

Service of Worship

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS



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



God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:
(Those who are able kneel)

Leader: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father:

People: **We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Luke 1:68, 77-79

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!



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 Isaiah 40:3-8

† SECOND READING Hebrews 3:7-19

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT Matthew 3:1-12

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Welcome, Lord Jesus!*
Pastor Matthew 3:1-12

† PSALM OF RESPONSE Psalm 72a



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.**



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

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 Genevan Psalter, 1551
 Harm. Johann Crüger, 1658

Announcements

CHURCH FUNCTIONS

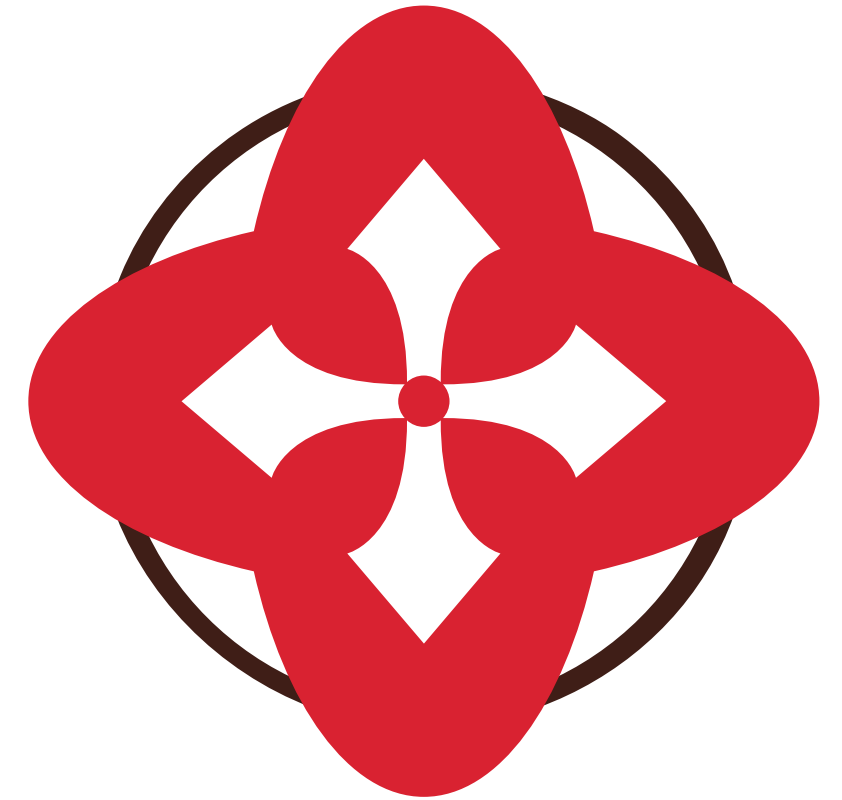
- No Second Sunday Lunch in November or December
- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal, Wednesday @ 6
- Small Groups - No meeting this week

NURSERY WORKERS

- Today
 - Cherri Moore & Libby Grete (Sunday School)
 - Will & Calen Brantley (Worship)
- Next Week
 - Barry & Sharon Willoughby (Sunday School)
 - Stewart & Amanda Quarles (Worship)

GENERAL

- The annual IPC Christmas party is scheduled for December 7.
- Christmas Caroling at the Gretes' is tentatively scheduled for Sunday, December 23.



IMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
 DECEMBER 2, 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 ipcclinton.org.
 Previous services and events are also available.*