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DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL: In addition to the in-person services, all Services are live streamed also. The live stream is available at the following Youtube link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqkp9bt5FmMFDmfW0QNplUw/videos>

DIVINE SERVICE AT IMMANUEL

January 2

1 Kings 3:4–15

Psalms 119:97–104

Ephesians 1:3–14

Luke 2:40–52

Second Sunday after Christmas

Solomon asks the Lord for wisdom.

The law of the Lord gives understanding and wisdom.

We are blessed through Christ.

The boy Jesus in the temple

Only twelve years old, Jesus, the boy in the temple, is already full of the wisdom of God. As Solomon prayed for wisdom as God's greatest gift, today we are given a glimpse into God's wisdom. His wisdom is the greatest and highest wisdom: that a person is not and cannot be saved by his own works or actions, but solely by faith in the gift of Jesus Christ. We become God's children and His own family by God's action of adopting us.

January 6

Isaiah 60:1–6

Psalms 72:1–11 (12–15)

Ephesians 3:1–12

Matthew 2:1–12

The Epiphany of Our Lord

"Arise, shine, for your light has come."

"All kings fall down before Him."

"You can perceive my insight."

The visit of the Magi

Light eradicates darkness, illuminates creation's glory, and strips away the shroud of mystery. Christ is the light to which all kings and authorities bow down. He makes known the mysteries and salvation of God through the apostles and prophets. The Word and will of the Lord is no longer possessed by a singular people, nor is it cloaked in any kind of ambiguity. All are summoned and blessed to worship Christ. He is our exceeding joy in which our hearts thrill and exult.

January 9

Isaiah 43:1–7

Psalms 29

Romans 6:1–11

Luke 3:15–22

The Baptism of Our Lord

"Fear not, for I have redeemed you."

"The voice of the Lord is powerful."

We are united with Christ in His death and resurrection in Baptism.

John baptizes Jesus in the Jordan.

Baptism in Christ carefully balances the terror of death and the exhilaration of resurrection. Sin is dismantled, disarmed, and destroyed. The sinner, engrafted now to Christ, becomes a new creation, baptized and resurrected like Jesus, alive to God and claimed by Him forever. The realm of death cannot possess the life of a believer. John boldly engages in this ministry of proclamation and divine action. Even Jesus submits to Baptism, receiving the declaration of His Father, "You are My beloved Son."

January 16

Isaiah 62:1-5

Psalm 128

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

John 2:1-11

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

The nations will see Your righteousness, and all kings Your glory.

“Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord.”

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.

Jesus’ miracle at the wedding of Cana

Jesus manifests His glory at the wedding feast at Cana, changing ordinary water into exquisite wine. The Church treasures this divine action of Christ, remembering, believing, and receiving forgiveness in Jesus’ divine blood, in, under, and with ordinary wine. God in Christ binds Himself to His people, from desolate forsaken Israel to the Holy Church of today. She is the Bride, and He the Bridegroom, whose resolute faithfulness seals the marriage covenant with us forever.

January 23

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19:(1-6) 7-14

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Luke 4:16-30

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Ezra reads the Law to the people.

“The Law of the Lord is perfect.”

We are all a part of the Body of Christ.

Jesus preaches in the synagogue. “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Only Jesus sufficiently comprehends and delivers the counsels of God in the purity of the Law and the grace of the Gospel. As sinners, postured to heed God’s Word, we are crushed, tear-filled, perceiving mammoth guilt. And yet this is the holy intent of God—confession of sin and repentance unleash the Gospel’s joy! Sinners receive undeserved forgiveness; the poor, good news; the captive and oppressed, liberty; and the blind, sight. Jesus offers these things to believing and hardened hearts alike.

January 30

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (17-19)

Psalm 71:1-6 (7-11)

1 Corinthians 12:31b—13:13

Luke 4:31-44

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

I formed you. I am with you.

“My mouth is filled with Your praise.”

“The greatest of these is love.”

Jesus drives out demons.

