



## WELCOME TO IMMANUEL!

December 17, 2017 10:45 a.m.

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

**AS WE GATHER** “The good old days.” “They don’t make them like they used to.” Oftentimes, we look to the past with a feeling of nostalgia. We think that things were better or safer or greater “back then.” Perhaps we have this feeling with good reason; after all, the future

can be scary! What’s going to happen in the Middle East? Where is the economy headed? What kind of world will my children live in? Yet, in today’s Gospel, John assures his listeners of greater things to come. His message is one of hope in the coming Savior. In Christ, we, too, have greater things to come—including resurrection and life with Him forever. That’s reason for rejoicing, now and always!

### WELCOME

### WORSHIP SONG

“Hymn of Joy”  
(Chris Tomlin)

### BAPTISM

***Bryant William Sylvester***  
Son of Michael and Diane  
Brother to Camden and Ryland

“Light of the World”  
(Lauren Daigle)

### BIBLE READING

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (p. 526, ESV), (p.739, NIV)  
*“The LORD has anointed me to bring good news.”*

### MESSAGE

“The Year of Jubilee” Rev. Dr. Tom Acton

### OFFERING *(Gifts for the Mission of Immanuel Church and School are received.)*

“This I Believe (The Creed)”  
(Hillsong Worship)

### A TIME OF PRAYER

### THE LORD’S PRAYER

### BLESSING *(and all God’s people said AMEN)*

### CLOSING SONG “Messiah/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” *(Phil Wickham/Big Daddy Weave)*

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*(God With Us)*

### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

- **Wednesday Advent Services**
- December 20 3rd Wednesday in Advent—7:00 p.m.
- **Service of Remembrance (Blue Christmas)**
- December 17 4:00 p.m.
- **Christmas Eve/Day Celebration**
- December 23 Saturday Worship Service—5:00 p.m.
- December 24 Sunday, Christmas Eve—8:00 a.m., 3:00, 5:00, 11:00 p.m.
- December 25 Monday, Christmas Day—10:00 a.m.
- **New Year’s Eve Celebration**
- December 30 Saturday Worship Service—5:00 p.m.
- December 31 Sunday, New Year’s Eve—8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.

### New Worship Service Times

#### **Starting January 6/7**

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:15 a.m. Discipleship Hour

10:30 a.m. Worship & Praise

12:00 p.m. The Gathering Place

@ Christie’s Dairy Delights

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