



*Immanuel
Presbyterian Church
A Sanctuary of Welcome
For All People*



PRAYER AND MINISTRY CONCERNS

January 15, 2012

Please pray for: Ted Hicks and his son, Thomas, Yolanda Peasant Harris, Charles Friese, Veda Doss, Sam Kirk, Willa and Glen O'Rourke and Mary E.R. Jackson, Donna Baker and the Baker family, Lynn Berger, Arelle Middleton, Libby Fain, Minetry Apperson Crowley and her family, Rebecca Mann, Eliseo Martinez, Lisa Busler, Earlene Hughes, Beverly, Bob and Paul Morrison, Pam and Tom Nowell, Joy Cooper, Gina Stallings, the Finch family, Ray Pitre, Cheryl Lumpkin, the Swinford family, Christian Graves, Margie and Bob Robertson, John Leofsky, Angela, Melinda and their infant son, Isabella and her granddaughter, Syntheia Nagel, Cindy Irvin, Susie Hester Young, the Moody family, Kathleen Holdridge, Marilyn Heard and family, Kim Connerley, Marilyn Tucker, Barry Gager, Le Hook, Tommy Patterson, Kathy Forrister, Annie Long, Ann-Louise Woodward, John and Elise Morgan, Frizz Gray, David Coxe

Hattie Moseley Johnson, friend of Brackner family, is experiencing serious medical issues.

Linda Yasim, friend of Linda and Ken Garrett, as she deals with terminal breast cancer that has metastasized to her bones.

Kat Rodman's mother, Irene Levya, is undergoing medical tests.

Field McClelland, brother-in-law of Nora Sims, has been admitted to ICU.

Alyce Addison and her family on the death of Alyce's cousin, Lynda Woodall.

Ricky McGough, friend of Linda and Ken Garrett, who is battling cancer of the kidneys.

The Mission and Ministry of Immanuel Presbyterian Church.

Families who care for aging elders; elders who rely on younger generations for help.

Awareness and compassion for those who struggle with addiction and for the families and loved ones who suffer the effects of this disease.

Families and households going through the pain and distress of separation, divorce, and brokenness in relationships.

All those who struggle each day to cope with the challenges of depression, anxiety and related disorders.

Those who struggle financially because of loss of employment and/or adequate, stable income.

Awareness and commitment to seek a remedy for the Alabama AIDS epidemic.

The staff and board of Hospice of Montgomery.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 15, 2012

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude

Introit

Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord

TAIZE

Sing, praise and bless the Lord!

Sing, praise and bless the Lord! Peoples! Nations! Alleluia!

Remembering Our Baptism

Welcome and Concerns

Call to Worship

God has searched us and knows us.

God has called us to be a holy people.

God has touched our hearts and our mouths.

God has called us to confess our faith.

God has invited us to walk with God in holiness.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***Opening Hymn #285**

AUSTRIAN HYMN

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Call to Confession

Confession of Sin

Revealing God, sometimes we imagine that you could not possibly know us, and we confess that sometimes we look at others and judge and dismiss them because of our own dis-ease. Sometimes we act as though you are not among us. Grant us true humility; help us to ask for forgiveness and to turn towards the abundance of your grace in our lives and relationships. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God calls us and conforms us to Christ, so that in him we receive the promise of new life. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! The peace of Christ be with you.

* Those who are able, please stand

And also with you.

Please turn to your neighbor and offer a sign of peace.

Response to Grace *Raise a Song of Gladness*

TAIZE

*Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to every heart.*

Proclaiming the Word

The Word with Children

Children through 1st grade are welcome in the nursery area following this time.

A Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures: 1 Samuel 3.1-20

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A Reading from the Gospels: John 1.43-51

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Sermon

Rev. Noel Andersen, Church World Service

Sealing the Word

***Hymn of Response #513**

African-American spiritual

Let Us Break Bread Together

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Communion

Let us pray: **Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made.**

May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter.

We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries and shares with us now.

Made one in Christ and one in each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice in your name. Amen.

Communion of the People

Look, the Body of Christ is broken for the life of the world; the Life of Christ is poured out as a sign and seal of the new cove-

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nant. Here Christ comes to us in bread and in wine. These are the gifts of God, for all the people of God!

Responding to the Word

The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering

Monthly Mission Offering: Living Waters for the World

Offertory Anthem

O God, You Search Me

Bernadette Farrell
Words Based on Psalm 139

O God, you search me and you know me. All my thoughts lie open to your gaze. When I walk or lie down, you are before me: ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising. You discern my purpose from afar, and with love everlasting you besiege me: In ev'ry moment of life and death you are.

Before a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have known its meaning through and through. You are with me beyond my understanding: God of my present, my past and future too.

Although your Spirit is upon me, still I search for shelter from your light. There is nowhere on earth I can escape you: even the darkness is radiant in your sight.

