



Immanuel United Methodist Church

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November 29, 2020

Ringing of the Bell

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Jill Winte, Matt, Kiffon & Noah Lewis

Song—*Light of the World*

Performed by Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer, Logan Perez, Derek Twesten

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Christmas Memories Video

Missy Carter

Prayer

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Song—*Heirlooms*

Performed by Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer

Scripture—Luke 1:67—79 NIV

Read by Christal Akers-Helle

Sermon—“Christmas Memories”

Pastor David Roderick

Hymn—*Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

Performed by Liz Ahrens, Rhonda Grammer, BethAnne Havis

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

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Preparation for Worship—Timeless God, we enter the last month of the calendar year and the first season of a new church year. Bless our celebration of Advent. Amen.

Welcome to Our Online Worship Service! “Stir up your might, and come to save us!” prayed the psalmist (Psalm 80:2). Welcome to worship in Advent, as we await our Savior.

Worship Time Change—While we are disappointed that we are not able to return to in-person worship, we are going to change the posting of our service to 10:00 am each Sunday, beginning this Sunday, November 29. We pray that you will be able to join us each Sunday as we prepare for the birth of our Savior, Jesus.

Our Secretary will be working from home for the foreseeable future per orders from Bishop Beard. If you phone the church office, your calls will be forwarded to her during church office hours: 8 am to 4:15 pm Monday through Thursday, and on Friday from 8 am until Noon. She will also be able to respond to your email messages.

Light of the World

Lauren Daigle, Paul Duncan, Paul Mabury

The world waits for a miracle
The heart longs for a little bit of hope
O come, O come Emmanuel

A child prays for peace on Earth
And she's calling out from a sea of hurt
O come, O come Emmanuel

And can you hear the angels singing

Glory to the light of the world
Glory, the light of the world is here

The drought breaks with the tears of a mother
A baby's cry is the sound of love
Come down, come down, Emmanuel

He is the song for the suffering
He is Messiah, the Prince of Peace has come
He has come, Emmanuel

Glory to the light of the world
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For all who wait, For all who hunger
For all who've prayed, For all who wonder
Behold your King, Behold Messiah
Emmanuel, Emmanuel

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Heirlooms

Bob Farrell, Brown Bannister, Amy Grant

Up in the attic, down on my knees.
Lifetimes of boxes, timeless to me.
Letters and photographs, yellowed with years.
Some bringing laughter, some bringing tears.

Time never changes the memories,
The faces of loved ones who bring to me
All that I come from and all that I live for
And all that I'm going to be.
My precious family is more than an heirloom to me.

Wisemen and shepherds down on their knees.
Bringing their treasures to lay at His feet.
Who was this wonder baby yet king?
Living and dying, He gave life to me.

Time never changes the memory
The moment His love first pierced through me.
Telling all that I come from and all that I live for
And all that I'm going to be

My precious Saviour is more than an heirloom to me.
My precious Jesus is more than an heirloom to me.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Charles Wesley, Rowland H. Prichard

Come, Thou long expected Jesus
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

A Note from Pastor David—Just over a month ago, the Church Council was hopeful that the fall would not bring a spike in COVID cases. They were hopeful that we could worship together in-person during the Advent Season. So they voted to reopen on November 29 and to move the worship service to 10:00 AM. Well, as you know, the virus numbers continued to rise and the decision was made to postpone the opening of in-person services. Since that time, Bishop Beard has communicated to the churches that we are not to meet in-person and that we are again to close the building to all but essential needs.

So what does that look like moving forward for Immanuel. We will continue to have online services at least through the first of the year. The services will still be on Facebook but will begin at 10:00 AM. The office will be closed and the Pastor and Anita will be working primarily from home. Both will be available through email or by calling the church office. If it is an immediate need, you can call David at 618.530.4679.

These decisions are made with the desire to keep members of our congregation safe and to help our community at large as we try to reduce the number of cases moving forward. As Methodists, we are instructed to "Do No Harm," and this is one of the ways we can do that. Please join us in praying for the many families impacted by the coronavirus as well as those who are feeling alone and disconnected, especially during the holidays.

