

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 Starts Today – Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph.** 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.
- November 02: Game Night!
 - November 08: Arts & Craft Bazaar
 - November 09: No youth group

- Bible Studies:**
- **Men’s Bible Study** on Mondays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall
 - **Women’s Bible Study** on Wednesdays at 10:00am in Witherspoon Hall 12/13, (except for the Wednesday that Agape Circle meets)
 - **Agape Women’s Circle** on the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00am, held off campus. Next date is November 12.
 - **Lydia Women’s Circle** on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Towner Hall, next date is November 17.

- 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 and bring your favorite project or try something new – adult coloring, painting, sketching, crochet and knitting – all skill levels and craft projects welcome. Meets in Witherspoon Hall 12/13.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS & Fellowship ✨

November 05 - Walking Tacos
November 19 - Meatloaf & Mashed Potatoes



Meals are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids 12 & under
Dinner served between 5:30pm-6:30pm in Witherspoon Hall
Sign-up in sanctuary or email annemfujii@yahoo.com

arts and crafts bazaar



Saturday, November 8
9am - 2pm

Tuesday, December 16
6:00pm
Reserve by December 1



RACE TO THE North Pole
THE GASLIGHT THEATRE

Use QR Code to purchase or visit <https://IPCGaslight1225.eventbrite.com>
Tickets are \$33.85 each and you can select your seats.



Welcome to Immanuel
November 2, 2025 • 8:30am
21st Sunday after Pentecost

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Gathering Music	When the Saints Go Marching In, arr. Paul Johnston
Welcome	Rev. Bart Smith
*Song	O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, David Crowder
Opening Prayer	
*Passing the Peace	
*Song (GTG 582)	Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Children’s Message	Kris Goorsky
Musical Reflection	Our Vision, Our Fortress, arr. Taylor Kollmeier
Prayer for Illumination	Sean Shifflette
First Reading	Micah 6: 6-8 (CEB)
Second Reading	Hebrews 12: 1-3 (CEB)
Sermon	Immanuel at 60 Cheryl Wood and Bart Smith
*Song (GTG 730)	I Sing a Song of the Saints of God
Offertory	I’ll Be On My Way, Shawn Kirchner
Prayer of Dedication	
The Lord’s Supper	
Communion Song (GTG 525)	Let Us Break Bread Together
Announcements	
Stewardship Moment	Shane Burton
*Song (GTG 300)	We Are One in the Spirit
*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 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, Interim Pastor; Kris Goorsky, Minister of Christian Formation; Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries; Sean Shifflette, lay reader; Ed Vander Woude, Audio/Video

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Office Hours: Open Monday - Thursday from 9:00am – 4:00pm; 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,

Sixty years ago on October 31, with the blessing of what was then the Presbytery of Southern Arizona, 82 charter members voted to form a new congregation. The founding pastor, Rev. Richard Ohden, had already been knocking on doors and leading worship for over a year, but on October 31, 1965, Immanuel Presbyterian Church was officially born!

That’s sixty years of gathering around the font and table. Sixty years of listening to sermons (most of them good!). Sixty years of choir rehearsals, potlucks, meetings, Sunday school, mission trips, laughter in hallways, tough conversations in offices, work days, youth group shenanigans, memorial services filled with tears and resurrection hope, and countless ordinary acts of being the body of Christ. Whether you arrived in 1965 or dipped your toe in the water last week, you are part of this unfolding story of what the Holy Spirit has been doing in and through Immanuel. Happy birthday, IPC!

This milestone arrives at a fitting time of year. Here in the Sonoran Desert, many cultures pause to remember those who have gone before us. We are especially grateful for *Día de los Muertos*, a tradition deeply rooted in Mexican and Indigenous communities. With ofrendas adorned with marigolds, photographs, candles, and favorite foods, families honor their loved ones with creativity, beauty, and joy. It reminds us that grieving can be communal (not isolated) and vibrant (not always somber), and that actively remembering stories is an act of love.

Around this time, some Christian traditions observe All Saints’ Sunday. The PCUSA *Book of Common Worship* describes it this way:

“Saints’ days began as a way to mark the anniversaries of the deaths of martyrs—their birthdays as saints through the completion of their baptism. By the middle of the church’s first millennium, there were so many martyrs that it was hard to give them all their due. All Saints’ Day was established as an opportunity to honor all the saints, remembered and forgotten, known and unknown. It has been celebrated on or around November 1 since the ninth century.”

“In the Reformed tradition, the emphasis of this festival is on the ongoing sanctification of the whole people of God. While we may give thanks for the lives of particular luminaries of ages past, we also give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks for members of the community of faith who have died in the past year, and to pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.”

In other words: All Saints’ isn’t reserved for the “varsity squad” of Christians or the celebrities of church history. It’s about ordinary saints whose faithfulness helped make us who we are today—not just those preserved in stained glass, but the living, breathing Jesus-followers with whom we shared life, service, and worship.

As we celebrate Immanuel’s 60th birthday, we stand on the shoulders of those who imagined a church on this patch of desert before a single brick was laid. We give thanks for members who have died in the past year, trusting they are held in God’s eternal embrace. We remember our neighbors’ traditions of honoring loved ones with beauty and reverence. We celebrate God’s faithfulness over six decades. We give thanks for saints named and unnamed who have shaped this community.

And we renew our commitment to join in what God is still doing here today, trusting that the Spirit continues to shape us into saints-in-the-making.

May the One who has shepherded this church for sixty years continue to lead you forward, surrounded and cheered on by “the great cloud of witnesses!”

In faith, hope, and love,
Pastor Bart

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS



Join us for Immanuel birthday cake today after the 8:30am service. After the 11:00am service, Kay Schmidt invites everyone to fellowship hour to celebrate her 75th birthday in Witherspoon Hall.

Greetings from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). We continue the process of finding our new pastor, with deliberation, enthusiasm, and faith. Our Presbytery Committee on Ministry liaison, Tracy Daub, joined us last week and provided helpful support and encouragement while indicating we are on the right track! Additional and important updates are forthcoming. We are working on posting new information on our church website. Any individual considering Immanuel will find details and links about our PNC process, Immanuel’s partners in the mission field and details on the environmental, cultural and educational appeal of the Tucson community and surrounding areas. Please contact us at ImmanuelPNC@gmail.com with questions or thoughts.

Military Order of the World Wars – All are invited to attend the Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance on Sunday, November 9 at 2:30pm. Held at Tucson Woman’s Club at 6245 E. Bellevue Street, Tucson, AZ 85712

A Great Big Thank You to our Immanuel Family! The Presbyterian Women’s Bake Sale was the most successful we have ever had. We raised a whopping \$1,232.60! Thanks to everyone—to our many bakers and to those who purchased our baked goods.

Food Drive Now Through November 9 - We will be collecting canned foods and non-perishable items for the Fountain of Life Food Bank. Please bring your donations to church on Sunday or to the office. The Arts and Craft Bazaar on Nov 8 will also be collecting items from the public.