



## *Immanuel United Methodist Church*

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

Sunday, December 29, 2024

### **Order of Worship**

#### **Ringing of the Bell**

#### **Welcome**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Opening Prayer**

Pastor David Roderick

#### **Call to Worship**

Pastor David Roderick

Children of God, Jesus Christ is born!

**God has come to make a home among us!**

Yet the story is not over. After the birth comes the ordinary and mundane growing, maturing, and discovering, even for the Christ Child.

**In the ordinary and mundane, God has come to make a home among us.**

And sometimes, in the midst of the everyday, something surprising happens, and we discover anew just what God is up to in our midst.

**In the surprising and spectacular, God has come to make a home among us.**

Children of God, let us worship the God who dwells with us in all things and all seasons.

**We come to make our home with God who makes a home among us. Amen.**

**Song**—*Joy to the World* UMH #246 (v. 1,2,4)

Worship Team

**Song**—*Go Tell it on the Mountain* UMH #251

Worship Team

**Scripture** Colossians 3:12-17 <sup>NRSVUE</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Prayer**

Lay Speaker Betty Gengler

**Song**—*There's a Song in the Air*

Worship Team

**Message:** *Reflection, Restoration, Revive, Believe and be Alive*

Lay Speaker Betty Gengler

**Song**—*You Say*

Worship Team

**Prayer of Thanks**

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**Benediction**

Pastor David Roderick

**Worship Team:** Caleb Kelahan, Jennifer Moore

**Christmas Decorations** will be taken down following church service on Sunday, January 5, 2025. Anyone who can stay and assist will be welcome and will help ensure that it is a fast process. As always, we appreciate the ways in which you contribute your time to Immanuel.

**Friday Food and Fellowship** Lunches will resume in January with meals being held on January 10th and January 24th. Mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you in the new year.

**Tracking Contributions in 2025**—We have several ways to track your contributions. Let us know your preference! Monthly contributors can receive 12 giving envelopes with all of our funds printed on them. If you wish to give weekly, and/or to more than one fund, we would recommend that you receive a boxed set of weekly envelopes. Those who wish to give a check or cash on Sunday morning can use a pew envelope that has all of our contribution funds printed on them. All contributors have a giving number that you can write on your check or pew envelope. If you don't know your number, contact the church office.

**From Our Finance Committee:** Immanuel United Methodist Church has been blessed with your prayers, presence and support in 2024. We have done God's work and served God's people. Our monetary contributions have unfortunately fallen short of the commitments we made. We ask that you prayerfully consider how you have been blessed and ways that you can share that blessing. Contributions will fulfill our commitment to missions around the world. Thank you for your continuing dedication and support.

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**Celebrating Birthdays This Week:** 12/31—Beverly Schaake; 1/3—Marion Norris; 1/4—Alex Anderson; 1/5—Lisa Allen, Irene Hodge; 1/9—Imani Sharp

**Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:** 1/2—Marc and Sheila Franke

**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 30	7:30 pm AA
Tuesday, December 31	No Events Scheduled
Wednesday, January 1	<b>New Year's Day—Church Office Closed</b>
Thursday, January 2	No Events Scheduled
Friday, January 3	No Events Scheduled
Saturday, January 4	No Events Scheduled
Sunday, January 5 <b>Epiphany</b>	10:00 am In-Person & Livestream Worship

### This Week's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Betty Gengler  
Liturgist: Pastor David Roderick  
Greeter: Gary & Sharon Koenig  
Soundboard: Bob Ahrens  
Worship Screens: Sheila Page

### Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Dave Norris  
Greeter: Jill Winte  
Soundboard: Bob Ahrens  
Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis



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## Prayer/Praise Ministry

Please pray for:

- Pat Schott, continued comfort and healing following knee replacement surgery.
- Nephew of Koenig Family having tests for heart issues-possible surgery.
- Young Koenig family friend diagnosed with Stage 3 Colon cancer as they have surgery and begin chemo treatments.
- Penny May, continued comfort and healing following hip replacement surgery.
- Gary Ramey, Stepfather of Emily Spitze, fighting cancer that has spread. He will start a new treatment on December 22.

*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 – Joy to the World UMH #246  
(v.1,2,4)**

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her King.  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

Verse 2

Joy to the earth! the Savior reigns;  
Let all their songs employ.  
While fields and floods,  
Rocks, hills and plains,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

Verse 4

He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove.  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders, and wonders of His love.

**Song #2 – Go Tell it on the Mountain  
UMH #251**

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night,  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

The shepherds feared and trembled,  
When lo! above the earth,  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born,  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn.

Go, tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere;  
Go, tell it on the mountain,  
That Jesus Christ is born.

### **Song #3 – There's a Song in the Air**

There's a song in the air!  
There's a star in the sky!  
There's a mother's deep prayer  
And a baby's low cry!  
And the star rains it fire  
While the beautiful sing  
For the manger of Bethlehem  
Cradles a King!

There's a tumult of joy  
O'er the wonderful birth  
For the virgin's sweet boy  
Is the Lord of the earth  
Ay! the star rains its fire  
While the beautiful sing  
For the manger of Bethlehem  
Cradles a King!

In the light of that star  
Lie the ages impearled  
And that song from afar  
Has swept over the world  
Every hearth is aflame  
And the beautiful sing  
In the homes of the nations  
That Jesus is King!

We rejoice in the light  
And we echo the song  
That comes down through the night  
From the heavenly throng  
Ay! we shout to the lovely  
Evangel they bring  
And we greet in his cradle  
Our Savior and King!

### **Song #4 – You Say**

Verse 1

I keep fighting voices in my mind  
that say I'm not enough  
Every single lie that tells me  
I will never measure up

Verse 2

Am I more than just the sum of  
every high and every low?  
Remind me once again just who I am,  
because I need to know

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say that I am  
Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

Verse 3

The only thing that matters now is everything You  
think of me  
In You I find my worth, in You I find my identity

Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say that I am  
Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

## **Song #4 – You Say Cont'd**

### Bridge

Taking all I have and now I'm laying it at Your feet  
You have every failure God,  
and You'll have every victory

### Chorus

You say I am loved when I can't feel a thing  
You say I am strong when I think I am weak  
You say I am held when I am falling short  
And when I don't belong, oh You say that I am  
Yours  
And I believe, oh I believe  
What You say of me  
I believe

### Ending

Oh I believe, yes I believe  
What You say of me  
Oh I believe

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