We look forward to seeing you online this Sunday at 10:00 AM as we begin to celebrate Advent.

Poinsettias and Norfolk Pines are still available for you to display on our altar at Christmas. The cost for an 8" poinsettia or a 6" Norfolk pine is \$10.00. Please call or email the church office to place one of these plants in memory or in honor of someone special to you. We currently have 4 poinsettias and 1 Norfolk Pine in need of adoption.

Angel Tree Ministry—We have an opportunity once again this year to serve the children in our community by providing Christmas presents on behalf of incarcerated parents. Instead of picking a tag off of the Christmas tree as in the past, this year you can pick the child you would like to purchase gifts for by following this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B48AEAE2FA1FB6-angel> The deadline to receive gifts is Sunday, December 13. Please call Rhonda Grammer, who will pick up your gifts—(618) 444-4871.

Christmas Memories—What were your family traditions at Christmas—how did you celebrate Christmas Eve—what memories have stuck with you? We are shooting videos of our IUMC family sharing these memories to be shown throughout the Advent season. It would be such a blessing to receive a call or email from you volunteering to share before our secretary reaches out to you!!

Scouting for Food Drive—The area scouts will not be doing their annual Food Collection this year. Last year the Glen-Ed Pantry received more than 15 tons of food from this drive equating a food value of \$53,000. This is a big loss for the Pantry. You can help our Food Pantry by making a monetary donation directly to the Pantry. Donations may be dropped off during regular pantry hours, placed in their dropbox next to the door or mailed to 125 5th Avenue, Edwardsville, Illinois. The Pantry is hosting a drive-through food donation on Saturday, December 5 from 8 am until noon. They are looking for volunteers to help that day. You are welcome to drop off donations at the following locations: Livia Law Firm, 217 S. Main, Edwardsville; Lion's Club & Boy Scout Christmas Tree Lot, 2071-2081 Troy Road, Edwardsville; Lion's Choice, 2384 Troy Road, Edwardsville; and Midwest Petroleum, 4001 IL 159, Glen Carbon.

Farmer to Families—Red Hill Church of Edwardsville is holding food giveaways each Saturday during November and December. Distribution is held at Liberty Middle School, 1 District Drive (across the street from the new YMCA) beginning at 9:00 am. Each family receives a 20-lb. box of free food to anyone who shows up. You will receive milk (if you ask for it) plus meat, cheese, butter, apples, onions, celery, lettuce – boxes differ each week. Follow this link for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/redhilltv/> A long line forms early – try to arrive by 8 am! Also, arrive via Governors Parkway so it will be easy to get into line.

Celebrating Birthdays this Week: 11/30—Aryhona Radford; 12/2—Tori Roderick; 12/3—Marc Franke

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

- + Fred Roniger, father of Tad Roniger, diagnosed with brain cancer and given a few months to live.
Fred lives in Oregon, and Tad and Kari live in Florida.
Jay, Christal Akers-Helle’s brother-in-law’s mom, pancreatic cancer
- +++ The family of Immanuel member Doo Nee Loo, who passed away on Thursday, November 12
Glenn and Cindy Taylor and family at the passing of Cindy’s brother, Tom Holdener
Struggling families in Central America as they recover from Hurricane Eta
Joy! Carson Lee Roderick, son of Christian and Leanne Roderick and grandson of Pastor David & Tami Roderick was born on Thursday, November 5, weighing 6 lb, 12 oz and measuring 19.68”
- ++++ Steve Larsen, brother-in-law of Mike Portell, hospitalized with serious heart issues
Karen Trone, hospice care
Aunt Betsy Schott, cancer treatments—aunt of Lisa Allen
Denise Threlkeld, cancer treatments

2020 Monthly Income & Expense

Current Expense (Operating)

Budgeted Expenses, November	\$16,323.00
Contributions Received	\$10,118.00

Benevolence (Missions/Disaster Relief)

Owed by 11/30/2020	\$ 9,647.00
Received year to date	\$10,520.00



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