

- WELCOME!** ✧ Welcome! We are glad that you have come to First Immanuel this morning to worship. 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.
- 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 an open 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.
- FLOWERS** ✧ Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God by Martha Driessnack.
- COFFEE HOUR** ✧ Please join us downstairs in Fellowship Hall for Coffee Hour following worship today, hosted by Martha Driessnack.
- 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.

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Portland, Oregon

REFORMATION SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

27 October 2024

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

“Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott”

J.S. Bach, comp.

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTES

SILENT PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

READ

Pastor: During this time of transition and our annual Stewardship focus, we remember that we are all called,

People: that the process of calling a new Pastor starts with a call to each of us!

As water is poured...

Pastor: We are called by the Holy Spirit in our Baptism,

People: washed and set free to act with justice, to love tenderly, to serve one another, and to walk humbly with God!

Pastor: Come, let us worship the Lord!

People: With all our hearts and minds, material resources and spiritual gifts, time and talent, vocations and voices!

* Please stand as you are able.

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor’s rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.
2. No strength of ours
can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God’s only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.
3. Though hordes of devils fill the land
all threat’ning to devour us,
we tremble not, unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpower us.
Let this world’s tyrant rage;
in battle we’ll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God’s judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.
4. God’s Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The Kingdom’s ours forever!

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* THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

READ

Pastor: The steadfast love of God, the life of Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

* KYRIE

SING: PAGE 3 NFC (*inside back cover, red book*)

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

People: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: For the Reign of God and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Assistant: Help, save, and defend us, O God.

People: **Amen**

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* HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast”

SING: PAGE 4 NFC

Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life
and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. Now is the feast
of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.

Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever.

Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.

Refrain

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* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty and All-tender God, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews your church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in times of trial and transition, reform us when we compromise your Gospel of grace, and reunite us to serve one another when we sow seeds of division; through Jesus Christ, our One Foundation and Lover of our Souls. Amen**

WORD

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS “Called to Serve One Another”

Jim & Judy Wick

CHOIR ANTHEM

**“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”
(two movements from *Cantata #137*)**

J.S. Bach, comp.

Aromi Park, violin; Bruce Dunn, trumpet

THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

* **GOSPEL PROCESSION**

* **ALLELUIA VERSE**

SING: PAGE 7 NFC (*inside back cover, red book*)

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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* **THE GOSPEL**

John 8:31-36

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John.

People: Glory to you, O God.

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

* **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SERMON

Pastor Scott Dunfee

* **HYMN OF THE DAY** “The Church of Christ, in Every Age” **ELW 729** (*red book*)

1. The church of Christ, in ev'ry age
beset by change, but Spirit-led,
must claim and test its heritage
and keep on rising from the dead.
2. Across the world, across the street,
the victims of injustice cry
for shelter and for bread to eat,
and never live before they die.
3. Then let the servant church arise,
a caring church that longs to be
a partner in Christ's sacrifice,
and clothed in Christ's humanity.
4. For he alone, whose blood was shed,
can cure the fever in our blood,
and teach us how to share our bread
and feed the starving multitude.
5. We have no mission but to serve
in full obedience to our Lord;
to care for all, without reserve,
and spread his liberating word.

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* **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Assistant: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church,
those in need, and all of God's creation.

After each petition...

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude...

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

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.

* **AFFIRMATION & CALL TO COURAGEOUS STEWARDSHIP**

Pastor: Jesus said that the cares of the world and the lure of money and material
things can choke the Word in us, so that it yields nothing.

**People: We bring nothing into this world, and we take nothing out of it. We who
call Jesus Sovereign devote ourselves to resisting greed, which plunges**

the human heart into ruin, and pierces it with many griefs. We are determined to practice generosity with free hearts, fixing our hope on God and not the uncertainty of wealth. We desire to be rich in good deeds and willing to share all that we have, laying up for ourselves treasure that will not decay but will shine in the age to come. For Christ has died. Christ is risen. And Christ will come again!

Based on Matthew 13:22 and 1 Timothy 6:7-9, 18-19.

GATHERING OF GIFTS

“Italian Concerto: Adagio”

J.S. Bach, comp.

