

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeters:
Acolytes:

Liturgist:
Pianist:
Instrument Director:
Worship Leader:
Sound Technician:
Screens:
Elementary Sunday School:
Middle School Sunday School:

Norm & Judy Schoettle
Ayden Hendriex
Noah Penelton
Mrs. Barbara Taliana
Mrs. Sheila Acuncius
Mr. Maurice Mestemacher
Mr. Jordan Grammer
Mr. Matthew Lewis
Mrs. Sheila Page
Mrs. Linda Potter
Mrs. Kiffon Lewis

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Greeters:
Acolyte:
Liturgist:
Pianist:
Sound Technician:
Screens:
Elementary Sunday School:
Middle School Sunday School:

Jerry & Sharon Prott
Mr. Jerry Prott
Mrs. Sharon Koenig
Mr. Tyler Slaby
Mrs. Sheila Page
Mr. Marc Franke
Miss Katie Akers
Mrs. Jill Winte

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Immanuel United Methodist Church

December 23, 2018

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 Word faithfully,

Accept and Serve God's people lovingly.

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



FOURTH SUNDAY
OF
Advent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Those who are comfortably able may stand

Ringling of the Bell

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent Candle—Peace

We gather together to remember a story; a story of doubts and promises. We gather together to remember a bond; the bond of Mary and Joseph, and their journey toward a mysterious love. We gather together to light a candle in the name of this love; a love that assures us, a savior that restores, a promise that God is with us. So let us come and prepare our whole selves for this work, to undo injustice and evil by radical, unconditional, transformative love.

***Community Song**—*It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*

vs. 1, 3 & 4 #218

*Welcome & Greetings

Creative Moment

Offering of Gifts

***Response of Gratitude**—*Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Community Sharing

Responsive Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 23

4th Sunday in Advent

8:45 am Worship

9:45 am Elementary & Middle School Sunday School/Youth Devo/
Seeker's Class/Wired Word Class

No Yoga Today

Monday, December 24

Church Office Closed

4:00 pm Panera Pick-Up—May, Gengler

7:15 pm AA

11:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship with Communion

Tuesday, December 25

Have a Blessed Christmas!

Wednesday, December 26

Church Office Closed

8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

Thursday, December 27

Church Office Closed

7:00 pm Sanctuary in Use

Friday, December 28

Church Office Closed

11:00 am Free Lunch Friday

6:30 pm Fellowship Hall in Use—Bridge Club

Sunday, December 30

Scrip Orders Taken

8:45 am Lessons & Carols

9:45 am Elementary & Middle School Sunday School/Youth Devo/
Seeker's Class/Wired Word Class

No Yoga Today

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP will be held at 11:00 pm tomorrow, December 24. This worship service will also include Holy Communion.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS NEXT SUNDAY—The Festival of Carols and Lessons dates back to 1918. This service was first written for the King's College in Cambridge by its Dean, Eric Milner. The Festival of Carols and Lessons has been edited for United Methodist Congregations in order to provide an opportunity to celebrate the Christmas Season with tradition. We hope you will join us next Sunday, December 30, for this unique worship opportunity.

SCRIP ORDERS TAKEN NEXT SUNDAY—Pick up an order form from the table in the Hospitality Room and purchase your gift cards next Sunday. Scrip is another way to pay for everyday purchases using gift cards in place of cash, checks and credit cards. They make nice gifts, too!!

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—Our secretary will be on vacation from December 24 through January 1 and Pastor Jackie will be taking some time as well after Christmas. There will not be anyone in the church office this week to answer phones. If you have a pastoral emergency, please call Jordan Grammer at 618-979-4765.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS and calendar dates should be sent to the church office by Wednesday, January 2. The January 2019 issue of 'The Vision' will be sent out a little late due to the Christmas preparations and vacations.

