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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, December 15, 2024

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:** 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: 313.....Angels, from the Realms of Glory

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Hymn of Confession & Assurance: 293.....O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Word & Deed

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 8B.....LORD, Our Lord, in All the Earth

Reading of the Word: .....Psalm 8 (p. 531)

## Sermon: HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME!

Prayer of Application

\*Song of Application: 303.....All Praise to You, Eternal Lord

## 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.

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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:** 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: 135:1,4,5.....O Praise the LORD! His Praise Proclaim

Psalm Reading.....Psalm 51 (p. 560)

Singing of the Psalm: 51B:1-5.....God, Be Merciful to Me

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Word & Deed

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 170.....God, in the Gospel of His Son

Reading of the Word: .....Romans 1:8-17 (p. 1116)

## Sermon: NOT ASHAMED

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 277.....Before the Throne of God Above

## 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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Sunday School children sing before morning worship. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship.

**Nursery AM:** Dana Vander Molen and Emme Dyke

**PM:** Margo Vander Molen and Auburn Green

**On-call Nursery Attendant:** Sue DeBoer

**Sound System:** Reagan Ryken

**Greeters AM:** Tim & Mandy Verduin (South), Steve & Patti Ryken (North), Jacob Dyke (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** Maggie Bakker (South), Brian Kingma Family (North), Derek Ipema (Elevator)

**Song Service:** Jay Staley **Songs:** 169, 236, 294

**Tuesday:** Council meets at 7:00 pm.

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

**Thursday:** TMC meets at 6:00 pm.

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 22

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No Coffee Fellowship due to Christmas break.

**Nursery AM:** Mary Vander Molen and Liam Green

**PM:** Claire Vander Molen and Simeon Terpstra

**On-call 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:** Noah Anema

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**December 25:** Christmas Day Worship Service at a 10:00 am.

**December 29:** Fellowship Meal after morning worship.

**January 5:** Installation of office bearers.

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### *Congregational Care*

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

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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. Richard Bultje is a church-planter in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

- Several refugees have recently become regulars at our worship services. Pray that they would be able to stay in our area and become members of our church.
  - For the ability to do membership classes for several new people who have come to our services and have asked how they can be members.
  - For more men who can take up leadership offices in the church.
  - That our outreach events would draw more families to us as a church plant.
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## *Deacon Report*

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Our offering next Sunday will be for General Fund and DeMotte Christian Schools, 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 gratitude to God, the deacons report the following offerings of December 8:

General Fund  
Benevolence  
Classical Church Assistance Fund  
Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary  
Mid-America Reformed Seminary  
Word & Deed  
Mobility Ministries  
Teen Mother Choices of DeMotte

## Consistory Announcement

**Next Pastor Search:** As the consistory begins the search for our next pastor, we welcome the congregation to submit suggested pastor names to the consistory for consideration. We also encourage the congregation to keep the search process in your regular prayers that God will guide us to the man of His choosing.

**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

**Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour** will meet this Wednesday, December 18, at 9:00 am. Group 3 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 14, *Oaths & Retaliation*, are on the table near the mailboxes.

**Men's Bible Study** will meet this Saturday, December 21 at 7:00 a.m., studying Mark 7.

Our next **Fellowship Meal** will be Sunday, December 29. This will be Pastor Rossi's last fellowship meal before he leaves for officer training. Please sign-up at the Events Table in the fellowship hall (or in the document in the weekly email) if you are planning to attend the meal. This will help the custodians know how many tables to set up. **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.

The **LOGOS** winter retreat, intended for singles and married couples ages 18-30, will be held January 2-4, 2025 at Faholo Conference Center at [3000 Mt Hope Rd, Grass Lake, MI 49240](https://www.faholo.com). The main speaker will be Rev. Doug Barnes, pastor at Grace URC in Alto, MI., who will speak on the topic of forgiveness. The retreat is also a wonderful opportunity to meet and fellowship with other like-minded young adults. **Registration deadline is December 16.** For more retreat information and registration, visit the LOGOS website at [reformedyouthservices.org/logos](https://reformedyouthservices.org/logos).

**Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary** will host a Sing-a-long at Redeemer United Reformed Church (10681 Park Place, St. John IN) on Thursday, December 19 at 7:00 PM. Come and enjoy an evening of singing Christmas carols and learn what Divine Hope is doing behind bars. Refreshments will be served; a free will offering for Divine Hope will be taken.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:restoredincresale@gmail.com). Thank you!

### **Calendar:**

Dec 17: 5th Grade Band & DMCMS concert 7 pm @ UC Aux Gym

Dec 21: Christmas break begins

Jan 6: Students return

## **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

## **Church Contact Information:**

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