



Immanuel United Methodist Church

800 North Main Street • Edwardsville, Illinois 62025

December 10, 2023

Order of Worship

Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship

Pastor Sarah Dierker

L: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.

C: Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

L: O come, O come, Immanuel.

C: Come and bring the light of God.

L: Come and walk among us.

C: Be our Savior and our Friend.

L: O come, O come, Immanuel.

C: Come to bring us your peace.

Hymn—*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

UM Hymnal #211
Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan
Lyrics Begin on Page 4

Advent Candle Lighting

Pastor Sarah Dierker

Welcome

Pastor David Roderick

Prayer

Pastor David Roderick

Song—*Mary, Did You Know*

Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

Scripture Reading—Luke 2:8-14^{NRSVUE}

Pastor Sarah Dierker

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

Advent Sermon Series: Origins

Today's Sermon: "Invitation, Opportunity or Obligation?"

Lay Speaker Betty Gengler

Hymn—*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

UM Hymnal #234
Rhonda Grammer, Caleb Kelahan

Prayer of Thanks

Pastor David Roderick

Benediction

Pastor David Roderick
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Preparation for Worship—Shepherding God, thank you for feeding your flock with love, gathering us lambs in your arms and carrying us close to your heart.

Welcome, family of Christ! Each person adds to our worship. Thank you for being here.

Many Thanks to Lay Speaker Betty Gengler for the message she prepared and shares with us this morning. May God bless our time of worship together.

Christmas Worship Schedule—The 4th Sunday in Advent will be celebrated on the morning of December 24 at 10:00 am. That evening we will celebrate Christmas Eve with a worship service at 6:00 pm. This service will include candlelight and communion. All are welcome!

Angel Tree Ministry/Bailey Family—All of the tags have been taken! If you selected an Angel Tree tag, wrapped gifts are due today. Call or speak to Rhonda Grammer with any questions, 618-444-4871. Gifts for the Bailey family are due back on December 22. If you have questions about these tags, contact Teresa at 618-560-9562.

Sistahs and United Women in Faith will be hosting a joint Christmas party this Wednesday, December 13 at 6 pm. We will start the evening with appetizers and desserts—please bring your favorite to share. We will have a gift exchange—\$5 suggested cost—be creative. We plan to play Christmas JINGO, have an offering to support gifts for local children, and share some stories and songs. Everyone is welcome to join us for a joyful gathering.

The Next Friday Food & Fellowship lunch will be served on Friday, December 15 from 11:00 am until 1:30 pm.

From Our Finance Committee: Immanuel United Methodist Church has been blessed with your prayers, presence and support in 2023. 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. Our Benevolent giving is \$7,000 short for 2023. Contributions will fulfill our commitment to missions around the world. Thank you for your continuing dedication and support.

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

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

- + Sherry Buhrmester, for strength and healing
Jerry Prott Sr., health issues

- +++ Erika Bailey for her continued cancer battle

Calendar for the Week

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| Sunday, December 10 2nd Sunday in Advent | 10:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm | In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School Young Adult Luncheon |
| Monday, December 11 | 7:00 pm 7:15 pm | Rainbow House Young Adults AA in Fellowship Hall |
| Wednesday, December 13 | 12:00 pm 6:00 pm | Bridge Club United Women in Faith/Sistahs Joint Christmas Party |
| Thursday, December 14 | 9:00 am 6:00 pm | United Women in Faith Christmas Baskets Yoga |
| Friday, December 15 | 11:00 am 6:00 pm 6:00 pm | Friday Food & Fellowship until 1:30 pm Bridge Club in Journey's Inn Room Yoga until 7:30 pm |
| Saturday, December 16 | 8:00 am | Helle Family in Lower Level until 9:00 pm No Yoga |
| Sunday, December 17 3rd Sunday in Advent | 10:00 am 10:00 am 4:00 pm | In-Person & Livestream Worship Children's Sunday School Rainbow House Youth |

Today's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: Pastor Sarah Dierker
Greeter: Emily Spitze
Soundboard: Jim Van Nest
Worship Slides: Tami & Leah Masinelli

Next Week's Worship Assistants:

Worship Leader: David Norris
Greeter: Jill Winte
Soundboard: Matt Lewis
Worship Slides: Kiffon Lewis

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O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Henry Sloane Coffin, Laurence Hull Stookey

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

O come, thou Wisdom from on high
And order all things far and nigh
To us the path of knowledge show
And cause us in her ways to go
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Root of Jesse's tree
An ensign of thy people be
Before thee rulers silent fall
All peoples on thy mercy call
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

Mary Did You Know?

Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would one day walk on water?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would save our sons and daughters?
Did you know that your baby boy has come to
make you new?
This Child that you delivered will soon deliver you

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
will give sight to the blind man?
Mary, did you know that your baby boy
would calm a storm with His hand?
Did you know that your baby boy
has walked where angels trod?
And when you kiss your little baby
you've kissed the face of God?

Mary, did you know?
Mary, did you know?

The blind will see, the deaf will hear
The dead will live again!
The lame will leap, and all will speak the praises
of the Lamb!

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
is Lord of all creation?

Mary, did you know that your baby boy
will one day rule the nations?

Did you know that your baby boy was
heaven's perfect Lamb?
The sleeping Child you're holding
is the Great I Am!

Mary, did you know?

Mary, did you know?

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John F. Wade, Frederick Oakeley

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold him born the king of angels
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

True God of true God
Light from Light Eternal
Lo, he shuns not the virgin's womb
Son of the Father, begotten, not created
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

See how the shepherds
Summoned to his cradle
Leaving their flocks draw nigh to gaze
We too will thither
Bend our joyful footsteps
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him, Christ the Lord

