

Opportunities This Week

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service
 11:45 Min/Music Search Committee

MONDAY, MARCH 12

9:30 PDO
 5:30 Budget Council-Conference Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 13

9:30 PDO
 5:00 Church Family Supper
 5:00 Children's Choir
 5:45 Church Family Time
 6:00 Sgt. Steve Lynn, MNPD

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 15

9:30 PDO
 5:30 Room in the Inn

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

9:15 Sunday School
 10:20 Deacons' prayer group
 10:30 Worship Service
 5:00 Youth Dinner at Gnetz's home

LOOKING AHEAD . . .

Dinner reservations are due on Monday, March 12 for Church Family Supper on Wednesday, March 14.

Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 PM: Sgt. Steve Lynn, MNPD, will speak on "Response to an Active Killer."

Our last opportunity this winter to serve our homeless neighbors through Room in the Inn will be Thursday, March 15. Check the bulletin board outside the chapel to see where your help is needed.

"On the Town," a classic comedy, will be presented at Belmont University on Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 PM. Tickets cost \$10. If you are interested in going with a group from Immanuel, contact Elaine Fleming. The group plans to eat at J. Alexander's before the show.

During Holy Week, March 25-31, the congregation will receive a daily devotion via email. Let us walk together during this season of spiritual renewal toward the resurrection and the great hope of Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 31, 10:30-11:30 AM—Please help the Preschool and Children's Committee by bringing bags of individually wrapped treats to fill the plastic eggs. Non-chocolate treats are preferred. A collection basket is outside the office.

THE SEASON OF LENT

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

"BLESSED ARE THE MEEK AND MERCIFUL"

March 11, 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Ten-Thirty O'clock

GATHERING

The Chiming of the Hour

The Prelude

"Wondrous Love"

Gilbert Martin

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

"Come and Find the Quiet Center"

SACRED HARP

*The Call to Worship

Charles Businaro

One: By grace we have been saved through faith in Jesus Christ.

Many: We worship God, who loves us and saves us.

One: We have not earned God's grace, for this grace is a undeserved gift.

Many: We worship God, who is rich in mercy.

One: God made us and created us in Christ Jesus for good works.

All: We will wholeheartedly worship and serve God, for this is our calling.

Ephesians 2

*The Invocation

*The Hymn of Praise 171

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

WONDROUS LOVE

The Observance of Christian Baptism

The Baptismal Affirmation Tambi Swiney

The Baptismal Blessing Steven Meriwether

One: What do you wish Anna to know:

All: We celebrate the joy of our salvation. We praise God for the life, death, and resurrection of the Son. We witness your baptism, Anna, in the name of God, who loves us like a father and mother, who is always redeeming us, and whose grace empowers and sustains us.

The Ordinance of Baptism

Anna Emilia Kihlberg

(Following the Baptism, the congregation will respond in unison.)

People: Peace be with you.

SHARING THE WORD

The Psalter Psalm 107.1-3, 17-22 Charles Businaro

The New Testament Lesson Ephesians 2.1-10 Grace Norman-Wilson

*The Gospel Lesson John 3.14-21 and Matthew 5.5, 7 Tambi Swiney

One: This is the gospel of Grace.

Many: Thanks be to God!

The Anthem “God So Loved the World” Stainer

Text for the anthem is John 3.16

The Sermon “The Galilean Way: Meek and Merciful”

The Ministry of Silence

The Call to Decision

RESPONDING

*The Hymn of Decision 559 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” WARRENTON

*The Offertory Prayer Bill Gregg

The Offertory “Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow” 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 Tambi Swiney

Merciful God, forgive us for taking your gift of grace for granted. Forgive us for failing to extend mercy to others. May we demonstrate our gratitude to you and our love for you by emulating your Son, Jesus Christ.

The Assurance of Pardon “Near to the Heart of God” McAFEE

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God. O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us who wait before Thee near to the heart of God. (No. 383 Verse 3)

The Pastoral Prayer

The Pastoral Welcome Steven Meriwether

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

*The Hymn of Departing 41 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” WELLESLEY

*The Benediction Steven Meriwether

The Postlude “Christian Hearts, In Love United” Robert Powell

*The congregation may stand as able.

The sanctuary flowers on March 11 are provided by the Decorations Committee.

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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