

CONNECT, GROW AND HAVE FUN

- Sunday School Classes for All Ages at 9:45am:
- Preschool and Kindergarten - Room 3
 - 1st through 5th grade – Room 6
 - 6th through 12th grade - Youth Room
 - **NEW Adult Class – Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times.** Meets in Witherspoon Hall Rooms 12/13.

Youth Group on Sunday Nights - From 5:00 – 7:00pm for dinner, games and bible fellowship for youth ages 6-12th grade.

- January 11: Game Night! January 18: No youth group

- Bible Studies:**
- **Men’s Bible Study** on Mondays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall
 - **Women’s Bible Study** on the first and third Wednesdays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall.
 - **Agape Women’s Circle** meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00am, held off campus. Contact Mary Kay at ausmbush3@gmail.com. Next date is January 14.
 - **Lydia Women’s Circle** on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Towner Hall, next date is January 19.

- Fellowship Groups:**
- **Desert Sages Games on Tuesdays** from 10:00am – 12:30pm. Come make new friends, play a variety of card and board games, eat popcorn and then top it off with dessert! Held in Witherspoon Hall.
 - **Crafters Group** on Thursdays from 10:00am – 2:00pm. Want to unleash your inner artist? Express your creative talents? Join our Crafters Group - all skill levels and craft projects welcome. Meets in Witherspoon Hall 12/13.

- Mission Outreach:**
- **Casa Maria Sandwiches on Saturday, January 31 from 8:00 - 9:00am.** If you want to participate - each brown bag lunch should include two sandwiches (no mayo please); one fruit item, and two cookies. Donations of hygiene products/ and other non-perishable food items are welcome too!

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Sunday, January 11**
- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
 - 9:45am Sunday School for All Ages
 - 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
 - 5:00pm Youth Group

- Monday, January 12**
- 10:00am Men’s Bible Study
 - 6:00pm/7:00pm Cub & Boy Scouts

- Tuesday, January 13**
- 10:00am Desert Sages Games
 - 6:00pm TOPS
 - 6:30pm Session meeting

- Wednesday, January 14**
- 9:00am Agape Circle
 - 7:00pm Handbell Choir
 - 7:30pm AA

- Thursday, January 15**
- 10:00am Crafters Group
 - 5:30pm PNC meeting
 - 6:00pm AA meeting
 - 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

- Friday, January 16**
- 10:00am Wayne Bruning memorial service

- Sunday, January 18**
- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
 - 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
 - (No Sunday School or Youth Group)

- Monday, January 19**
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day – office closed

 **IMMANUEL**
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Discovering and displaying Christ in here and out there



Welcome to Immanuel
January 11, 2026 • 8:30am
Baptism of the Lord

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

*Please stand as you are comfortable when noted by an asterisk.

Gathering Music	Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine, arr. Cindy Berry
Welcome	Rev. Bart Smith
*Song	Here I Am to Worship, Tim Hughes
Opening Prayer	
*Passing the Peace	
*Song (GTG 584)	Glory, Glory, Glory
Children’s Message	Kris Goorsky
Prayer for Illumination	Marcia Aurand
Scripture Readings	Isaiah 42: 1-9; Matthew 3: 13-17 (CEB)
Sermon	God-carrier
*Song	Lord, I Need You, Matt Maher
Ordination & Installation of Elders and Deacons	
Offering	
Offertory	River, Leon Bridges
Prayer of Dedication	
The Lord’s Prayer	
Announcements	
*Song	This I Believe (The Creed), Fielding & Crocker
*Charge and Blessing	

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL

First time at Immanuel? We are so glad you chose to worship with us today! We would like to give you a welcome gift bag – it’s full of goodies and helpful information about our church. Please see an usher to receive yours. Giving envelopes, hymnals, Bibles, printed music and other materials are located on the worship cart inside the sanctuary on the left side by comfort room window.

Please take a moment to fill out the **Connection Card** and let us know that you are here and also if there are any changes to your contact information or a prayer request. All services are live-streamed on our website or YouTube – all past services are available to view as well.

The Nursery is Open for children ages infant to 3yrs. Our Comfort Room is available in the Sanctuary for parents of young children who need comfort and care. We also have children’s activity bags, and the playground is open.

Time Together for Children ages 3 - 5, from after the Children's Message in worship until the worship service ends. Please pick up your children in Towner Hall Room 3.

