

| PRAYER & MEDITATION |

“For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

— Hebrews 4:12 —

| CALL TO WORSHIP* | Psalm 34:1-2

“I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth My soul makes its boast in the Lord: let the humble hear and be glad.”

| HYMN OF PRAISE* | Hymnal #101
“Come Thou Almighty King”

| PRAYER OF PRAISE* |

| READING OF GOD’S LAW | Colossians 3:16

MINISTER: Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thanksgiving in your hearts to God.

MINISTER: This is the Word of God.

ALL: **Thanks be to God!**

| CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN |

ALL: **Gracious Father, we confess to you openly and plainly that we have not let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly this week. Instead of meditating upon your eternal truth, we have turned to trivial pleasures that do not satisfy. We have failed to store your truth in our hearts and, therefore, have not given you the praise and thanksgiving that is your due. Forgive us, Lord, and count not our sins against us. Cleanse us through the blood of Christ that we might walk with renewed thankfulness in our hearts towards you.**

| SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN |

| PROMISE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS | Joel 2:13

“Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.”

| HYMN OF Trust* | Hymnal #253
“There is a Fountain Filled”

| AFFIRMATION OF FAITH* | Westminster Larger Catechism Q83

PASTOR: What is required of those who hear the Word preached?

PEOPLE: **It is required of those who hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.**

| PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER* |

PEOPLE: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your 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. Amen.**

| PSALM OF MEDITATION* | Psalm 139:1-12
Tune: “Before the Throne of God Above”

LORD, Thou hast searched me; Thou hast known
My rising and my sitting down;
And from afar Thou knowest well
The very thoughts that in me dwell.

Thou knowest all the ways I plan,
My path and lying down dost scan;
For in my tongue no word can be,
But lo, O LORD, ‘tis known to Thee,
But lo, O LORD, ‘tis known to Thee.

Behind, before me Thou dost stand
And lay on me Thy mighty hand;
Such knowledge is for me too strange
And high beyond my utmost range.

Where shall I from Thy Spirit flee,
Or from Thy presence hidden be?
In heav’n Thou art, if there I fly,
In death’s abode if there I lie,
In death’s abode if there I lie.

If I the wings of morning take
And utmost sea my dwelling make,

Ev’n there Thy hand shall guide my way
And Thy right hand shall be my stay.

If I say, “Darkness covers me,”
The darkness hideth not from Thee.
To Thee both night and day are bright,
The darkness shineth as the light,
The darkness shineth as the light.

| OFFERING |

| SCRIPTURE READING* | Acts 18

PASTOR: The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

| SERMON | Rev. Seth Miller

“The Prevailing Word of God”

| HYMN OF RESPONSE* | Hymnal #94
“How Firm A Foundation”

| 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 THANKSGIVING* |
“Doxology”

| BENEDICTION* | Romans 15: 13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

*Congregation stands if able

| ANNOUNCEMENTS |

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

| PARKING | Please be mindful of the church next door by parking in the Chamber of Commerce lot or along the street. For a full map, visit immanuelpca.org/visit.

| FELLOWSHIP MEAL | Join us this evening immediately following the evening service for a time of food, fellowship, and celebration of all that God has done to get IPC established as a mission church. The main dishes are already provided, but we ask that if your name begins with A-M, please bring a side dish, and if it is N-Z, please bring a dessert.

| IPC ONLINE | Visit immanuelpca.org to stay up to date with events, to log into planning center, and to give online.

| NEXT SUNDAY'S SERMONS |

Rev. Seth Miller will be preaching on Colossians 1:1-8 in the morning and Malachi 1:1-5 in the evening.

| EVENING WORSHIP |

Order of Service

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 136:1-3

PSALM OF PRAISE: "Psalm 100"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF THANKS: "O the Deep, Deep, Love of Jesus"

READING THE CATECHISM: WSC Q/A 1

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Hebrews 1

HYMN OF MEDITATION: "The Church's One Foundation"

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 84

SERMON: "The Dearest Place on Earth" Rev. Seth Miller

HYMN OF RESPONSE: "The Sands of Time are Sinking"

BENEDICTION: Ephesians 6:24

| SERMON NOTES |

"The Prevailing Word of God"

—Acts 18-19 —

I. THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

II. THE EFFECTS OF THE WORD

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| THE LORD'S DAY |

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