

CONNECT, GROW AND HAVE FUN

IMMANUEL ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, March 8 at 9:45am
in Witherspoon Hall

All are invited to attend and participate in this important and informative meeting. A continental breakfast will be served.

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

- March 08 – Bible Study
- March 15 – No Youth Group (Spring Break)
- March 22 – Service Project – Toiletry kits for Gap Ministries

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 March 11.
- **Lydia Women's Circle** on the third Monday of each month at 6:30pm in Towner Hall, next date is March 16.

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, March 28 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, March 08

- 8:30am Alternative Worship Service
- **9:45am Annual Meeting**
- 11:00am Traditional Worship Service
- 5:00pm Youth Group

Monday, March 09

- 10:00am Men's Bible Study
- 6:00pm/7:00pm Cub & Boy Scouts

Tuesday, March 10

- 10:00am Desert Sages Games
- 6:00pm TOPS
- 6:30pm Session

Wednesday, March 11

- 9:00am Agape Circle
- 10:00am AARP Tax Aide
- 7:00pm Handbell Choir
- 7:30pm AA

Thursday, March 12

- 10:00am Crafters Group
- 5:30pm PNC meeting
- 6:00pm AA meeting
- 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal

Friday, March 13

- Office Closed

Sunday, March 15

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



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Welcome to Immanuel

March 08, 2026 • 8:30am

Lent III

ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

Gathering Music

Welcome

Pastor Bart Smith

*Song

Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King, Thomas Miller

Opening Prayer

*Passing the Peace

*Hymn (GTG 775)

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Children's Message

Pastor Kris Goorsky

Prayer for Illumination

Merrily Davis

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17: 1-7 (NRSV); John 4: 5-42 (First Nations)

Sermon

Living Water in a Dry Land, Pastor Kay Travis

*Hymn (GTG 479)

Ho, All Who Thirst (Come Now to the Water)

Offering

Offertory

Come to the Well, Casting Crowns

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

*Song

Build Your Kingdom Here, Rend Collective

*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, Interim Pastor; Kris Goorsky, Minister of Christian Formation; Clay Whittington, Director of Music Ministries; Merrily Davis, lay reader; 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; Pastor Kris Goorsky's email is kris@immanuelpc.org; Clay Whittington's email is clay@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,

As we prepare for the 2026 Annual Meeting between services this Sunday, I want to share an updated timeline for our pastoral leadership transition.

My last Sunday with Immanuel will be April 19. Last March, I accepted an invitation to serve as Sabbatical Pastor at Southside Presbyterian Church for four months while Rev. Alison Harrington is away. I will begin that ministry on April 20. While the overlap in timing is not ideal, the session and I have identified a workable path forward.

I will continue serving as Interim Pastor until a new pastor is called, but with adjusted responsibilities. I will remain head of staff, moderator of session, a resource to committees, and a co-officiant at memorial services. I will also continue collaborating with staff on planning worship. The primary change is that I will no longer be present on Sunday mornings. Kris Goorsky will continue preaching monthly and co-leading worship, supported by guest preachers from our presbytery.

This creative arrangement allows Immanuel to maintain continuity in key leadership areas while also enabling me to honor my commitment to Southside. It also relieves pressure that a hurried interim timeline might place on the Pastor Nominating Committee. If you have any questions about this, please reach out to me or to elders on session. See you Sunday!

Pastor Bart

UPCOMING NEWS AND EVENTS



I, Kay Childs-Travis, come to you today by way of life in Arkansas, Tucson, Arkansas and Sierra Vista. My college education has been obtained one or two classes at a time at University of Arizona, Pima College, University of Arkansas at Monticello and Teaching Elders in Pines Presbytery. I am retired from Arkansas State Police. During my last two years as a Senior Investigator in the Crimes Against

Children Division, I took on the Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Pastor training in Pines Presbytery. It was a two-year course.

I have been married to Johnnie Travis for almost 34 years. Johnnie took his Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Pastor training in Arkansas Presbytery. We have both served churches in Arkansas and Pines Presbyteries. Since moving to Sierra Vista five years ago as an action of "retirement", I have served as Gap Pastor at Faith Presbyterian Church, Sierra Vista, for 1 year and now almost 3 years at Covenant Presbyterian, Bisbee.

Between us, Johnnie and I have 4 children, a passel of grandchildren and now the great grands are coming on. Thank you for inviting me to participate in your worship services today. And may God bless each one of us as we complete our journey of faith.

Pastor Nominating Committee News – We continue to receive applications and screen pastoral candidates. We are currently on step 12 of the Immanuel Trail: Calling A Pastor. While we have been on this step for a while, this is necessary because it is a crucial step in finding the best fit for Immanuel's pastor/head of staff position. In addition to reviewing applications and statements of faith on an on-going basis, we are also watching a lot of sermons online and conducting interviews on weekends, in between our weekly meetings. We are guided by the Holy Spirit and are confident in God's guidance as we continue to practice due diligence in our search efforts. We welcome your thoughts and questions to our confidential email immanuelpnc@gmail.com or reach out to Laura Fennema, Cheralynn Baylor, Laurie Emery, Jon Friedmeyer, Debby Johnson, Joey Samoy and Sean Shifflette.