Apart from God, we know not how to speak. And yet in His dominion, embryos are deemed to be prophets before birth—equipped in life to proclaim the deliverance of God without fear, armed with God’s truth that destroys, redeems, and restores nations and kingdoms. Yet the greatest prophet, with unrivaled authority, is Jesus. His proclamations cast out our demons, rebuke fever, heal disease, and preach the Good News. His Word alone empowers the Church and her people to speak truth.

Ministry Notes



Thanks from the Staff –

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Immanuel – Sharon and I very much appreciate your Christmas Gift. You have kind and generous hearts. May God's Blessings rest on you! **Rev. Minetree**

It’s hard to believe that over a year has passed since I began the position of Administrative Assistant here at Immanuel. The year has been personally challenging but very satisfying. I’ve learned a lot. Please accept my heartfelt thanks for the Christmas bonus. I look forward to the upcoming year and my prayers that we can put the pandemic behind us. **Teresa Dutton**

Thanks to all for the generous Christmas gift. **Deborah Thomas**

Most truly grateful for the bonus and truly thankful for the time I spend cleaning for Immanuel. With sincere heart I thank you. **Yvonne Sudler**

From Lola Barnes – thank you for your thoughts and heartfelt prayers for my nephew, Bill Staton in Florida, who had heart transplant surgery.

HOME COMMUNION

If you wish to receive the Holy Communion elements (the bread and wine) for use with the streamed Sunday Divine Service and cannot get to the church to pick them up, please email pastor (cminetree@verizon.net) or call the church office (410-435-6861.) Pastor will make a no contact drop of the elements at your house.

CALLING ALL YOUTH – 5TH GRADE AND UP. Acolytes and crucifers needed Sundays, 9:45 a.m. Will train. Your opportunity to share your shining faces and your spirit to your Immanuel family. See Emalee Smith or Pastors for more information.

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT AND LIFE OF SAINT PAUL. For Kids ages 3-13. Sundays (excused after the Gospel). Crafts, songs, snacks, Spirit! See you all Sundays about 10:20 a.m. See Emalee for details.

CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like a special arrangement, the procedure is to call Denise Waicker at (443) 981-0019 or Denisewaicker@mac.com. Denise needs to know the date you select and the statement you want to include so that she can order the flowers for that Sunday. The cost is \$20.00 for a Special Arrangement and \$40.00 for Altar Flowers. Pay by cash or check (made payable to the "Altar Guild") and give to Denise Waicker in person or mail checks via the postal service.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

-Heavenly Father, we pray that You be glorified through the effort of our *'Til All Have Heard* Ministry. Guide us and Pastor Witt as we seek and pursue avenues to declare that Your Kingdom is coming clearly and powerfully. Give us the opportunity to plant, water, and harvest for Your Kingdom according to Your will, and grant patience to wait on Your timing and purposes. Lord, in Your mercy/Let us pray to the Lord

-Wray Powell, brother-in-law of Kim Minetree, who had open heart surgery
-Thelma Lauterbach who is recovering at home.
-Bill Staton, nephew of Lola Barnes, who is home recovering from heart transplant surgery
-Wendie Wegner, wife of Jay Wegner, who is battling cancer

-Rosemarie, daughter of Filleseta James, for healing of her left leg
-Jean Heeman for health problems
-Bill Hermann, who is battling Parkinson's
-Joseph Woah-tee, missing and whereabouts unknown
-John Rebstock, suffering from sciatica and kidney disease
-Bradley Will, who is being treated for cancer
-Ray Will, who is having back problems

Birthdays:

4 Augusta Ibenana
5 Scott McDonnell
6 Jane Derry
12 Lillian Noel
14 Sarah McDonnell
16 Andrea Fuller
19 Richard Kruelle
26 Shirley Robertson
27 Nicole Gordon
29 Mark Smith
Roland Obedekah
31 Fay Husted

CHURCH VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE				
	Altar Guild	Lay Reader	Liturgist	Communion Assistant
January 2 January 9	Fay Husted			
January 16 January 23 January 30	Carolyn Henn/ Joan Goeller			

January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9 am Adult Bible Study 10 am Worship & Holy Communion 12 pm Christ Cong-Eritrean 3 pm New Refuge Deliverance	3 7:15 Choir Rehearsal	4	5 Streaming New Acts Class	6	7	8 10 am Compassion Center Undecorate Church
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