

# 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

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## God Calls Us

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 9:2

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

† INTROIT *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

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, Who orderest all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in her ways to go.  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 72

Give the king Your judgments, O God,  
And Your righteousness to the king's Son.  
**He will judge Your people with righteousness,  
And Your poor with justice.**

The mountains will bring peace to the people,  
And the little hills, by righteousness.  
**He will bring justice to the poor of the people;  
He will save the children of the needy,  
And will break in pieces the oppressor.**

They shall fear You As long as the sun and moon endure,  
Throughout all generations.  
**He shall come down like rain upon the grass before mowing,  
Like showers that water the earth.**

In His days the righteous shall flourish,  
And abundance of peace, Until the moon is no more.  
**He shall have dominion also from sea to sea,  
And from the River to the ends of the earth.**

Those who dwell in the wilderness will bow before Him,  
And His enemies will lick the dust.  
**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles Will bring presents;  
The kings of Sheba and Seba Will offer gifts.  
Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him;  
All nations shall serve Him.**

For He will deliver the needy when he cries,  
The poor also, and him who has no helper.  
**He will spare the poor and needy,  
And will save the souls of the needy.**

He will redeem their life from oppression and violence;  
And precious shall be their blood in His sight.

**And He shall live; And the gold of Sheba will be given to Him;**  
Prayer also will be made for Him continually,  
And daily He shall be praised.

**There will be an abundance of grain in the earth,  
On the top of the mountains;**  
Its fruit shall wave like Lebanon;  
And those of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.

**His name shall endure forever;  
His name shall continue as long as the sun.**  
And men shall be blessed in Him; All nations shall call Him blessed.

**Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
Who only does wondrous things!**  
And blessed be His glorious name forever!  
And let the whole earth be filled with His glory.

**Amen and Amen!**

Leader: O Lord, give ear to our prayers.  
**People: Light the darkness of our hearts, Christ Jesus!**

† PSALM OF APPROACH Psalm 22i

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## God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN (*Let those who are able kneel*)  
Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:  
**People: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess  
before You our sinful nature—prone to evil and slothful in good  
—and all our shortcomings and offenses against You. You alone  
know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in  
wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. O Lord, have mercy  
on us, who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have  
displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our  
secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Your dear Son.  
And O most holy and loving Father, send Your purifying grace  
into our hearts, we beseech You, that we may henceforth live in  
Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the  
commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Colossians 1:12-14

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.**

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## God Consecrates Us

† FIRST READING Psalm 34

† SECOND READING Matthew 11:1-6

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Isaiah 61:1-4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *The King that Brings Healing*  
Pastor Jay Barfield

† PSALM OF RESPONSE Psalm 72a

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## 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 *Comfort Comfort Ye My People (reverse)*  
Passing of the Wine # 196 – *Come Thou Long Expected Jesus*

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 *Heidelberg Catechism (Q. 1)*

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?  
**People: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

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## God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

‡ DOXOLOGY

† The congregation will please stand  
‡ With hands uplifted

## Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

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1. Com-fort, com - fort ye My peo-ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God;  
2. Yea, her sins our God will par-don, blot-ting out each dark mis-deed;  
3. For E - li - jah's voice is cry-ing in the des - ert far and near,  
4. Make ye straight what long was crook-ed, make the rough - er pla - ces plain,

com-fort those who sit in dark-ness, mourn-ing 'neath their sor-rows' load.  
all that well de-served His an - ger He no more will see nor heed.  
bid-ding all men to re-pen-tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
let your hearts be true and hum-ble, as be - fits His ho - ly reign;

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of the peace that waits for them!  
She hath suf-fered ma-ny'a day, now her griefs have passed a - way;  
O that warn-ing cry o - bey, now pre-pare for God a way;  
for the glo - ry of the LORD now o'er earth is shed a - broad,

Tell her that her sins I co - ver and her war-fare now is o - ver.  
God will change her pi-ning sad - ness in - to ev - er spring-ing glad-ness.  
let the val - ley rise to meet Him, and the hills bow down to greet Him.  
and all flesh shall see the to - ken that His Word is ne - ver bro - ken.

Johann Olearius, 1671  
Catherine Winkworth

AINSI QU'ON OIT LE CERF BRUIRE 8.7.8.7.7.8.8  
Genevan Psalter, 1551  
Harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

## Announcements

### CHURCH FUNCTIONS

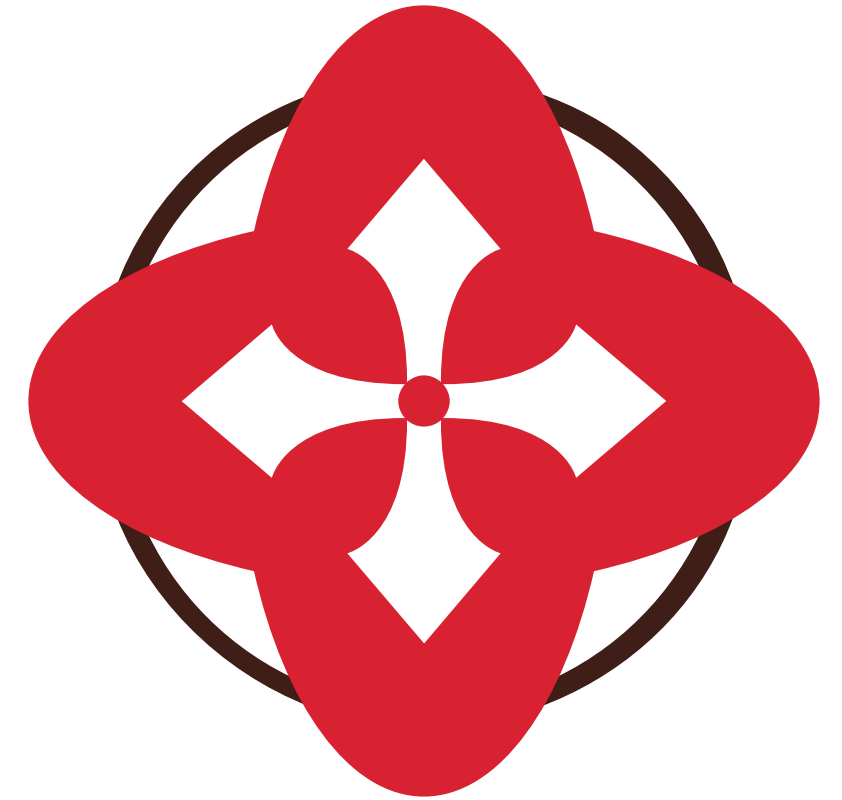
- Wednesday Night activities: Supper at 5:45 and Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- Second Sunday lunch: On hiatus until January

### NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
  - Beth & Wright Whitney (Sunday School)
  - Phillippes (Worship)
- Next Week
  - Merediths (Sunday School)
  - Hunters (Worship)

### GENERAL

- Children's Christmas Pageant and Refreshments on Wednesday, December 13th.



# IMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT  
DECEMBER 3, 2017

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](http://ipccClinton.org).  
Previous services and events are also available.*