*** SETTING THE TABLE**

SING: PAGE 9 NFC (*inside front cover, red book*)

Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat
once scattered on the hill
were gathered into one
to become our bread;
so may all your people
from all the ends of earth
be gathered into one in you.**

1. As this cup of blessing
is shared within our midst,
may we share the presence of your love.

Refrain

2. Let this be a foretaste
of all that is to come
when all creation shares
this feast with you.

Refrain

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Assistant: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God,

**People: maker of all things. You have blessed us with your goodness; you have given us ourselves, our time, and our possessions. May these gifts be used in the care and healing of all that you have made, for the sake of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen**

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*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

SING: PAGE 10 NFC (*inside back cover, red book*)

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**People: Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!**

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, Giver of Life...
... To you be all glory, honor and praise, O God, 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. Welcome to the Lord's table.

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: PAGE 13 NFC (inside back cover, red book)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 1**“Build a Longer Table”**ACS 1062 (*blue book*)

1. Build a longer table,
not a higher wall,
feeding those who hunger,
making room for all.
Feasting together,
stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces;
false divisions end.
2. Build a safer refuge,
not a larger jail;
where the weak find shelter,
mercy will not fail.
For any place where
justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall,
freeing all inside.

3. Build a broader doorway,
not a longer fence.
Love protects all people,
sparing no expense.
When we embrace
compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences:
all are welcome here.
4. When we lived as exiles,
refugees abroad,
Christ became our doorway
to the reign of God.
So must our tables
welcome those who roam.
None can be excluded;
all must find a home.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 2**“O Word of God Incarnate”**ELW 514 (*red book*)

1. O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from this hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.
2. The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o’er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life’s voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.

3. Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand’ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN 3

1. I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
I'm a-goin'-a eat
at the welcome table,
some of these days.
2. I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
some of these days.

“Welcome Table”**ACS 969** (*blue book*)

- I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
I'm a-goin'-a feast
on milk and honey,
some of these days.
3. I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
I'm a-goin'-a wade
'cross Jordan's river,
some of these days.

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*** BLESSING**

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

People: **Amen**

*** POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assistant: Let us pray. O God of love,

People: **through this meal you strengthen us to live abundantly and to serve joyfully. Guide us by your Spirit, that through our lives we may make known your love. Amen**

SENDING

*** BENEDICTION**

Pastor: May God enfold us and surround us, in our speaking and in our thinking, in our singing and in our silence. May God protect us when we sleep, in our waking and our watching, in all our hopes and in all our dreams. In our hearts and in our living, in our deeds and in our rest, and in our ever-loving soul, may we find God's eternal grace. In the name of the Three of limitless Love:
✠ Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen**

* CLOSING HYMN

“Thy Strong Word”

ELW 511 (*red book*)

1. Thy strong word
 did cleave the darkness;
 at thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank thee,
 while thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
2. Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,
 dark as night and deep as death,
 broke the light of thy salvation,
 breathed thine own
 life-breathing breath.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
3. Thy strong Word
 bespeaks us righteous;
 bright with thine own holiness,
 glorious now, we press toward glory,
 and our lives our hopes confess.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
4. From the cross thy wisdom shining
 breaketh forth in conqu’ring might;
 from the cross forever beameth
 all thy bright redeeming light.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Praise to thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia without end!
5. Give us lips to sing thy glory,
 tongues thy mercy to proclaim,
 throats that shout
 the hope that fills us,
 mouths to speak thy holy name.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 May the light which thou dost send
 fill our songs with alleluias,
 alleluias without end!
6. God the Father, light-creator,
 to thee laud and honor be.
 To thee, Light of Light begotten,
 praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer,
 glory, glory be to thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever
 praise the holy Trinity!

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* SENDING

Assistant: Go in peace. Share God’s love!

