The Weekly: Compline, Dates for Your Diary, and more!

COMPLINE

Anyone who attends Compline, is thinking about attending Compline, or just wants to know more about Compline, is invited to a discussion session on September 22 in the Academy following coffee hour. We have a beautiful and moving candlelit service every Sunday night at 7 p.m. in the church, and have done so continuously since February of 2018. We are interested in both increasing participation and hearing from all of you about ways in which we might enrich that service. You are not making a commitment to anything if you show up! It can just be a good way to learn more. Please consider joining us for this 30 minute or less discussion session.

- Jo Harney
What is Compline?

Immanuel has been offering Compline on Sunday evenings at Immanuel for over a year! We have ranged from 2 to 17 in attendance. The service has been led by many different individuals and the candlelight set-up is shared by anyone willing. The church is incredibly beautiful when lit by 60+ candles, and it provides a setting for prayer that is reverent and serene.

So what is Compline like? Those who attend usually spend a few minutes of quiet prayer in their pews. When the tower bell strikes seven, we stand and move to the altar. Bringing our service leaflets with us, we stand in a circle around the altar and recite the prayers, psalms,
and readings of this beautiful office. The service is about 8 minutes long with time allowed for individuals to offer their own thanksgivings and intercessions. We return to our pews for additional time of quiet prayer before leaving in silence. Please consider attending; it’s the perfect way to end your Sunday and to center yourself for the coming week.

**LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES**

This Sunday's music follows the theme of the Scripture readings: God's readiness to forgive those who are penitent. The choir will sing "Hide not thou thy face from us, O Lord" by Richard Farrant, who was a member of the Chapel Royal under King Edward VI in the early years of the English Reformation, and later organist of St George's, Windsor.

The opening voluntary, "Air" is by Gerre Hancock, late Choirmaster and Organist of St. Thomas Church, NY. Dr. Hancock's ability as an improviser was legendary, and his virtuosity found its way into many of his compositions. "Air," however, is a gentle, lyrical piece that he dedicated to his wife Judy (also a fine organist).

**Music this Sunday:**
- Hymn 410, "Praise, my soul, The King of Heaven"
- Hymn 684, "O for a closer walk with God"
- Hymn 646, "The King of love my shepherd is"
- Hymn 469, "There's a wideness in God's mercy"
- Hymn 334, "Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing"
- Gerre Hancock, "Air"
- Nicolas de Grigny, *Plein Jeu*

**Save these Dates:** Don't miss these upcoming Special Musical Events at Immanuel on the Green!

**September 22 (next week)** Carolyn Hendrix, cello, and Susan Ryan, flute, join Jack Burnam to play Handel's Sonata for Flute and Continuo at the 10 o'clock Eucharist. You'll want to arrive a few minutes early to hear the first notes of this elegant and tuneful music by an ever-popular composer.

**October 13: First Choral Evensong at 4pm** - The Choir School of Delaware will kick off our annual Second-Sunday-of-the-month Choral Evensong series. The Choir School provides professional-level musical training and mentoring to youth in the greater Wilmington area.

**October 18: Mark Laubach, organ, in Recital at 7:45pm** - Mark is a brilliant and engaging performer. He is also a long-time friend of Immanuel, and we are excited to welcome him back! Mark is Organist of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre. Admission is free, and a reception follows Mark's program.

**February 8 - 9: Visiting Scholar Weekend with Dr. Esther Lightcap Meek** - "The Epiphany of Beauty: Where Art and Faith Converge" is a unique weekend-long event featuring Visiting Scholar Esther Meek, Professor of Philosophy at Geneva College, exploring the connections between music, theology, and liturgy. Not to be missed!

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**
SAVE THE DATES!

Back by popular demand: Oktoberfest 2019!

Following the success of last year’s Oktoberfest celebration, Oktoberfest 2019 is definitely a date for your diary. This fun fellowship event will be held on **Saturday, October 12, 6:00 pm**, in our Secret ‘Biergarten’ behind the Academy.

In the spirit of the festival, we will be having a Potluck German dinner- please bring your favorite dish to share! If you need a little inspiration, or some easy recipes, here’s a short list of some Oktoberfest classics that everyone is sure to love (no one is ever going to say no to pretzels, be they store bought or home made!)

Beer and non alcoholic refreshments will be provided, there will also be music, the all new 2019 collectible Immanuel Oktoberfest beer stein, and lots of fellowship. This is family friendly event- so please bring friends, relatives and children to enjoy the festivities and our renowned Immanuel hospitality!

See you there! Prost!
The office will be closed Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th, and Wednesday 18th September.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

Memorials can be a Sunday closest to a set date (such as a birthday, anniversary, or passing), or a specific Sunday in the month (such as the 1st Sunday in October), and can be recurring or one time happenings. Please contact the office or Mark if you would like to talk about an offering.

The following Sundays do not have dedicated flower offerings:

2019
- October 20
- October 27
- December 29

2020
- January 12
- February 9
- February 23
- March 1
- March 29
- April 19
- May 3
- May 31
- June 21
- June 28
- August 13
Schedule of Services

Immanuel’s sense of community is firmly grounded in our weekly gathering for corporate worship. **You** are an essential member of that Community! Do plan to join us every week for one (or more) of these services:

Sunday
- 8am - Said Mass
- 10am - Sung Mass
- 7pm - Compline

Wednesday
- 9:30am - Said Mass *(postponed until further notice)*

Thursday
- 6pm - Said Mass

Compline continues every Sunday at 7 p.m.

The sign-up register for Sunday evening Compline has been extended to include the fall months. Please consider signing up to lead one or more weeks of this beautiful candlelit service. Training is provided. Click here to view the sign-up and to volunteer: [Immanuel Compline](#)

Sign up here

Large print bulletins are available.

September Birthdays
- Week 1 - Elizabeth Grace Costango
- Week 2 - Lucille Joyce Hopper, Nancy Coning-McDowell
- Week 3 - Bob Davis, Nancy P. Davison, Lydia Timmins, Donald Maloney
- Week 4 - Sarah Wolcott
- Week 5 - Jim Butler

September Anniversaries
- Week 1 - B.G. and Chantel Robelen
- Week 3 - Nancy and David Turner
- Week 4 - Debbie and Rick Chance
- Week 5 - Joe Davison and Phillip Stephens

**STAY CONNECTED**
The FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) struggle is real. If you haven't already, be sure to follow us on

Stay up to date on all the latest happenings by visiting our [website](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/PrintMessage).

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