

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad that you have come to First Immanuel this morning to worship God. We welcome people of every race, ethnic background, social status, physical limitation, sexual orientation and gender identity. We are a Reconciling In Christ congregation. Together, in our diversity, we seek to embrace the love God offers us in Jesus Christ.
- MASKS
OPTIONAL** ✧ Our worship services and all activities are mask-optional. Those who wish to wear a mask are welcome to do so, since this is a very effective way to prevent infection. The church continues to provide masks, run air purifiers, and make hand sanitizer available, and our caring FILC physicians continue to encourage vaccination for everyone.
- HOLY
COMMUNION** ✧ You are invited to receive God's gifts of forgiveness and new life in Christ at God's table of Holy Communion. We are prepared and worthy to receive the sacrament when we come with a believing heart, trusting that God's love is for us.
- NURSERY** ✧ We encourage children to participate with their families in the worship service. We have a changing table and nursing area downstairs. Please ask an usher for directions.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

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ZOOM HOST	Chia Stockwell

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY HOLY COMMUNION

21 January 2024

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Voluntary in F Major”

John Stanley, comp.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

REMEMBERING OUR BAPTISM

Our baptismal font is filled with water, reminding us of God’s gift of new life in Christ. When you come forward for communion, you are invited to dip a finger in the water and trace the sign of the cross on your forehead to remember and give thanks for your baptism.

Pastor: Creator Spirit, wellspring of our lives, as the refreshing rain falls on the just and unjust alike,

People: refresh us with your mercy, for we stand in need of your presence.

Pastor: As the stream flows steadily on, defying all the odds of stone and water,

People: flow over every boundary and border that separates us from one another.

Pastor: As the waters of baptism washed us and welcomed us,

People: renew us now in your power of love and new life. Hold us in the strength and peace of your abiding presence. Amen

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OPENING HYMN “The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended” ACS 994 *(blue book)*

1. The night you gave us,
 God, has ended,
 the darkness hails
 the sun’s bright rays;
 as shadows flee
 and earth awakens,
 we rise again
 to sing your praise.
2. We thank you for
 each glorious sunrise
 that paints the earth
 a golden hue;
 each day your grace
 grants new beginnings,
 the chance to start
 again anew.
4. We pray for energy
 and passion
 to live our lives
 each day for you;
 may all around us
 sense your presence
 in all we say
 and all we do.
5. We praise you, God,
 for nature’s rhythms,
 for dark and daylight,
 stars and sun;
 your whole creation
 sings your glory,
 O Trinity,
 Most Holy One.

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APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

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THE KYRIE

SING

Assistant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Refrain:



Lord, have mer - cy.

Assistant: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
(Refrain)

Assistant: For the peace of the whole world, for the wellbeing of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **(Refrain)**

Assistant: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

People:



HYMN OF PRAISE

Spirited (refrain)

Our God of love will host the cel - e - bra - tion, And has called us to

share the feast, Our God of love will host the cel - e - bra - tion, And has called us to

(verses)

share the feast. 1. Ev - 'ry na - tion, all peo - ple are in - vit - ed, From
2. God calls us to part - ti - ci - pate com - plete - ly, And

north and south, from west and east, God pro - vides the
meets us with God's grac - ious care, We're to come, in
(repeat refrain)

sup - per set be - fore us, and sup - plies ev - ry - thing we'll need:
joy - ful ce - le - bra - tion, to this feast we are called to share:

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Living God, your word summons us to faith; your power transforms our lives. Free us to follow in Christ's footsteps, so that neither human loyalty nor earthly attachments may hold us back from answering your call. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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WORD

ANTHEM

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

Paul Manz, arr.

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5,10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Ninevah will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Ninevah repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

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THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SING

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Your Word is a lamp, a lamp un - to my
feet, Your Word is a light, a light up - on my path: Al - le -
- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -
- lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

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THE GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus call his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as "the gospel" or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

HYMN OF THE DAY **“Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”** ELW 696 (*red book*)

1. Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult
of our life’s wild restless sea,
day by day his clear voice sounding
saying, “Christian, follow me.”
2. As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil
and kindred,
leaving all for Jesus’ sake.
3. Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world’s golden store,
from each idol that would keep us,
saying, “Christian, love me more.”
4. In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,
“Christian, love me more than these.”
5. Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your obedience,
serve and love you best of all.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Led by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition...

Assistant: Hear us, O God.

People: Your mercy is great.

The prayers conclude...

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen

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HOLY COMMUNION

SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**

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GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Bergamasca”

Samuel Scheidt, comp.

SETTING THE TABLE

Farms and fields and gar - dens, Filled with gold - en grain,
Orch - ards, vine - yards yield - ing Fruits of your de - sign.

In the bread You've gi - ven, We live in Your reign. We re -
Signs of your a - bun - dance, In this bread and wine.

turn to You, God, gifts you have gi - ven, Know - ing that you love us,

Know - ing we're for - giv - en, Know - ing we're for - giv - en.

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Assistant: Let us pray. Merciful God,

People: **receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Through this meal, unite us as your body, shining with the light of your
justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen**

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THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SING

The Lord be_ with you and al - so_ with you;

Lift up your hearts, we lift them to the Lord, Let us givethankstotheLord

our_ God, It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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Pastor: It is indeed right and good...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People:

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are

full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the_

one, who comes in the name of the

Lord, Ho - san - na in the high - - - est!

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O holy God: You are the Life and Light of all....
...To you be honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

READ

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all is now ready.

