

Today's Worship Leaders

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

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

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Greeters:
Acolytes:
Liturgist:
Pianist:
Sound Technician:
Screens:
Elementary Sunday School:

Middle School Sunday School:

Errick & Cindy Cameron
Zinnia Allen, Shelly Brase
Mrs. Lisa Allen
Mrs. Rhonda Grammer

Mrs. Kiffon Lewis
Mr. Dan Hodge
Mrs. Lisa Allen

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Immanuel United Methodist Church

December 30, 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...



ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Those who are comfortably able may stand

Ringing of the Bell

Festival of Carols and Lessons

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.

Prelude

The Bidding Prayer

Beloved in Christ, this Christmas Season it is our duty and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the angels and to go in heart and mind to Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass, the Babe lying in a manger.

Therefore, let us hear again from Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our sin and the glorious redemption brought us by this holy Child; and let us make this house of prayer glad with our carols of praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray:

**Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be your 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,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and power and glory forever. Amen.**

#Welcome and Passing of the Peace

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, December 30

Scrip Orders Taken

8:45 am Festival of Lessons & Carols

9:45 am Elementary & Middle School Sunday School/Youth Devo/
Seeker's Class/Wired Word Class
No Yoga Today

Monday, December 31

Church Office Closed

6:00 pm Panera Pick-Up—May, Gengler

7:15 pm AA

Tuesday, January 1

Church Office Closed

Wednesday, January 2

8:00 pm Contemplative Worship

Thursday, January 3

7:00 pm Sanctuary in Use

Friday, January 4

11:00 am Free Lunch Friday

Saturday, January 5

9:00 am Take down Christmas decorations

Sunday, January 6

Epiphany

8:45 am Worship with Holy Communion

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

4:00 pm Yoga

5:00 pm Sr. High Youth Group Meeting

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED—Pastor Jackie and our secretary will both be out of the office until Wednesday. If you have an emergency, please call Jordan Grammer at 618-979-4765.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS and calendar dates should be sent to the church office by this Wednesday, January 2. The January 2019 issue of 'The Vision' will be sent out a little late due to the Christmas preparations and vacations. Thanks for your promptness in getting your articles turned in by Wednesday morning.

HELP IS NEEDED TO 'UN'TRIM THE TREES!! If you are available to help take down Christmas decorations this Saturday, January 5, beginning at 9:00 am, you would be most welcome!!

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 the pew envelopes, a contribution number will be assigned to you to use on those envelopes.



First Lesson

Genesis 3:8-15, 17-19

God announces in the Garden of Eden the original sin.

First Song

#196 Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus (all verses)

Second Lesson

Genesis 22:15-18

God promises to Abraham he will have descendants as blessings.

***Second Song**

#64 Holy, Holy, Holy (verses 1 and 3)

Third Lesson

Isaiah 9:2, 6-7

The Prophet Isaiah announces the birth of a king to people in darkness.

Third Song

#230 O Little Town of Bethlehem (verses 1 and 3)

Fourth Lesson

Micah 5:2-5

The king is coming and will usher in a reign of justice and peace.

***Fourth Song**

#240 Hark! the Herald Angels Sing (all verses)

Offering

Doxology

Fifth Lesson

Luke 1:26-35, 38

The angel Gabriel announces to the virgin Mary of her promise to bear Jesus.

Fifth Song

#219 What Child Is This? (all verses)

Sixth Lesson

Luke 2:1-7

Against a backdrop of emperors and taxes, Jesus Is Born!

***Sixth Song**

#245 The First Noel (verse 1)

Seventh Lesson

Luke 2:8-16

The shepherds go to see the Savior of the world.

Seventh Song

#221 In the Bleak Mid-Winter (all verses)

Eighth Lesson

Matthew 2:1-11

The wise men follow a star to find the child Jesus.

***Eighth Song**

#254 We Three Kings (verses 1 and 5)

Ninth Lesson

John 1:1-14

John unfolds the great mystery of the Incarnation.

***Ninth Song**

#234 O Come, All Ye Faithful (verses 1 and 2)

Dismissal with Blessing

May the Christ who by his Incarnation gathered into all things, earthly and heavenly, fill you with the sweetness of inward peace and goodwill; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go forth in peace and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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

- + 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
- ++ Family of Lida Gillham
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 has been rescheduled for January 7, due to cellulitis in his leg
- ++++ Lisa Taliana, recovering from surgery

WELCOME to worship, in the name of the holy Baby of Bethlehem, our Savior.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP: Jesus, help us keep Christmas in our hearts all year long.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

- Monday—Bev Schaake
- Friday—Alexander Anderson
- Saturday—Lisa Allen, Irene Hodge

CELEBRATING THEIR ANNIVERSARY:

- Wednesday—Marc & Shellie Franke

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

A COFFEE TALK that will focus on the work of the Board of Trustees will take place on Sunday, January 27, in the Journey's Inn Room following morning worship.