

IMMANUEL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

221 Church Street, Ferguson, Missouri 63135

Dec. 31, 2017
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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

9:30 a.m.

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*Those who are able are invited to stand.
The hymns today are in the Chalice Hymnal (red).*

Gathering Music

Welcome & Life of the Church

Prelude *“There’s a Spirit in the Air”*

*Bells and Chimes *(You are invited to stand)*

*Call to Worship

One: When Jesus is born to Mary and Joseph,
All: God is there.
 One: When Jesus is presented at the temple,
All: God is there.
 One: When Simeon holds Jesus in his arms,
All: God is there.
 One: When Anna recognizes Jesus in the temple,
All: God is there.
 One: This very morning,
All: God is here.
 One: In the future we cannot see,
All: God is there. Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise *“What Child Is This”* #162

*Prayer of Invocation

Loving God, we give thanks for your faithfulness which extends from generation to generation. We give thanks for your promise of hope and praise you for your justice. We give thanks for your care for the poor and the oppressed. Reveal yourself to us during this worship, so that we may see you more clearly and understand your loving-kindness for all creation. Show us the life that is really life in you. Amen

THANKS TO TODAY’S VOLUNTEERS

Lay Readers this morning:

BeverlyDow

Ushers this morning:

Krescene Beck
 Beverly Dow
 Paula Hildebrand

Sanctuary Door Greeters this morning:

Janet Viehmann & Mary Ellen Dominick

Outside Welcomers this morning:

Marty Schuster

LAST WEEK’S OFFERING

Operating Income

Pledge Payments	\$ 10,494.00
Special Donations	150.00
Use of Property Receipts	1,200.00
Loose Offerings	144.00
Sub Total	\$ 11,988.00

Other Receipts

Christmas Offerings	1,614.00
Advent/White Gift Offerings	720.00
Parish Nurse Fund	20.00
Brothers In Christ Wurstmarkt Expenses	1,158.32
Veterans of the Cross	175.00
Coffee Hour	11.00
Sub-Total	\$ 3,698.32

TOTAL	\$ 15,686.32
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Prayer Response

“Spirit Song”

#352

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill our heart and satisfy your soul

O let him have the things that hold you,

And his Spirit like a dove will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs. Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

“This Is the Day of New Beginnings”

***Doxology**

“Praise God from whom all blessing flow,

Praise God all creatures here below: Praise God above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.”

***Dedication of the Offering (unison)**

God of Vision,

Take these offerings of money

and turn them into vision;

vision of all people fed,

vision of all people safe,

vision of all people housed,

vision of all people educated. Amen.

***Hymn of Parting**

“Go, Tell it on the Mountain”

#167

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Auld Lang Syne”

MINISTERS

The People of Immanuel Church

MINISTERS TO THE MINISTERS

Dr. Jimmy Watson

Senior Pastor

Rev. Courtney Chandler

Minister of Christian Education

Paul Westcott

Minister of Music

God is Still Speaking

Linda Stoecklin, R.N.

Faith Community Nurse

**** CALENDAR ****

IMMANUEL ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

- Today:** 9:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday:** **HAPPY NEW YEAR! OFFICE CLOSED**
- Tuesday:** 10:00 a.m. PACE - Room 100
- Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. Quilters - Room 100
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer & Share - Room 202
- 7:00 p.m. Crescendo Ringers - Music Room
- Thursday:** 10:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Bible Study - Chapel
- 11:45 a.m. Immanuel Fellowship Lunch & program - Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir - Reception Room
- Friday:** NO PACE
- Next Sunday:** 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. Worship
- 10:30 a.m. Annual Congregational Budget Meeting
- 10:30 a.m. Puppets - Puppet Room
- 11:00 a.m. (or whenever budget meeting ends) Take down decorations

*** LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE ***

<u>Worship</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Adult Sunday School</u>
9:30 a.m. 100	Students 12	
8:00 p.m. 76	Teachers 6	
10:30 p.m. <u>85</u>	Total 18	
Total 261		