

# Service of Worship

**Preparing for worship**—For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

Leader: The Lord be with you!  
**People: The Lord bless you!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

## God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 33:1-5

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**People: Amen!**

† INTROIT # 55 – To God Be the Glory

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 140

Deliver me, O Lord, from evil men;  
**Preserve me from violent men,**  
Who plan evil things in their hearts;  
**They continually gather together for war.**  
They sharpen their tongues like a serpent;  
**The poison of asps is under their lips.**  
Keep me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked;  
**Preserve me from violent men,**  
Who have purposed to make my steps stumble.  
**The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;**  
They have spread a net by the wayside;  
**They have set traps for me.**

I said to the Lord: "You are my God;  
**Hear the voice of my supplications, O Lord.**  
O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation,  
**You have covered my head in the day of battle.**  
Do not grant, O Lord, the desires of the wicked;  
**Do not further his wicked scheme lest they be exalted.**  
"As for the head of those who surround me,  
let the evil of their lips cover them;

**Let burning coals fall upon them;**  
Let them be cast into the fire,  
**Into deep pits, that they rise not up again.**  
Let not a slanderer be established in the earth;  
**Let evil hunt the violent man to overthrow him."**  
I know that the Lord will maintain the cause of the afflicted,  
**And justice for the poor.**  
Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name;  
**The upright shall dwell in Your presence.**

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth  
**People: He will hear their cry and save them!**

† HYMN OF APPROACH # 353 – I Love Thy Kingdom Lord

## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (Psalm 51 selected verses)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:  
**People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me by your generous Spirit. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON 2 Chronicles 7:14

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!

*fff* Hal-le - lu-jah! Praise to God the Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi - rit.

Glo-ry to You, O Lord, both now and for-ev - er. Hal-le - lu - jah!

Leader: Lift up your hearts!  
**People: We lift them up to the Lord!**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!  
**People: It is proper and right to do so.**

## God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:3-14

† SECOND READING Ephesians 4:17-5:2

Leader: The Word of the Lord—  
**People: Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 16:5-12

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Developing Discernment*  
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE # 642 – Be Thou My Vision

## God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!  
**People: And His mercy endures forever!**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE  
Passing of the Bread # 98 – Now Thank We All Our God  
Passing of the Wine # 255 – O Jesus, We Adore Thee

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen!**

† GLORIA PATRI # 735

† CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**Amen!**

## God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand  
‡ With hands uplifted

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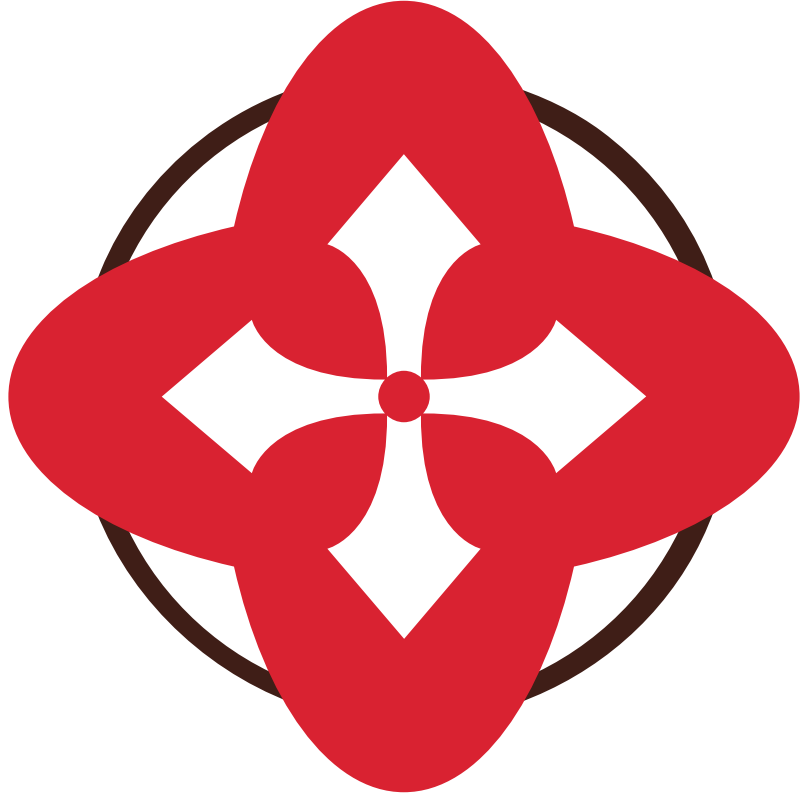
Announcements

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

- Second Sunday lunch: August 12
- Small Group North – July 22 @ Brantley home
- Small Group South – July 25 @ Weis Home

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
  - Merediths (Sunday School)
  - Hunters (Worship)
  
- Next Week
  - Chandler Oswalts (Sunday School)
  - Samsels (Worship)



# IMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 JULY 22, 2018

9:00 AM Sunday School and 10:30 AM Worship

*Recordings of this morning's service may be downloaded from the church's website located at ipccClinton.org. Previous services and events are also available.*