

C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

L: Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Creator, through Jesus our Savior, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit our Nurturer, be with you this day and evermore.

C: Amen!

*The Postlude

Brass Ensemble

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*All who are able, please stand

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 12/31—Beverly Schaake; 1/04—Alexander Anderson; 1/05—Lisa Allen, Irene Hodge

Celebrating Anniversaries: 12/31—Errick & Cindy Cameron; 1/02—Marc & Shellie Franke

Prayer Ministry (+ Indicates weeks—call office to continue another 4 weeks)

++ Libby Metcalf
Gary & Sharon Koenig are recovering from the flu
Lisa Taliana and those affected by fires in California
People involved in derailment of the train in Washington

+++ Rev. John Shear, strength and healing
Tiana Washington, classmate of Sydney Grammer, bone cancer
Vicki Aufdemberge, cousin of Anita Seehausen, cancer

++++ Shellie Franke recovering from a medical procedure on Thursday
Brittney Gilleland, adjusting to a diagnosis of lupus and fibromyalgia
Spencer Bacus, healing from brain surgery
Molli Hurst, granddaughter of Jim & Sue Ebersoldt, car accident
Bill Daubenspeck, recovering from knee replacement
Family of Adam Behrhorst, 19-year old victim of cancer

WELCOME—Happy New Year! As we worship God together, let us pray for a fruitful year of ministry to the glory of God's name.

THE JANUARY ISSUE OF 'THE VISION' will be sent out at the end of this week. If you still have news articles that you would like to be included in this edition, please be sure that it is in the church office first thing Tuesday morning.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES—Please see that in each pew are special Christmas offering envelopes. May your Christmas season be blessed as you participate in giving generously to the work of Christ.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY—Church cancellation will be posted on our website, www.immanuelonmain.org. If you are a regular attender with no internet, you will receive a phone call.

2018 STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS can be picked up this morning from the narthex or Hospitality Room. Please return them as soon as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

Sunday, December 31

No Scrip Order Today

- 8:45 am Contemporary Joint Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall

Monday, January 1

Church Office Closed

- 7:15 pm AA
- 9:45 pm Panera Pick-Up—May

Wednesday, January 3

- 8:00 pm Contemplative Worship in
Sanctuary

Thursday, January 4

- 7:00 pm AA
- 8:00 pm PCF Rehearsal

Friday, January 5

- 11:00 am Free Lunch Friday
- 6:30 pm Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Saturday, January 6

- 11:30 am Hope Luncheon at Josephine's
in Godfrey

Sunday, January 7

- 8:45 am Joint Contemporary Worship
- 9:45 am Sunday School/Adult Education/
Youth Devo/Coffee Fellowship
- 10:45 am Traditional Worship
- 4:00 pm Yoga in Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 pm Youth Meeting



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We seek to be God's people in attitude and action as we:

Experience and Share God's grace joyfully, Live and Teach God's

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December 31, 2017

You are invited to join us in this mission ...

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Today's Worship Leaders:

Greeters: (8:45 am)
Sunday School:
Greeters: (10:45 am)
Acolyte: (10:45 am)
Liturgist: (10:45 am)
Instrument Director:
Worship Leader:
Pianist:
Ministers:

Errick & Cindy Cameron
Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
Matt & Kiffon Lewis
Noah Lewis
Pastor Jackie Havis-Shear
Mr. Maurice Mestemacher
Mr. Jordan Grammer
Mrs. Sheila Acuncius
All of Us

Next Week's Worship Leaders:

Greeter: (8:45 am)
Sunday School:

Greeters: (10:45 am)

Acolyte: (10:45 am)

Liturgist: (10:45 am)

Mrs. Sheila Page
Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
Mr. Dan Hodge
Mr. Tom May
Mr. Dan Hodge
Miss Zinnia Allen
Miss Shelly Brase
Mrs. Lisa Allen

Word faithfully. Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

We invite you to record your attendance on the pad found at the end of the pew.

A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Contemporary 8:45 am

Getting Ready for Worship...

Countdown

Opening Music

Welcome

Celebration of Worship...

Worship & Praise

Celebration of the Spoken Word...

Prayer

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

Community Sharing

Healing Prayer

Scripture Readings
Luke 1:26-28, 46-55

Sermon—"Mary, We All Know You Knew"
Brittney Gilleland

Celebration of Going Forth...

Special Music

Benediction

Closing Song CCLI #2836520

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A nursery is available in the basement level of the church.

Order of Worship Traditional 10:45 am

**WE GATHER TOGETHER...
...to Express Our Unity in Christ**

Gathering Music Brass Ensemble
Ringing of the Bell
Prelude
Welcome/Announcements

*Call to Worship

L: Lord, we wait with eager expectation for the coming of Your kingdom when the humble will be exalted and the hungry fed.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

L: Lord, we prepare with searching minds and contrite hearts, trusting in Your healing spirit and redemptive love.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

L: Lord, we watch with those who wait and weep, longing to see the rule of justice and the reign of peace.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

L: Lord, we seek You among the despised and rejected, knowing that there we will find Your light shining in the dark.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

L: Lord, we proclaim sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed, trusting in Your tender mercy and passion for justice.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

L: Lord, we work with others to proclaim Your truth, challenging the mighty and raising the meek.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done.

L: Lord, we wrestle with our hopes and our fears, our struggles and our joys laboring with creation to come to new birth.

C: Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

*Hymn—*Joy to the World* #246

*Opening Prayer (unison)

**Merciful God,
May Mary's song be heard through the ages,
drowning out the din of Christmas chaos.**

**May it be heard by the victims of violence
in the streets of downtown Chicago, St. Louis, and Detroit.**

**May it ring in the ears of the traumatized
in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan.**

**May it sing in the hearts of those stuck
in the refugee camps of Lebanon, Jordan and Greece.**

**May it be an earworm song of hope
for all standing strong for land rights.**

**May it be the rally cry of peace
for the war-weary of South Sudan.**

**May it nourish hope in the bellies
of those fearful of failed harvests.**

**May it be a song that stirs reverent fear
in the hearts of those who assume power.**

**And may the joyful promises of justice and overturned power
fill all our hearts to overflowing action. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri #70

*Passing of the Peace

Children's Sermon/Noisy Offering

...to Share With Commitment and Love

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer #895

*Hymn—*There's Something About that Name* #171

...to Hear the Word of God

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:26-28 p. 53 NT

Special Music

Scripture Reading—Luke 1:46-55 pp. 53-54 NT

The People Respond

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—"Mary, We All Know You Knew" Brittney Gilleland

...to Respond with Commitment and Love

The Presentation of Our Tithes & Offerings Brass Ensemble

*Doxology #95

The Apostles' Creed #881

...so We May Go Out and Serve

*Closing Hymn—*Away in a Manger* #217

*Benediction

L: Never put your faith in worldly status, and never underestimate your heavenly importance.

**C: My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices
in God my savior.**

L: Let your trust in the coming of Christ soar within you like wings of joy. Go out into the world and serve one another as God-bearers.