



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

December 28, 2025

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Joy to the World* #246

Worship Team

Call to Worship

Pastor David Roderick

L: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

P: We continue to wait and watch for the day that all the earth awaits.

L: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

P: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Opening Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*There's a Song in the Air* #249

Worship Team

Affirmation of Faith—A Modern Affirmation #885

Jules Donnelly

We believe in God the Creator, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all their works, and whose will is ever directed to their children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Jules Donnelly

Song—*See the Star*

Worship Team

Scripture Reading—Matthew 2:13-23 NRSVUE

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¹³ Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." ¹⁴ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt ¹⁵ and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." ¹⁶ When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the magi, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the magi. ¹⁷ Then what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled: ¹⁸ "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." ¹⁹ When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, ²⁰ "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." ²¹ Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. ²² But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. ²³ There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazarene."

Today's Message:

Jules Donnelly

Song—*Go, Tell it on the Mountain*

Worship Team

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Doxology*

Worship Team

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick

Welcome—New Year’s resolutions can be tricky to keep, but if your goal is to grow in faith and bless those around you, you’re in the right place. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen you as you walk into this new year. We’re glad you’re here — may 2026 be a year of spiritual growth, renewed faith, and joyful obedience.

Preparation for Worship—Renewing God, as we step into a new year, quiet our hearts and help us listen for your voice. May this time of worship set our direction and renew our hope in you.

Blessing Bags

We are providing blessing bags this winter, to be available for our friends at Friday Food & Fellowship and anyone in need of essential supplies this winter. A list of suggested items was included in the Weekly Update email if you would like to donate items to be used to fill the bags. You may also fill your own bags and bring to the church. Email kelly@immanuelonmain.org, if you would like a copy of the list emailed to you. There is no deadline as this will be an ongoing ministry through the season.

Friday Food and Fellowship

Our January lunches will be held on January 9th and 23rd 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 volunteers their time to help our community. Please bring a friend and join us for fellowship.

Inclement Weather Policy

If Church is ever cancelled due to weather, or any unexpected event, it will be posted on our [Facebook](#) page and/or on our [website](#).

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Celebrating Birthdays This Week: 12/28—Mary Lou Grigg; Trish Rader, 12/31—Beverly Schaake, 1/2—Ryleigh Hunter, 1/3—Marion Norris

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week: 1/2—Marc & Shellie 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

- Randy Ellis, father of Hayden Ellis, recovering from recent accident.
- Pat Boudreau, sister of Penny May and Dale Fellhauer, awaiting test results.
- Kimberly Buckley, daughter of Linda & Larry Duckworth, needs prayers for emotional support.
- Prayer of healing for Shelley Duncan, cousin of Sheila Page.
- Brandy Page, daughter of Sheila Page, prayers for continued healing.
- Barb Mindak diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis.
- Ann Pugh fighting brain cancer.
- Maryrose Donnelly, mother of Jules Donnelly, who was diagnosed with cancer.
- Carl Streubel, friend of Emily Spitze, who was diagnosed with cancer.

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

Calendar for the Week

Monday, December 29	7:15 pm	AA
Tuesday, December 30		No Events Scheduled
Wednesday, December 31		No Events Scheduled
Thursday, January 1		New Years Day—Church Office Closed
Friday, January 2		No Events Scheduled
Saturday, January 3		No Events Scheduled
Sunday, January 4	10:00 am	In-Person & Livestream Worship

Today's Worship Assistants:

Guest Speaker: Jules Donnelly
Liturgist: David Roderick
Greeter(s): Larry & Linda Duckworth
Soundboard: Tobias Weaver
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli

Next Week's Worship Assistants (12/28):

Liturgist: Andrew Taylor
Greeter(s): Gary & Sharon Koenig
Soundboard: Hayden Ellis
Worship Screens: Tami Masinelli



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Song #1 – Joy to the World #246

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.

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

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 – There's a Song in the Air #249

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 #3 - See the Star

See the star
Pierce the darkness,
Shining hope to all the earth.
See the sky
Blaze with glory,
Angels praise the saviour's birth,

See the joy,
Shepherds worship,
Amazed at all that they have seen.
See the hope,
Wise men journey,
Bringing treasures to the King.

See the dawning of the Son,
Darkness flees for love has come.
The power of death will be undone
Christ is born!

See the trust
Humble Mary
Gazes at her Saviour's face
See the love
Freely given
Christ reveals the Father's grace

God with us in flesh and blood
Giving up his throne above
Here to save us by his love
Christ is born

Glory in the highest heaven
All the earth resound
Glory in the highest heaven
God is with us now

Song #4 - Go, Tell it on the Mountain #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 #5 - 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.

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