

Opportunities This Week

SUNDAY, JULY 30

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service
 4:00 Youth Dinner/Pool Party
 at Abigail Reynolds' home

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children's Choir
 5:45 Church Family Time
 6:00 Adult Program

6:00 Children on Mission
 6:00 Immanuel Youth
 6:00 Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
 7:00 Brass/Handbell rehearsals

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship
 Service/Communion
 11:30 Back to School luncheon

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Dinner reservations are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, July 31 for Church Family Supper on Wednesday, August 2.

Our NEW Wednesday evening schedule begins on August 2:

5:00-5:30 PM - Children's Choir
 5:00-5:45 PM - Serving line open for dinner in Fellowship Hall
 5:45-5:55 PM - Church Family Time (announcements and prayer)
 6:00-7:00 PM - Adult Choir, Adult Program, Immanuel Youth, Children on Mission
 7:00-7:30 PM - Handbell Choir and Brass Ensemble
 rehearsals

Summer Reading Club Celebration - Wednesday, August 2 we will celebrate with our children by recognizing how much they have all been reading this summer! There will be ice cream for everyone!!

Next Sunday is Promotion Sunday, when many of our children will be transitioning into older classes. Our kindergarteners will begin attending worship next Sunday, since they have aged out of extended session. Children and youth are encouraged to bring their school backpacks to church next Sunday; we will have a blessing of the backpacks during worship to remind our students that God's love and our love goes with them as they begin a new school year.

August 1 is the deadline to make reservations for the **Back to School Lunch and Learn**, which will be held Sunday, August 6, in Fellowship Hall immediately after worship. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children ages 4-11. Childcare will be provided after lunch for preschoolers, but reservations are required. Contact Pastor Tambi to make your reservations for lunch and childcare.

We will welcome Bone Therapy, a trombone ensemble, as our service musicians on Sunday, August 6.



IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

“THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE”

July 30, 2017

Ten-Thirty O'clock

GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude

“Prelude”

L.J.A. Lefebure-Wely

Welcome to Immanuel Baptist Church. Guests, at this time please find a blue visitor's card in the pew rack, fill it out, and place it in the offering plate.

The Greeting

Steven Meriwether

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

ADORING

The Choral Introit

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Gordon Young

*The Call to Worship

Tim Reynolds

One: Give thanks to the Lord.

Many: We will celebrate God's deeds.

One: Sing praises to God.

Many: We will tell others of God's wonderful works.

One: Seek the Lord's strength.

Many: We will seek God's presence continually.

All: The Lord is our God. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 105

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise 315 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

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SHARING THE WORD

The Psalter	Psalm 105.1-11, 45b	Tim Reynolds
The New Testament Reading	Romans 8.26-35, 37-39	Grace Norman-Wilson
The Anthem	“Lead Me, Lord”	S. S. Wesley
	Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy righteousness, make Thy way plain before my face. For it is Thou, Lord, Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.	
*The Gospel Lesson	Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52	Tambi Swiney
	One: This is the gospel of Grace. Many: Thanks be to God!	
The Sermon	“Thinking Upon Our Power”	
The Ministry of Silence		
The Call to Decision		

RESPONDING

*The Hymn of Decision 633	“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”	ALL THE WAY
*The Offertory Prayer		Barbara Mitchell
The Offertory	“Then Shall the Righteous Shine”	Felix Mendelssohn
	Jim Hawkins, Tenor	
*The Doxology and Presentation of Offerings		LASST UNS ERFREUEN
	“Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all good gifts! Praise Jesus Christ whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!”	
The Confession of Sin		Tambi Swiney
	“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.”	
		—Romans 8:26
The Assurance of Pardon	“Footsteps of Jesus”	WOODWORTH
	Though they lead ‘er the cold dark mountains, seeking His sheep, or along by Siloam’s fountains, helping the weak. Footprints of Jesus that make the pathway glow; We will follow the steps of Jesus, where’er they go.	(No. 496, Verse 2)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Pastoral Welcome

Steven Meriwether

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*The Hymn of Departing 317	“Now Thank We All Our God”	NUN DANKET
*The Benediction		Steven Meriwether
The Postlude	“Fanfare”	Francis Jackson
*The congregation may stand as able.		

The Sanctuary flowers on July 30 are given by John Blackman in loving memory of his parents, Eleanor and John Blackman, Sr.

God is calling Immanuel Baptist Church to practice the radical, compassionate discipleship taught by Jesus Christ.

—Vision Statement of Immanuel Baptist Church, adopted September 2014

The mission of Immanuel Baptist Church is to share the good news of Jesus Christ, to deepen our love for God and others, to fully engage our neighbor, and to wholeheartedly serve those on the margins of society.

—Mission Statement of Immanuel Baptist Church, adopted June 2015

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