



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

November 30, 2025
First Week of Advent—Hope

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Prelude

Jennifer Moore

Opening Prayer

Jules Donnelly

Song—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #211*

Worship Team

Advent Candle Lighting

Jules Donnelly

Song—*Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesua #196*

Worship Team

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 2:1-5 NRSVUE

Jules Donnelly

2 The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it.³ Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. "For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.⁴ He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Hold on to Me*

Worship Team

³⁶ "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

Today's Message:

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Grace of God With Us*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Doxology #95

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Worship Team:

Emerson Gausmann, Jennifer Moore

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Sistahs'/UWF Joint Christmas Party

Sistahs' and United Women in Faith will be hosting a joint Christmas party on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm. There will be a short program from the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House and we will collect needed items for them. A marked basket/tote will be in the hospitality room for your donations. More information was provided in the Weekly Update email.

Angel Tree Ministries

We have an opportunity to serve 21 children in Madison County this year through Angel Tree Ministries. We ask that you prayerfully consider providing a gift for children on behalf of a parent who is currently incarcerated this holiday season. Gift tags are available on the small tree in the overflow room. If you select a tag, please fill in your tag information on the sign out sheet, gift wrap your items and return them to church along with the tag by December 14 for delivery. Phone Rhonda Grammer with any questions, 618-444-4871.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our next lunch will be on December 5 from 11:00am—1:00pm. As always, there is no cost but donations are appreciated and accepted as you are able. Our thanks to everyone who volunteer their time to help our community. Please bring a friend and join us for fellowship.

Immanuel Goes to a Hockey Game

Please mark your calendars for Friday, December 19th at 8:15 PM for Hockey Fights Cancer at the RP Lumber Center. Immanuel will participate in the puck drop before the game to honor those fighting cancer, survivors or loved ones lost to cancer. Those individuals will be honored on the ice during a pre-game ceremony. We hope many of you, families, and friends can join us for this event.

Christmas Day

If you find yourself without a place to be on Christmas Day, we invite you to join us for lunch. We will be gathering for pizza and fellowship and would love to share a couple of hours of the day with you. Whether you are new, alone, or simply looking for connecting, there is a seat for you. RSVP to Hayden Ellis 618-363-3327.

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 11/30—Aryhona Radford; 12/2—Tori Roderick, 12/3—Marc 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.

Prayer/Praise Ministry

- Roberta "Bert" Piper and family, for the recent passing of Don Piper.
- Gary Ramey, stepfather of Emily Spitze, no longer receiving cancer treatment and has been placed on long term hospice.
- Brandy Page, daughter of Sheila Page, prayers for continued healing.
- Barb Mindak recently diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.
- Ann Pugh fighting brain cancer.
- Maryrose Donnelly, mother of Jules Donnelly, diagnosed with cancer.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who was diagnosed with colon cancer.

To add someone to the prayer list fill out the bulletin slip or contact the church office.

Calendar for the Week

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| Sunday, November 30 | 10:00 am | In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>First Sunday of Advent</i> |
| Monday, December 1 | 10:30 am 7:15 pm | Head Start Learn & Play AA |
| Wednesday, December 3 | 6:00 pm 7:00 pm | Sistah'/UWF Joint Christmas Party Rainbow House Adult Group |
| Sunday, December 7 | 10:00 am | In-Person & Livestream Worship <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i> |

Today's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Jules Donnelly

Greeter (s): Emily Spitze

Soundboard: Tobias Weaver

Worship Screens: Hayden Ellis

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Liturgist: Lisa Allen

Greeter (s): Gary & Sharon Koenig

Soundboard: Keith Housewright

Worship Screens: Helen Housewright



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**Song #1 - O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
#211 (3 x)**

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee O Israel

Song #2 - Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

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

Song #3 - Hold on to Me

When the best of me is barely breathin'
When I'm not somebody I believe in
Hold on to me
When I miss the light the night has stolen
When I'm slammin' all the doors You've opened
Hold on to me hold on to me

Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go hold me again

When I don't feel like I'm worth defending
When I'm tired of all my pretending
Hold on to me

When I start to break in desperation
Underneath the weight of expectation
Hold on to me hold on to me

Hold on to me when it's too dark to see You
When I am sure I have reached the end
Hold on to me when I forget I need You
When I let go hold me again

I could rest here in Your arms forever
'Cause I know nobody loves me better
Hold on to me hold on to me

Song #4 - Grace of God With Us

Wonderful and wise in counsel
Forever, mighty God
Your precious Father, everlasting
Blessed Prince of Peace

Glory to God in the highest
Jesus, our Savior
The grace of God with us

The kings of earth rest on your shoulders
You rule on David's throne
Your kingdom here is now established
Christ our Lord of lords

Glory to God in the highest
Jesus, our Savior
The grace of God with us

We bow before you
We worship and adore you
Standing on your word

Born that we might know forgiveness
Born that we should live
With joy and hope, and expectation
Our King will come again
Our King will come again

Glory to God in the highest
Jesus, our Savior
The grace of God with us

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Doxology—#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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