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LITURGY AND MUSIC NOTES

This Sunday: Special Music for a Special Service

The Feast of Dedication provides an opportunity for us to reflect on the role Immanuel Church has played in our own lives, and to give thanks for those past generations of Immanuels whose faithfulness and devotion have provided and sustained the rich heritage and continuing witness to God’s presence in this place that we enjoy today.

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The 10 o'clock Eucharist will be a Choral Mass, in which the fixed texts of the liturgy (called “The Ordinary”) are assigned to the choir. The *Gloria in excelsis*, *Sanctus*, and *Agnus Dei* will all be sung in traditional Prayer Book English, to a musical setting composed by the 20th-century English organist Harold Darke. The occasional use of a choral setting of these familiar words gives us one more way to experience the richness of our musical heritage as Christians.

The Nicene Creed, said by all at every Sunday Eucharist, will be sung this Sunday. As early as the sixth century this ancient declaration of faith was sung universally to a melody (S 103 in *The Hymnal 1982*) whose patterns are very similar to the chant which begins the Great Thanksgiving. We will continue to sing the Creed for the next several weeks. Not too sure about that? It is absolutely OK to follow along and recite the Creed silently; then, when the tune begins to feel familiar to you, please do join in the singing. It will give you an entirely new sense of the Creed’s meaning, and an understanding of why it is part of our worship.

**Sunday’s Hymns are all closely related to the observance of our Feast of Dedication:**
360, Only begotten, Word of God eternal
521, Put forth, O God, thy Spirit’s might
517, How lovely is thy dwelling place
522, Glorious things of thee are spoken
Offertory Anthem: David Hurd, “I was glad”
Communion Motet: Anton Bruckner, *Locus iste*
Organ Voluntaries: Jean Langlais, *Théme et Variations*, and Fantaisie: *Ite missa est* (from *Hommage á Frescobaldi*)

**Monthly Choral Evensong at Immanuel** the second Sunday of each month begins in two weeks, on October 13th at 4pm. As always, the brief 45-minute service will be followed by an informal but elegant reception in the Academy.

This year our monthly Evensong series will be launched with special guests, our friends from The Choir School of Delaware under the direction of Arreon Harley-Emerson. (The Choir School of Delaware offers professional-level musical training, leadership and language skills, academic support, and mentoring to youth in the greater Wilmington area.)

Choral Evensong is the service of evening prayer derived from the ancient offices of Vespers and Compline, and sung at the close of day in cathedrals and churches throughout the world. Choral Evensong is one of Anglicanism’s greatest contributions to the world’s cultural and religious heritage. As the choir sings the traditional evening prayers that the Church has offered for centuries, the congregation listens and adds their own prayers to those of the choir. In the candlelit quiet of a peaceful sanctuary, Evensong is a rare opportunity for meditation and personal renewal before returning to our busy lives.

**Coming soon, and not to be missed!**

**Mark Laubach in Recital** on Friday, October 18, at 7:45 pm. Mark is well-known at Immanuel for his collaboration in the choir’s English Cathedral residencies.

He is also widely recognized as one of today’s most versatile and convincing performers on the King of Instruments. In his 35-year career since winning the...
1984 AGO National Young Artists' Competition, Mark has been acclaimed for his virtuosity, artistic insight, and ability to connect with audiences, in performances throughout the US, Great Britain, and Germany. Mark is Canon Precentor and Organist/Choirmaster of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Wilkes-Barre and teaches at Marywood University in Scranton.

Plan now to attend this inspiring performance, and help us spread the word! (admission is free, and there will be a reception!)

**The Music and Worship 2019-2020 booklet** is now available on the church porch! We encourage you to take a couple and pass them on to friends and family; if you would like to mail them, or need a large number of booklets, please contact the office - we have everything ready to go.

You can access the booklet online by clicking [here](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/PrintMessage).

