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# IMMANUEL UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

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Sunday, December 8, 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: 311.....Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

## GOD PARDONS HIS PEOPLE

Reading of God's Law

Assurance of Pardon

Song of Confession & Assurance: 32B: 1,2,4,5.....How Blessed Is He Whose Trespass

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund Classical Church Assistance Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Hymn of Preparation: 133B .....How Good and Pleasant Is the Sight

Reading of the Word: .....1 John 4:7-21

## Sermon: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Formulary for the Lord's Supper.....Forms & Prayers (p. 50)

\*Confession of Faith

\*Hymn of Preparation: 351.....How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Distribution of the Elements\*\*

\*Hymn of Application: 465.....Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

## 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.

\*\*Grape juice is in the inner circles of the communion trays, and wine is in the outer circle.

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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.....Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1

\*Hymn of Praise: 216.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Psalm Reading.....145 (p. 621)

Singing of the Psalm: 145C.....I Will Extol You, O My God

Congregational Prayer

Offering of Tithes & Gifts: .....General Fund and Classical Church Assistance Fund

## GOD SPEAKS TO HIS PEOPLE

\*Song of Preparation: 265.....In Christ Alone

Reading of the Word: .....Acts 20:17-38

## Sermon: RUNNING THE RACE WELL

## GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

Prayer of Application

\*Hymn of Application: 446.....Be Thou My Vision

Installation of Rev. Rossi as Missionary Chaplain.....Forms & Prayers (p. 75)

## 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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Communion Service in the morning. Coffee Fellowship after morning worship and evening worship.

**Nursery AM:** Josie Vander Molen and Abrielle Brummel      **PM:** Tessa Vander Molen and Nolan Dyke

**On-call Attendant:** Mary DeBoer

**Sound System:** Carson Bakker

**Greeters AM:** Cody Stegenga Family (South), Jim & Cathy Kuiper (North), Amos Terpstra (Elevator)

**Greeters PM:** John Dyke Jr. Family (South), Tim Dyke Family (North), Sam Terpstra (Elevator)

**No Song Service**

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## NEXT WEEK SUNDAY: DECEMBER 15

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

**Nursery AM:** Dana Vander Molen and Emmelene 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)

**Cookies:** Donna Van Vuren, Dana Vander Molen, Mary Vander Molen, Grace Vander Molen

**Song Service:** Jay Staley **Songs:** 169, 236, 293

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## UPCOMING DATES:

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**December 13:** Christmas caroling begins at 6:00 pm.

**December 17:** Council meets at 7:00 pm.

**December 25:** Christmas Day worship service at 10:00 am

**December 29:** Fellowship Meal after the morning worship service

**January 5:** Installation of office bearers (*instead of January 12<sup>th</sup>*)

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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 mother: Kyra Hoek

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## *Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 1*

### **Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?**

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**A.** That I am not my own, but belong body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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### *United in Prayer-Missionary Prayer Requests*

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Rev. Bengamin Davenport is a church-planter in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

- Pray for our all-ages Sunday School class, that it would be accessible, interesting, and edifying to believers of all ages. Pray for the preaching and hearing of the Word.
  - Pray that the Lord will create in our hearts a love for the lost, that we might commit to do the work of outreach and evangelism.
  - Pray for the men who are being trained up as officers, that they will be equipped to serve as elders and deacons.
  - Pray for Shaun Raap, an elder serving at Providence who has begun seminary studies this year.
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### *Deacon Report*

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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.

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

With gratitude to God, the deacons report the following offerings of Thanksgiving Day and December 1:

	<u>Thanksgiving Day</u>	<u>December 1</u>
General Fund		
Benevolence		
Sanctuary Remodel Fund		
Classical Church Assistance Fund		
Classis Home Mission Fund		
CLIR Rev. Bill Green		
DeMotte Christian Schools, Inc.		
Divine Hope Reformed Bible Seminary		

Mid-America Reformed Seminary  
M.I.N.T.S. Norlan DeGroot  
Quito Ecuador Mission  
Reformed Youth Services  
Word & Deed

DeMotte Food Pantry  
Illiana Right to Life  
Mobility Ministries, Inc.  
Teen Mother Choices of DeMotte  
Women's Center of NW Indiana

## *Consistory Announcement*

During the evening service, Pastor Rossi will be installed by the church to serve as a missionary chaplain to the US Navy. Immediately following the evening service, Pastor Rossi will take his oath of office and be commissioned by the US Navy. We welcome Major Timothy Vermeer USMC and NC1 Larissa Jackson USN to Immanuel URC.

**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.

The membership of Becky Walstra has been transferred to Oak Lawn United Reformed Church in Oak Lawn, Illinois. May the Lord bless Becky in her new church home.

## *General Announcements*

Our **Prayer Meeting** will be this Wednesday, December 11, at 7:00 pm in the Adult Sunday School room.

**Christmas Caroling in the Community:** We're excited about the opportunity to sing the good news of Jesus Christ to our neighbors and to encourage them to join us for worship. Please join us this Friday evening, December 13. We'll meet at church at 6 pm and return at around 8 pm. Last year, we enjoyed Christmas caroling in the community, and our neighbors were encouraged and thankful!

Sunday School children will sing before the morning worship service next Sunday, December 15.

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.

**Ladies' Bible Study and Story Hour** will meet this Wednesday, December 11, at 9:00 am. Group 2 has snack and clean up. Copies of Lesson 12, *Adultery & Divorce*, 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.

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.google.com/maps/place/3000+Mt+Hope+Rd,+Grass+Lake,+MI+49240). 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).

**Illiana Oratorio Society** cordially invites you to attend their annual presentation of Handel's *Messiah*. The concert will be held today, December 8, at 2:00 pm at First Orthodox Presbyterian Church of South Holland, Illinois, located at 16248 South Park Avenue, South Holland, Illinois. Please join us for the Christmas season as we present this marvelous work to God's praise!

Come end the Christmas Season and begin the New Year with song! The Men of A-Chord and Hope Community Church of Lowell invite you to join them for One Last Christmas Carol on Sunday, December 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Hope Community Church located at 10505 W 181st Ave., Lowell, IN. Come join the singing with a variety of carols and hymns this year and learning about the history of some carols. A free-will offering 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!

### **Calendar:**

Dec 10: K-3 Concert 6:30 @ DMCGS Gym  
Dec 10: DMCHS Winter Concert 7:30pm @ Church Campus  
Dec 17: 5th Grade Band & DMCMS concert 7 pm @ UC Aux Gym  
Dec 21: Christmas break begins  
Jan 6: Students return

## *Our 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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