. & Lynzie H. (North), Cody Stegenga (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Tim Dyke Family (South), Rosenthal Family (North), Cade Walstra (Elevator)

Song Service: Elias Martin; **Songs:** 335, 414, 425

Tuesday: Special Congregational Meeting at 7:00 pm.

Wednesday: Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour meet at 9:00 am. GEMS and Cadets meet at church at 6:30 pm. Youth Group meets at Terpstras at 6:30 pm. Prayer Meeting at 6:30 pm.

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

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

NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: FEBRUARY 23

Fellowship meal after morning worship.

Nursery AM: Brenda Long and Emmelene Dyke

PM: Cami Stegenga and Bev Hubers

On-call Attendant: Stacey Tolkamp

Sound System: Peter Brummel

Cookies: Fellowship meal.

Greeters AM: Maggie Bakker (South), Robert & Maureen Birkett (North), Jerry Hager (Elevator)

Greeters PM: Dan & Beth Kingma (South), Herb Woldt Family (North), James Blom (Elevator)

Song Service: Jay Staley

UPCOMING DATES:

March 4: Consistory meets at 7:00 pm.

March 5: GEMS Bake Sale/Cadets Pinewood Derby Races.

March 9: Daylight Saving Times begins.

March 10: Deacons meet at 7:00 pm.

March 18: Council meets at 7:00 pm.

Congregational Care

- Wendy Hager
- Jessica Eenigenburg
- The Woldt Family
- The Green Family
- Jack DeVries
- Jack Pfau
- 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. Mitchell Persaud is a church-planter in Scarborough, Ontario, Canada.

- We are thankful for three adults from very different backgrounds who were baptized in the last 2 months.
- We are thankful for the unity that exists in our congregation and for more members who are playing their part in kingdom work.
- Pray for those being evangelized that they may be saved and desire to be baptized, and those who have been attending might desire to commit to membership.
- Pray for spiritual strength for a few young people in higher education institutions.

Deacon Report

Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and Word & Deed.

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

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the offerings of February 9:

Consistory Announcements

We are grateful to have Rev. John Vermeer lead us in worship today.

The Consistory has scheduled a congregational meeting for this Tuesday, February 18, at 7:00 pm to consider the Council's recommendation to extend a call to Rev. Joel Worries. The agenda for the meeting is in your mailboxes. If anyone has questions prior to the meeting, feel free to contact your parish elder.

The membership of Kimberly Bousema (nee Voortman) has been received from Cross-Point CRC in Chino, California. If there are no lawful objections, we will receive her into membership at Immanuel URC next Sunday, February 23, according to the Church Order Article 44.

The membership of Val Post has been released so she may affiliate with Grace Fellowship Church of DeMotte. We pray that God may richly bless Val in her new church home.

General Announcements

From Cadets' Head Counselor Jerry Hager: Thank you to all who came out for the Cadets' Spaghetti Supper on February 5. We appreciate the congregation's support. Please save the date of Wednesday, March 5, for our **Annual Pinewood Derby Races** at DeMotte Christian School.

This spring, our post-high group will gather to share meals and study the book of Hebrews.

Young Adults will meet in the fellowship hall tonight following the evening service. We will use John MacArthur's study guide, Christ: Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest. In preparation, please read the first chapter of Hebrews. Books will be provided at the meeting.

Leaders are needed for the **RYS Convention** this summer, July 21-25, at Wheaton College. Registration is going on now. Deadline is March 1. If you are interested, please talk to Derek Terpstra or Nathan Bakker.

Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour will meet this Wednesday, February 19, at 9:00 am. Group 3 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 21, *Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

GEMS will meet this Wednesday, February 19, from 6:30-8:00 pm. **Devotions/Snack:** Iris Spronk.

Youth Group will meet this Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 pm at the Terpstras'. **Devotions/snack:** Ian Cox.

Our **Prayer Meeting** will meet this Wednesday, February 19, at 6:30 pm. Please note the time change.

Our **Fellowship Meal** will be next Sunday, February 23. **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 3 & 4, Ipema-Zeilenga.

Three more meals are needed this spring for our TMC moms and mentors. Please see the sign-up sheet at the events table in the fellowship hall if you would like to provide a meal. For more information, please speak with Dawn DeGraff.

Volunteers needed for Illiana Cadet Council-- Illiana Cadet Council supports and provides many events for the local clubs, including International Camporee prep. The council is in dire need of men to serve on the board. Starting in the 2025-2026 season there will be several positions that need to be filled. These positions are integral to the local clubs, both in support and events. We ask that you would prayerfully consider serving. For more information, please contact Jerry Haveman 815-587-2284 jjhaveman@yahoo.com or illianacadetcouncil.org

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

Reformed Mission Services Announcements:

Ascension Reformed Church in Cincinnati, OH, is continuing its building renovations, and your support is needed! RMS is seeking funds and volunteers to help complete key projects, including painting and floor refinishing. Our goal is to raise additional funds to help the church with some unexpected costs for them to worship in their building by the end of March. Please consider giving to this urgent need or volunteering to support this effort. For more information or to donate, visit rms.org/arc.

Looking for ways to serve in 2025? Check out our upcoming Ministry Development Trips at rms.org/trips! RMS is planning trips to Villahermosa, Mexico (early April), Costa Rica (late April), and Peru (early May). If you are interested or have questions, visit our website or email rob@rms.org.

Please keep the host churches for TASC 2025 in your prayers as they seek work projects and opportunities to serve for these summer events. If your church is interested in hosting TASC in the future, contact Steve at steve@rms.org. If you're attending TASC this year as a teen or a sponsor, don't forget to register at rms.org/tasc.

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: 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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