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All are welcome at Christ's table, where the risen Christ is present to strengthen us to share in God's loving purposes for the world. The ushers will direct you to the altar rail. The glasses in the center of the communion tray contain grape juice for those who wish it. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please ask the pastor. To receive a pastoral blessing instead of the bread and wine, simply fold your hands.

LAMB OF GOD

SING

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have
mer - cy on us. world, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 1 “Come and Fill Our Hearts”

ELW 528 (red book)

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You alone, O Lord, are holy.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia! (*Repeat*)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2 “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” ELW 494 (*red book*)

1. For the bread
 which you have broken,
 for the wine which you have poured,
 for the words which
 you have spoken,
 now we give you thanks, O Lord.
2. By this promise that you love us,
 by your gift of peace restored,
 by your call to heav’n above us,
 hallow all our lives, O Lord.
3. With the saints who now adore you
 seated at the heav’nly board,
 may the church still waiting for you
 keep love’s tie unbroken, Lord.
4. In your service, Lord, defend us;
 in our hearts keep watch and ward,
 in the world to which you send us
 let your kingdom come, O Lord.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 3

“Deep Peace”

ACS 1018 (*blue book*)

Deep peace of the running waves,
 deep peace of the flowing air,
deep peace of the shining stars to you,
deep peace of the quiet earth. (*Repeat*)

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BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ’s body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray.

People: **We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Be the light for our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.**

Amen

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SENDING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May Jesus Christ, the light of the world, fill your hearts and illumine your path. Almighty God, Creator, ✠ Savior, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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CLOSING HYMN

“Bring Forth the Kingdom”

1. You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people:
life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain:

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

2. You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. You are light for the world.

People: Thanks be to God.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune in D Major”

David Johnson, comp.

*You are welcome to remain in the sanctuary for prayer.
The front section of our worship area is dedicated as quiet prayer space
following the close of worship. God be with you.*

3. You are a seed of the word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice,
grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

4. We are a blest and a pilgrim people:
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey
and love our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

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Note: For live links, please see our weekly e-news or website

FILC Annual Meeting RESCHEDULED: Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1 PM

What a crazy, wild weather week it's been! With all the thawing out to come and the catching up needed at church, the Executive Committee has decided to reschedule our congregation's annual meeting. It will now take place on **Sunday, Feb. 4 at 1 PM**, at this [Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 947 7040 3975, Passcode: 608141). We will launch the meeting from the Internet setup in the Sodergren Hall library. If you'd like to join us there, you are welcome, but keep in mind that no potluck will be arranged for the meeting.

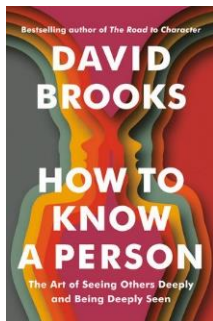


With the retirement of Pastors Aaron and Melinda, our congregation is now in a period of transition. **Your attendance will be much needed and appreciated** as we seek to move forward. With your help, we can make this a positive journey. The Synod office has promised to help us keep on a good footing. Let's go, team!

—James Bash, Congregation President and chief cheerleader

Forum, Sundays 9:30-10:30 AM

How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen by David Brooks



We're starting a brand new book by David Brooks. *One skill lies at the heart of any healthy person or society: the ability to accurately know another person, to let them feel valued, heard, and understood. This book explores the profoundly creative act of seeing another person—a way to grow personally, grow in Christian community and outreach, and*

grow the understanding and trust so much needed in our conflicted society. Join us on Sundays in Sodergren library or live via Zoom at [this NEW Zoom link](#), Meeting ID: 993 6441 5673, Passcode: 069629.

Sunday School—2nd & 4th Sundays, 10 AM

Sunday School is back! In January and February, we'll meet on the second and fourth Sundays (1/14, 1/28, 2/11 and 2/25). Join us at 10 AM for friends, fun and learning. **We have two classes: a youth group and a class for the younger kids.** Can't wait to see you!



Next Baking Day: Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 PM

Easy Sacher Torte Bars!

Mark your calendar to join the fun at our next baking day next Saturday, Jan. 27 at 2 PM. Tyrell Servo will teach us make easy Sacher torte bars. These are rich but amazing! The recipe will make one 8x8-inch or 9x9-inch pan. You'll need:

- 1 can Solo brand apricot cake & pastry filling, or other canned **pastry filling** (jam does not work)—available at Albertson's, Safeway, and Walmart (not Fred Meyer)
- Dark (or other) chocolate chips
- Flour, sugar, brown sugar, cocoa, butter, vanilla, baking soda, salt
- Heavy cream (or milk)
- Sliced almonds (optional, but recommended)
- Sour cream (optional)
- Apricot jam (optional, okay to skip)



See you on the [new Zoom link](#) (Meeting ID: 829 8263 6910, Passcode: 309208) on Jan. 27!



Free Bricks Available

Have a DIY project that could use about 250 good, red bricks? Our amazing Property guru Jim Wick can hook you up! Just give him a call or email (503-936-5364, Wickjames2@gmail.com).

In pouring rain, Jim removed the bricks around our curbside trees on Irving Street—tree roots had pushed them around in every direction over time, making them quite hazardous. Thank you, Jim!

First Immanuel YouTube Recordings

Have you visited our FILC YouTube channel? Most every week our worship services are recorded and posted on YouTube for viewing at any time. It's a whole new frontier of outreach!



FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Psalm 62:5-12**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though

they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Next Sunday's Readings: Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

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