

Opportunities This Week

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship Service
5:00 Youth Christmas Party

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

9:30 PDO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

9:30 PDO

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:30 Bordeaux visit
5:00 Church Family Supper
5:00 Children's Choir
5:45 Church Family Time
6:00 Adult/Children program

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

9:30 PDO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

3:00 Children's Christmas Party

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

9:15 Sunday School
10:20 Deacons' prayer group
10:30 Worship Service
5:00 Lessons & Carols



the gifts of God are Irrevocable
ROMANS 11.29

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 10, 2017

Ten-Thirty O'clock

GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

John Carter

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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Steven Meriwether

ADORING

The Choral Introit

“Comfort, Comfort Ye My People”

Genevan Psalter

*The Processional Hymn 79 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

VENI EMMANUEL

*The Call to Worship

Charles Businaro

One: Prince of peace, come quickly.

Many: We long for peace in our world,

One: peace in our nation,

Many: peace in our church,

One: peace in our families,

Many: peace in our hearts.

All: Gracious God, help us to receive your gift of peace.

*The Lighting of the Candle of Peace

*The Gift of Peace

Geneva Wilkerson

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Dinner reservations are due by 5:00 PM on Monday, December 11 for Church Family Supper on Wednesday, December 13.

Thank you to all who contributed to the offering for the Haiti house. Our goal was \$5,000 and we raised over \$5,100. Our mission team will go in January to help build that house.

Our next opportunity to host Room in the Inn will be Thursday, December 21. Sign up sheets are posted on the bulletin board near the parlor.

A Service of Lessons and Carols will be presented on Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 PM. The story of salvation will be told through Scriptures and music, featuring all the choirs of Immanuel: Adult, Youth, Children, Handbells, and Brass.

Christmas Concert at the Frist — A group from Immanuel will be attending this concert on Monday, December 18 at 2 PM. The plan is to leave Immanuel at noon and return near 4 PM. If you are interested in going, please contact Elaine Fleming.

Our Christmas Dinner and Program will be Wednesday, December 20, beginning at 5:00 PM. If you don't have a standing reservation, contact the office if you would like to come.

*The Invocation

**Hope, peace, joy, and love! These are gifts You bring from above.
Jesus, Emmanuel, come to be light of Your peace, reflected in me.**

(No. 80)

SHARING THE WORD

The Time for Children

Steven Meriwether

The Old Testament Lesson

Ruth 4.1-17

Tambi Swiney

The New Testament Lesson

2 Peter 3.8-15a

Emily Gnetz

*The Gospel Lesson

Mark 1.1-8

Charles Businaro

One: This is the gospel of Grace.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come”

Paul Manz

Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins. Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be. Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God, Who was and is and is to come; Sing Holy, Holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, Rejoice on earth, ye saints below, For Christ is coming, is coming soon. Lord Jesus quickly come, and night shall be no more; They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

The Sermon

“A Son Has Been Born”

The Ministry of Silence

The Call to Decision

RESPONDING

*The Hymn of Decision 96 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

HOUSTON

*The Offertory Prayer

Abigail Reynolds

The Offertory

“I Wonder as I Wander”

Charles Callahan

*The Doxology and Presentation of Offerings

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Steven Meriwether

**Eternal God, whose thoughts are higher than our thoughts and whose ways are higher than our ways, forgive us for being self-absorbed and self-indulgent.
Renew our minds and hearts during this season of Advent, that we may deepen our love for you and others.**

The Assurance of Pardon “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”

IN DULCI JUBILO

Good Christians friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!

Now ye hear of endless bliss: Jesus Christ was born for this.

He has opened heaven’s door, and we are blest forevermore.

Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

(No. 122, Verse 2)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Pastoral Welcome

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*The Hymn of Departing 99 “View the Present Through the Promise”

AR HYD Y NOS

*The Benediction

Tambi Swiney

The Postlude

“O Blessed Emmanuel”

J. S. Bach, Arr. Martin

*The congregation may stand as able.

The Sanctuary flowers on December 10 are given by Scotty and Jenny Dean in loving memory of her sister, Mary Elizabeth.

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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