You can RSVP to all our events on our Facebook page [here](https://www.facebook.com/ImmanuelParish), or you can check out the [Immanuel Parish calendar](#) and receive email reminders by subscribing to events. Remember, every like and share means more people can see what is happening at Immanuel; one click really does make a difference!

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**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

**Bring Your Pets to Church for Blessing of the Animals**

**On October 6 at 4 pm**, all pets of all shapes and sizes (and faiths) are invited to Immanuel on the Green for our annual Blessing of the Animals. "Come and bring your pets, whether they have flunked obedience training or gotten a gold star," said Fr. Chris Keene about the event. "All are welcome!"

"I've blessed my share of snakes, gerbils, and lizards," continued Fr. Keene, confirming that pets of all types are invited. "But I've never blessed a chicken," he said

The Blessing of the Animals marks the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi. Pets receive a blessing in acknowledgment of their love, loyalty, and companionship.

All the pets at the 2018 Blessing of the Animals were dogs. This year, let's see some cats, gerbils, hamsters, and lizards in church!

- Geri Krolin-Taylor
STEWARDSHIP - A SERIES

Intro

Stewardship can be thought of as offering your time, talents, and treasure to the glory of God and for the work of the church in the world. Over the next few weeks, we will explore each one of these topics in greater depth. We become better stewards as we practice better stewardship. This is a simple practice that brings us joy as we participate in being a part of something that is bigger than ourselves - the mission and ministries of Immanuel on the Green. This is part of "The Way of Love" – a way of life. To Walk in Love is a call to action for all of us. It is a call to imitate Jesus in a way that focuses on the actions of God among us and within us. During this stewardship season, we invite you to prayerfully and mindfully consider how you are called to respond to the spirit as participate to serve, feed, worship, share, and see how God’s work in us is transformational.
Lectio Divina Series
All are invited to enjoy good food, good company, and good conversation every Tuesday evening from October 1st to October 22nd. We will meet at Porto Fino’s at 6 pm.

What is Lectio Divina?
From Contemplative Outreach: "Lectio Divina, literally meaning "divine reading," is an ancient practice of praying the Scriptures. During Lectio Divina, the practitioner listens to the text of the Bible with the "ear of the heart," as if he or she is in conversation with God, and God is suggesting the topics for discussion. The method of Lectio Divina includes moments of reading (lectio), reflecting on (meditatio), responding to (oration) and resting in (contemplatio) the Word of God with the aim of nourishing and deepening one’s relationship with the Divine."

We hope that you will join us! However, if these days or times do not work with your schedule, the passages and instructions will be made available on the website and mailed cards.

Stewardship & Pledge Celebration - Sunday, October 27th - please join us at the 8 am and 10 am services to celebrate stewardship and make our pledge for the coming year!

- Mary Nash Wilson

OKTOBERFEST 2019
This fun fellowship event will be held on **Saturday, October 12, 6:00 pm**, in our Secret 'Biergarten' behind the Academy.

Live music will be provided by Dr Jay, the all new 2019 collectible Immanuel Oktoberfest beer stein and plenty of Immanu-ale (thanks, Buddy!) to fill it will be available, and lots of fellowship. This is family friendly event- we're going to have lawn games! - so please bring friends, relatives and children to enjoy the festivities and our renowned Immanuel hospitality!

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!)

See you there! Prost!

**PARISH HAPPENINGS**

**Donate Items for St. Anne's Guild Attic Treasures Sale**

St. Anne's Guild will hold its annual rummage and bake sale, affectionately called Attic Treasures, on **Saturday, October 19**, 9 am til 3 pm, and **Sunday, October 20**, 9 am til noon. All money raised during the sale is donated to local charities.
You can support the sale by donating items, baking for the bake table, and coming to the sale to see what treasures and baked goods you want to buy. We accept items in good condition, such as housewares, books, jewelry, and decorations. Please no clothing, furniture, large appliances, or electronics donations. To arrange to drop off items, contact Camille Foster at 302 322 3707. The last day for donations is **Wednesday, October 9**.

