



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, December 8, 2024
2nd Sunday of Advent

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Prelude—*Gesu Bambino*

Jennifer Moore

Opening Prayer

Andrew Taylor

Advent Candle Lighting

Andrew Taylor

Song—*What Child is This UMH #219*

Worship Team

Song—*Angels From the Realms of Glory UMH #220 (v.1,4)*

Worship Team

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Winter Song*

Worship Team

Scripture Luke 1:57-64, 67, 76-79

Andrew Taylor

⁵⁷ Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸ Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹ On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. ⁶⁰ But his mother said, "No; he is to be called John." ⁶¹ They said to her, "None of your relatives has this name." ⁶² Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. ⁶³ He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, "His name is John." And all of them were amazed. ⁶⁴ Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God.

⁶⁷ Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

⁷⁶ And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷ to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸ Because of the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹ to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Message: *Zechariah's Prophecy*

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Messiah*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

astor David Roderick

Song—*Doxology UMH #95*

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team: Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

Church Electrical Work will take place on December 9th, 10th and 11th, weather permitting. The church will be without power for those 3 days. Church staff will be working remotely. The Church Council Meeting that is scheduled for December 11th, will be held at Rainbow House.

PFLAG December Meeting Date Change—The PFLAG meeting that was scheduled for Thursday, December 5th has been moved to Thursday, December 12th. We will meet at 7:00pm in Journey's Inn.

Angel Tree Ministry—If you selected a tag from the tree in the overflow room on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season, please gift wrap items and return them to church along with the tag by December 10 for delivery. Phone Rhonda Grammer with any questions, 618-444-4871.

Christmas Eve Worship—We will celebrate Christmas Eve on Tuesday, December 24th with a worship service at 5:00 pm. This service will include candlelight and communion. All are welcome!

Advent Studies—A reminder that will be holding a weekly bible study to coincide with our Sunday services in December. Dates and times are as follows:

Prepare the Way for the Lord:

Advent and the Message of John the Baptist

Monday's 6:30-7:45 December 2nd—December 23rd at Rainbow House

Global Migration, Immigration, and Beloved Community

Led by Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai

Tuesday's - 7 PM December 3rd—December 17th at Rainbow House or online.

Friday Food and Fellowship has ended for 2024. We will resume in 2025 with lunches being held on January 10th and January 24th. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you!

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 12/10—Karl Larson, Noah Newman; 2/12—Jennifer Fowler, Cindy Taylor, Michael Tomaszewski, Alex Tomaszewski

Our Online Calendar can be accessed at any time by following this link:

<https://73818207.view-events.com>.

Immanuel's Welcoming Inclusion Statement

As we recognize the value in each other, we recognize God. We embrace God's good gift of diversity and believe all persons are of sacred worth. Therefore, we welcome people of every age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, social-economic background, family structure, and physical or mental ability into the full participation of this congregation. We are called by God to raise the level of hope for those who have been marginalized and singled out for exclusion, including our LGBTQIA+ siblings. Our passion for a wide welcome of all God's children moves us to participate in reconciling and justice ministries so that we might truly be open minds, open hearts, and open doors.

Calendar for the Week

Monday, December 9	All Day Electrical Work—Church and Offices Closed 6:30 pm Advent Study at Rainbow House
Tuesday, December 10	All Day Electrical Work—Church and Offices Closed 7:00 pm Video Advent Study—Online and/or at Rainbow House
Wednesday, December 11	All Day Electrical Work—Church and Offices Closed 6:30 pm Church Council Meeting at Rainbow House
Thursday, December 12	9:00 am Sit and Stand Yoga—Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm Beginner/Intermediate Yoga—Fellowship Hall
Friday, December 13	All Day No Events Scheduled
Saturday, December 14	All Day Fellowship Hall in Use—Private Event
Sunday, December 15 <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	10:00 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

This Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor
Greeter: Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Keith Housewright
Worship Screens: Helen Housewright

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Sarah Woods
Greeter: Larry & Linda Duckworth
Soundboard: Christal Akers-Helle
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Anita Seehausen, comfort and healing following knee replacement surgery.
- Penny May, who will be having hip replacement surgery on December 12th.
- Gary Ramey, Stepfather of Emily Spitze, fighting cancer that has spread. He will start a new treatment on December 22.
- Taylor Burch, friend of Shannah Wagner and Wagner family, for pregnancy complications.
- Prayer of thanks: Jeremy Weh, Father of Hannah Page, rang the bell for being cancer free!
- Chelsea Skinner 29, family cousin of Koenig's, as she begins new cancer treatment.

If you have someone or something you would like to have us pray for, please use the tear off sheet on the bulletin and drop in an offering box, or contact the church office at 618-656-4648 by EOD on Wednesdays if possible.

Song #1 - What Child is This UMH # 219

What child is this who laid to rest
On Mary's lap is sleeping
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come peasant, king to own Him
The King of kings salvation brings
Let loving hearts enthrone Him

This, this is Christ the King
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing
Haste, haste to bring Him laud
The Babe, the Son of Mary

**Song #2 - Angels From the Realms of Glory
UMH #220 (vs 1,4)**

Verse 1

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Verse 4

Saints, before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear;
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship;
Worship Christ, the new-born King!

Song #3 – Winter Song

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

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

Is love alive?
Is love alive?
Is love?

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

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

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

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

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

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 alive?

Song #3—Winter Song Cont'd

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

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

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

Is love alive?

Song #4 – Messiah

Long awaited precious promise
Son of God and son of man
Heaven's glory in a manger
Has come to us in Bethlehem

Messiah
Messiah
A baby born to save us all
Messiah
Messiah
On our knees we fall

All we longed for, all we needed
Shining in this child's eyes
Hope forever, death defeated
Because of this one only holy night

Messiah
Messiah
A baby born to save us all
Messiah
Messiah
On our knees we fall

Song #4—Messiah Cont'd

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Long awaited precious promise
Coming back again

Messiah
Messiah
A baby born to save us all
Messiah
Messiah
On our knees we fall

Song #5 – Doxology UMH #95

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.

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