

| PRAYER & MEDITATION |

By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.
— Hebrews 11:21 —

| CALL TO WORSHIP* | Psalm 105:4-6

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

| HYMN OF PRAISE* | Hymnal #195
“Joy to the World! The Lord is Come”

| PRAYER OF PRAISE* |

| READING OF GOD’S LAW | 2 Peter 3:13

But according to his promise we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, since you are waiting for these, be diligent to be found by him without spot or blemish, and at peace.

MINISTER: This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

| CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN |

God of all glory, we are amazed at your faithfulness to us. It is only by grace, and in Christ’s name, that we come to you. We confess our sinfulness. Not believing that you are faithful to your promises, we have been impatient and relied on our plans. Instead of living ready in holiness, we have indulged our passion. Our days are full of satisfaction in worldliness, not the longing for your kingdom. Forgive us all our sins and bless us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

| SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN |

| PROMISE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS | Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

*Congregation stands if able

| HYMN OF TRUST* | Hymnal #211
“God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen”

| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH | WSC Q37-38

MINISTER: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

ALL: **The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.**

MINISTER: What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?

ALL: **At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.**

| PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER |

PEOPLE: **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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

| PSALM OF MEDITATION* | Hymnal #87
“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”

| OFFERING |

| SERMON TEXT* | Genesis 48-49

PASTOR: The grass withers, the flower fades,

PEOPLE: **But the word of our God will stand forever.**

| SERMON | Rev. Seth Miller

“Bedside Blessings”

| HYMN OF RESPONSE* |
“All Glory Be To Christ”

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, in vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow’s gain, tell me what is your life?
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

His will be done, His kingdom come on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread, praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We’ll take a cup of kindness yet, all glory be to Christ!

**All glory be to Christ our King, all glory be to Christ!
His rule and reign we’ll ever sing, all glory be to Christ!**

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be, All glory be to Christ

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| THE LORD’S SUPPER |

*You will be released to receive the elements at the front of the room.
Wine is dark in color and grape juice is light in color.*

| A WORD TO PARENTS | *Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession and have been received as communing members by the elders of the church to which their parents belong.*

| HYMN OF THANKS* | Hymnal #731
“Doxology”

| BENEDICTION* | Psalm 67:1-2

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

| ANNOUNCEMENTS |

We appreciate your help in gathering any nearby communion cups and bulletins and disposing of them in the receptacles as you leave.

| Welcome Visitors! | We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshiping with us today. We are delighted you are here and are available to answer any questions you may have about our worship service, our church, or even the gospel of Jesus Christ. We would love to connect with you and keep you updated each week - please fill out a contact card, located next to the bulletins, or visit immanuelpca.org and select 'contact us' so that we can stay in touch.

| Christmas Eve Service | We will have a Christmas Eve service at the Jacklin Center on Dec. 24th at 5:00pm.

| NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMONS |

Rev. Seth Miller will be preaching on Genesis 50 in the morning, and on Luke 2:22-38 in the evening.

| EVENING WORSHIP |

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 24:1-3

HYMN OF PRAISE: O Come, All Ye Faithful #208

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PSALM OF THANKS: All People That on Earth Do Dwell #1

READING THE CATECHISM: WSC 76-78

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Ruth 3

HYMN OF MEDITATION: O Little Town of Bethlehem

SERMON TEXT: Matthew 2:1-12

SERMON: "The Wise Men" - Rev. Seth Miller

HYMN OF RESPONSE: Silent Night! Holy Night! #210

BENEDICTION: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

| SERMON NOTES |

"Bedside Blessings"
— Genesis 48-49 —

I. SURPRISING BLESSINGS

II. SUITABLE BLESSINGS

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| THE LORD'S DAY |

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