With the money raised at the 2018 sale, St. Anne's was able to help support the Food Bank of Delaware, Ministry of Caring, Sunday Breakfast Mission, and Episcopal Relief and Development.

- Geri Krolin-Taylor

![Photo: Scenes from Attic Treasures 2018](https://mail.aol.com/webmail-std/en-us/PrintMessage?cid=105939

**SAVE THE DATES!**

- October 6, Sunday — Blessing of the Animals
- October 12, Saturday — Oktoberfest
- October 13, Sunday — Choral Evensong, with Choir School of Delaware
- October 18, Friday — Mark Laubach Organ Recital
- October 19, Saturday — Attic Treasures
- October 26, Saturday — Movie Night
- November 4, Monday — All Souls' Day Mass

**Call to Convention**

Our 235th Annual Convention, January 24-25, is a special time when everyone in the Episcopal Church in Delaware is invited to gather in community with fellow Episcopalians across the diocese. While enjoying new and old friendships, we are also tasked with doing a little bit of business and learning more about each other and our future together. It is the great annual assembly of the Episcopal Church in Delaware! I invite everyone to join me as we convene at the Hyatt Place in Dewey Beach, Delaware. Several of our convention committees are already hard at work. It takes many hands to make this convention work and it is well worth our time, our energy, and our prayer. Important work is happening, my sisters and
brothers, in the common life of our diocese and of our church. I am grateful for everyone who contributes so many hours of their time in this crazy and wonderful adventure we call the Episcopal Church.

- the Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown

235th Annual Convention Website

As members of the Episcopal Church, we all share in its leadership and oversight, often by serving on parish and diocesan teams and committees. Our church and our witness to the world are stronger when we are led by diverse and energetic folks from across our community. To elect diverse leadership teams we must first nominate diverse slates of candidates! Therefore, it is important that we nominate faithful women and men from across all Delaware counties, of varying ages, colors, orientations, and economic circumstances and from parishes small and large, to represent us on these committees.

The positions open at the next annual convention are listed on page 5 and onwards of the document linked below. Terms of office begin on the first day of the second month following convention.

Any active Episcopalian in the Episcopal Church in Delaware may nominate someone to serve on a diocesan-wide body. You may nominate yourself as well. Please prayerfully consider a person you know who might be ready to serve at the diocesan level.

The deadline for nominating someone else — or yourself — is Friday, October 18. The Nominations Committee is asked to review all nominees to confirm they are eligible and, for positions where insufficient numbers of nominees are received, to nominate diverse candidates for these roles.

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Nomination form

In honor of the 50th birthday of the Austin Organ of Immanuel Highlands 2400 West 17th Street, Wilmington DE

Immanuel Church, Highlands
Sat. 12 October 2019
With generous support from the Delaware Chapter, American Guild of Organists

CONCERT ONE
5:00 – 6:30 pm
David Schelat
Jack Bumam
David Christopher

6:30 – 7:30 pm
Buffet Supper in Parish Hall

CONCERT TWO
7:30 – 9:00 pm
Paul Fleckenstein
Bruce Barber
Steven Patchel

TWO CONCERTS IN ONE EVENING
Six Wilmington organists play masterworks repertoire on the 1969 Austin Organ including French, German, Spanish, and American composers, and the famous Toccatas of Bach and Widor. A freewill offering will be accepted.

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This event is in conflict with Oktoberfest, but with good planning you might be able to hear Jack play and then head over to the Secret Garden to join the festivities!

Next Movie Discussion Night on Saturday, Oct 26

We will gather together for our next Movie Discussion Night at 6 PM on Oct 26. Our host is Nancy Coning-McDowell at 54 E 4th St in New Castle.

The film to watch before you come is "On the Basis of Sex". We all know Ruth Bader Ginsburg became a Justice of the Supreme Court. Watch this movie based on her early life and legal career to found out how she overcame barriers based on gender. Then bring a dish or refreshment to share and come ready to talk about the social and religious questions raised by the story and the values it highlights.

We look forward to seeing you.

Available Flower Memorial Dates

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