Join us for fellowship and refreshments after the services today. We meet in Witherspoon Hall for coffee and refreshments. It’s a great way to catch up with friends and make new ones!

Participants: Rev. Bart Smith; Kris Goorsky, Minister of Christian Formation; Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries; Ed Vander Woude, Audio/Video

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Office Hours: Open Monday - Thursday from 9:00am – 3:00pm; closed Fridays. Contact Kate Kelly at kate@immanuelpc.org or call (520) 296-2253. Pastor Bart Smith’s email is bart@immanuelpc.org.



Online Giving – If you would like to make an offering online, please use this QR code. Accepts all major cards, Venmo, Apple Pay, or Google Pay. Giving envelopes are located on the worship materials cart.

WEEKLY MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

We will ordain and install new elders and deacons this Sunday, the Baptism of the Lord. Before I talk about that, I want to say as loudly as possible: THANK YOU TO OUR OUTGOING ELDERS AND DEACONS! On behalf of the whole congregation, thank you to elders Curt, Laurie, Sean, Ed, and deacons Carol, Marlene, Erminia, and Paris!

Even though it’s one of those “C-list” holidays on the church calendar, Baptism of the Lord is the perfect moment to launch people into new ministries, particularly leadership positions. Because baptism is where everything starts. Baptism reminds us that we are named, claimed, and sent, not because we are impressive or especially qualified, but because God delights in calling ordinary people into holy work.

That’s exactly the work elders and deacons are stepping into. Ordination doesn’t make someone more holy than the rest of us. It simply makes visible a calling that was already ignited in baptism: to love God and neighbors, and help build up the body of Christ to serve the world in God’s name.

As I’ve been preparing for Sunday, I’ve been sitting with a poem written for me when I was ordained as minister of word and sacrament. The author, Bobbie Sanders, who I’ll tell you about some day, wrote:

*How holy must I be, Lord,
before I hold a baby in my arms
and three times pour the water on her head,
declaring her to be forever a beloved child of God?*

*How holy must I be
to take a common loaf and break it,
declaring it to be the very Bread of Life;
or pour wine from the grocery store into a silver cup
and declare that drinking this
will quench our deepest thirst?*

*How holy must I be, Lord,
to stand before an open grave
and declare to those who weep
that this is not the end?*

*How can I make them see,
The holiness is not in me?*

*The holiness is in the baby and the water
in your presence at the Meal,
in the earth to which we must return,
in the power that raises us from dust,
in the Word that was Beginning, Alpha and Omega.*

*How holy must I be?
The holiness is not in me,
For I am so filled with Self
there is hardly room for God.*

*Here, then, at this starting place, on this Ordination Day,
I do not ask, Lord, to be filled with holiness.
I pray only for the grace to learn
the necessity of emptiness.*

Leadership in the church isn’t about having it all together. It’s about learning the necessity of emptiness, making room for God to work through us, precisely because we are not the heroes of the story. It begins with water and a voice that says, “You are my beloved.” That’s a pretty good place to start.

In faith, hope, and love,
Pastor Bart

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS

Sympathy Announcement for Wayne Bruning – Wayne Bruning died on December 29. Please lift up his wife Helen and their family in prayer. A memorial service will be held here at Immanuel on Friday, January 16 at 10:00am with a reception following in Witherspoon Hall.

AARP Tax Aide – Wednesdays 10:00am – 2:30pm AARP returns to Immanuel beginning **February 4** through April 15 from 10:00am – 3:00pm. AARP provides free in-person assistance by trained IRS certified tax preparers. You can pick up an info packet on Wednesdays and then schedule your appointment to sit down with the tax preparers for final e-filing. Note: the church office cannot make appointments for you with AARP or give tax advice.

Adult Sunday School Class

UNAFRAID

LIVING WITH
COURAGE AND HOPE IN
UNCERTAIN TIMES

ADAM HAMILTON

Author of the bestselling novel series of the same name

We know Jesus tells us, “Do not be afraid,” but with everything going on in the world, how is it possible not to be anxious?

This insightful class walks us through tough topics that everyone faces – aging, loneliness, financial strain, crime, politics, failure and uncertain futures – and teaches us how to overcome fear with hope and courage.

SUNDAYS AT 9:45AM
WITHERSPOON HALL ROOMS 12/13