People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“*La Réjouissance*”

G.P. Telemann, 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.*

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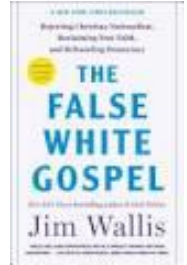
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Note: For live links, please see our weekly e-news or website

New Adult Forum Series starts Sunday, Nov. 10

For our next study, we'll read *The False White Gospel: Rejecting Christian Nationalism, Reclaiming True Faith, and Refounding Democracy* by Jim Wallis. As explained on his website, "Wallis turns our attention to six iconic texts at the heart of what genuine biblical faith means and what Jesus, in the gospels, has called us to do. It is time to ask anew: Do we believe these teachings or not?" To request a book or get more information, contact Jeannette O'Brien (jaobrien2156@comcast.net).



Bach Cantata Choir Reformation Sunday Concert Today at 2 PM



The Bach Cantata Choir of Portland presents a free concert this Sunday, Oct. 27, at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, 1907 NE 45th Ave. in Portland. The concert features Johann Sebastian Bach's "*Missa Brevis* in G Major" and Telemann's "*Ein Feste Burg*" (based on the well-known hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"). Under the direction of conductor Ralph Nelson, the 55-member choir, soloists, and chamber orchestra will also perform choral works by Salomone Rossi and Johann Michael Bach. The concert is free and no tickets are required. Doors open at 1:30 PM.

Maydoris Lindquist Ritchey

4 November 1922—30 September 2024

We give God thanks for the life of member Maydoris Ritchey, who died peacefully at home at age 101. She was baptized, confirmed, and later married to Calvin Ritchey in 1946, at First Immanuel. Maydoris and Cal were together until his death in 2012, and were blessed with three children: Lynn Duncan, Leanne Ritchey; and Jon Ritchey (deceased). She is remembered by all as "always happy and a joy to be around." All are welcome to attend a memorial service on Friday, Nov. 1, at 2 PM, River View Cemetery Chapel, 300 S. Taylors Ferry Road, Portland OR 97219.



Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Counteract Voter Suppression before the Election: 15-minute Orientation at 1:45 PM today (online)

Help counteract voter suppression by making nonpartisan phone calls to Black voters in Georgia, North Carolina, and other voter suppression states. EcoFaith Recovery is mobilizing people of faith to let these voters know how they can vote early to make sure their votes get counted! In a brief orientation at 1:45 PM today, EcoFaith leaders will offer a spiritually grounding, high-level introduction, and help you register for a guided phone banking opportunity. You'll be invited to sign up for a guided phone banking session of your choice immediately following, through EcoFaith's nonprofit partner "Reclaim Our Vote" of CenterForCommonGround.org. To receive the orientation Zoom link, email Pastor Robyn Hartwig (PastorRobyn@ecofaithrecovery.org).



FILC Nut Butter Challenge for Lift UP



The Outreach Committee challenges First Immanuel members to contribute 50 jars of nut butter to Lift UP's 2nd annual Nut Butter Drive. This can be cash donations and jars of nut butter combined; e.g., if 5 people donate \$10 each, that \$50 would purchase 20 jars, leaving a need for 30 donated jars. Cash donations can be made online with the ability to designate that the contribution is from First Immanuel. Let's meet...or exceed...our goal!

Red Cross Blood Drive at FILC: Thursday, Dec. 5, 12 noon-5 PM

The time to sign up for the fall/winter Red Cross blood drive is here! There is a critical blood shortage in the United States, especially in areas hard-hit by recent hurricanes and tornadoes. People with cancer, chronic diseases such as Sickle Cell, as well as trauma victims, rely on a steady supply of blood to stay alive. Please consider donating life-saving blood!

FILC's next blood drive is on **Thursday, Dec. 5, 12 PM to 5 PM**. Take a few minutes to come by and donate! Visit our [sign-up page](#), or contact Lauren Kim (laurenhhkim@gmail.com) and she will sign you up. Thank you for considering a donation. Your blood may be a life-saving gift to someone this holiday season!



FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Psalm 46**SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28**

Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For “no human being will be justified in his sight” by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness

of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

³⁴Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

Next Sunday’s Readings: All Saints Sunday Isaiah 25:6-9 or Wisdom 3:1-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21:1-6a; John 11:32-44, **OR 24th Sunday after Pentecost** Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Psalm 119:1-8; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34.

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