For you created me and shaped me, gave me life within my mother's womb. For the wonder of who I am, I praise you: safe in your hands, all creation is made new.

***Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise God all creatures here below, alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith

Chapter 6.1-2

God has not waited to be discovered. The Lord has taken the initiative and addressed God's Word to humankind in many ways. Through the Word of God the world was created. The Word became flesh in Jesus Christ. Through the Word of God the New Creation is being formed.

* Those who are able, please stand

We believe God's Word is God's communication to us. Although God is free to speak to us in unexpected ways, we confidently listen for God's Word in Jesus Christ, in Holy Scripture, and in preaching and the sacraments.

The Word which was with God from the beginning was embodied in Jesus Christ.

We hold that what God says to us and does for us centers in Jesus Christ our living Lord as he is remembered, known, and expected.

In Christ, God's word of acceptance takes flesh: by grace through faith we are set right with God, adopted as children of God, not because of anything we have done, but because of what Christ has done.

In Christ, God's Word of demand is lived out; to love God and neighbor as he did is what God requires of us.

Bearing and Following the Word

***Closing Hymn #369**

African-American spiritual

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

Announcements

Choral Benediction *Sing, Praise and Bless the Lord*

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***Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

SPECIAL NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Designated Monthly Mission Offering for January:

Living Waters for the World

Study opportunities available for adult learners during the Church School hour:

Peacemaking Class (Library): *Neighbor: Christian Encounters with Illegal Immigration*, by Ben Daniel

Pastor's Class (C.E. Building): "Prayer and Spirituality," currently studying *Dance of the Spirit*, by Maria Harris

SUNDAY to SUNDAY

Today, January 15 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.—Worship

Worship & Music Ministry Committee meets following worship

11:00 a.m.—Church School for all ages

5:30 p.m.—PYC

Monday, January 16—Birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Wednesday, January 18

10:30 a.m.—Bible Study

5:45 p.m.—LOGOS—Bring-A-Friend Night

7:30 p.m.—Choir Practice

Thursday, January 19—Parent Meeting for PYC Sexuality Retreat

Friday, January 20—Sunday, January 22—Older and Younger PYC Sexuality Retreats

Finance and Stewardship Update

Tithes and undesignated gifts received January 8: \$5,845

Tithes and undesignated gifts received month-to-date: \$9,933

Monthly Mission offering received January 8: \$85

Monthly mission offering received month-to-date: \$700

Fair Share offering received month-to-date: \$0

2012 Pledge Drive update: so far we have received 59 pledges totaling \$185,600. That puts us behind the totals pledged from last year's drive.

It's not too late to turn in a pledge card!

Let's be good stewards of our church and of our planet.

Please remember to

Recycle and Turn off the Lights



Pastor
Guest Preacher
Ministers
Director of Christian Education.
Musician, Music Ministry Coordinator

Rev. Elizabeth O'Neill
Rev. Noel Andersen
All the members of the church
Phyllis Ward
Michael Keeling

Elders:

Class of 2012	Erin Kellen, Shirley Scarbrough, Joe Sims, Ann Webb
Class of 2013	Joey Brackner, Rob MacGuire, Martha Morgan, Calli Patterson
Class of 2014	Linda Carter, Tom Rodman, Cindy Sanders, Mary Wisdom
Youth Elder	Clare Forrister

Treasurer
Website Coordinator

Mike Ward
Tom Rodman

The name **Immanuel** is a compound of the three Hebrew words, *with us God*, and is used by the prophet Isaiah in 7.14 and 8.8, and by the gospel writer Matthew in 1.23, who quotes Isaiah 7.14 in reference to Jesus Christ. The name **Immanuel** expresses our two-fold conviction that in Jesus Christ, the living God is with all people and that all people are therefore welcome in this community of Christian faith. The life, death, resurrection, and reign of Jesus Christ tear down every wall that divides people — racial and ethnic, ideological, age and gender, health and disability, even walls of opinion — every wall.

At Immanuel Presbyterian Word and Sacrament are held together. The reading and proclamation from the Word prepare us to gather together as Immanuel's family around the LORD's table and to partake in the gifts of bread and cup. As the pastor comes forward to greet you, please rise and come to the table, take a piece of bread and dip the bread in the non-alcoholic wine, taste, and see that the LORD is good. This is the church's ancient practice of "intinction." If you are unable to walk, please notify the pastor or an usher; and you will be gladly served.

Immanuel Presbyterian distinguishes between *tithe* and *offering*. *Tithes are money and service for Immanuel's current operating budget.* *Mission Offerings* are forwarded to the designated mission recipient each month. Both tithes and offerings are given in thankful response to God's gracious love. Undesignated gifts are allocated as tithes to help meet operating expenses. For mission giving, please indicate "Mission" on your check or envelope.

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Church Office Hours:

Tuesday through Friday

9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays



*20 Years
of mission
and ministry*