GIVING IN 2019—Boxed Christmas offering envelopes have been prepared and may be picked up from the narthex. If you would like to have a box of these envelopes and one has not been prepared for you, please let Anita know and she will fix one up for you. These envelopes are an easy way to clearly show where you want your contributions directed if you give to more than one of our funds. If you currently give online either bi-weekly or monthly through the Bank of Edwardsville and wish to make a change in 2019, be sure to have new paperwork filled out and given to Anita by January 7th. Online giving is also available through the Give+ App, using your credit or debit card. For those wishing to use pew envelopes, a contribution number will be assigned to you to use on those envelopes.



and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Prayer Song—*Winter Song*

This is my winter song to you
The storm is coming soon
It rolls in from the sea

I still believe in summer days
The seasons always change
And life will find a way

My voice; a beacon in the night
My words will be your light
To carry you to me

I'll be your harvester of light
And send it out tonight
So we can start again

Is love alive?
Is love alive?
Is love?

Is love alive?
Is love alive?
Is love alive?

They say that things just cannot grow
Beneath the winter snow
Or so I have been told

This is my winter song
December never felt so wrong
Cause you're not where you belong
Inside my arms

They say we're buried far
just like a distant star
I simply cannot hold

This is my winter song to you
The storm is coming soon
It rolls in from the sea

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Scripture—Matthew 1:18-25

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Sermon— "Do We Listen to the Letter of the Law OR
Do We Listen to the Announcement of the Angels!"

Rev. Jackie Havis-Shear

Song of Sending—*Lift My Life Up

C. Mattson, J. Ingram, J. Lowry

You brought me this far so why would I question You now
You have provided so why would I start to doubt
I've never been stranded, abandoned or let here to fight alone
So I'm giving You control

I lift my life up, lift my life up, I give it all in surrender
I lift my heart, lift my heart up, You can have it forever
All my dreams, all my plans, Lord I leave it in Your hands
I lift my life, lift my life up
Have Your way in me, have Your way in me

If peace is a river then let it sweep over me
If I'm under fire I know it's refining me
When I hear You calling out I follow now, Wherever the road may go
I know You're leading me home

I lift my life up, lift my life up, I give it all in surrender
I lift my heart, lift my heart up, You can have it forever
All my dreams, all my plans, Lord I leave it in Your hands
I lift my life, lift my life up
Have Your way in me, have Your way in me

Take my life and let it be all for You
Take my life and let it be all for You

I lift my life, lift my life up, I give it all in surrender
I lift my heart, lift my heart up

I lift my life, lift my life up, I give it all in surrender
I lift my heart, lift my heart up, You can have it forever
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***Benediction & Postlude**

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

- + Family of Lida Gillham, whose funeral was on Friday
Carolyn Land, in Anderson Hospital in quarantine
Bruce Tuley, brother of Barb Taliana, health problems
Janet Hardbeck for strength
Antonize Anderson, chemotherapy
- ++ Al Davis' surgery was rescheduled for January 7 due to cellulitis
- +++ Lisa Taliana, recovering from surgery on Thursday
- ++++ Becky (Land) Anderson, back surgery on Monday and now recovering at home
Mary Ann Goldsmith, healing for broken wrist
Kim Sickbert, cousin of Eileen Kreutzberg, treatments for pancreatic cancer
Stephanie Turbiville, cousin of Sheila Page, breast cancer
Carrie Smith, cousin of Sheila Page, breast cancer
Donna and Janet Hardbeck for the continued processing of their parents' estate
Erica Robertson, great niece of Deloris Fisher, cancer has returned after several years

Birthdays This Week:

- 12/23—Errick Cameron
Jill Garbs
- 12/24—Mary Ann Goldsmith
- 12/27—Zinnia Allen
Jenny Burgess,
Audrey Floyd
- 12/28—Mary Lou Grigg
Trish Rader

2018 Monthly Income & Expense

(Current Expense [Operating])

Budgeted Expense, December	\$18,590.00
Received to Date	\$12,512.94

(Benevolence [Missions/Disaster Relief])

Owed by 12/31/2018*	\$10,524.00
Received	\$10,154.69

*((\$877/month)

WELCOME! Just as the longest night of the year has just passed, we light all four candles on our Advent wreath. Indeed, Christ's light shines in our darkness, and the darkness cannot banish it (see John 1:5). Welcome to worship.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: "Star light, star bright..." Oh, Bethlehem star of Christmas night, lead us to the humble stall to worship Christ as Lord of all. Amen.