

JANUARY 18, 2026 || SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

# Welcome to Worship at



# CARRY THE FLAME

A stylized orange and yellow flame icon, representing the "Flame" mentioned in the sermon series title.

2025 - 2026 SERMON SERIES

DEEPER *faith*

DEEPER *hope*

DEEPER *love*

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

1.18.26 || SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY || BANNER #42 "WORSHIP"

## PRELUDE & BELL

Milianna Carlson

## WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Pastor Allison

## OPENING HYMN

#648 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

## GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Allison

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE SONG

*We Are the Church*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Grant Severson

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Conner Freerks

*Lamentations 3:19-24; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; John 9:1-25*

## APOSTLES' CREED

Pastor Andrew

## OFFERTORY

#678 *We Are An Offering*

## MESSAGE

Pastor Andrew

*Deeper Hope: Newness*

## WORSHIP SONGS

*Your Great Name*

*Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me*

## CLOSING PRAYERS & LORD'S PRAYER

Isaac Kubat

## BENEDICTION & SENDING

Isaac Kubat

## CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

*In Christ Alone*

## POSTLUDE

Milianna Carlson

**Welcome to worship at Immanuel!** Whether this is your first Sunday with us or your five-hundredth, we're so glad you're here! Every time we gather to worship is worth celebrating. If you're visiting today, we extend an extra warm welcome and hope you'll stop by for coffee and conversation after the service — we'd love to meet you!

**Riverside Bible Camp has opened registration for the summer 2026 season!** Get your camper registered early - Early Bird Registration ends after February 15th! Immanuel is also blessed to provide camperships to all Immanuel members. Contact the Church Office directly for this code. Are you sending a first-time camper or would like a campership for family camp? Contact the Church Office to submit your request to our Board of Trustees.

**Join us for a special Prayer Service on Sunday, January 25 at 6:30 P.M.** This will be a peaceful and quiet guided prayer service along with music and communion. The pastors and other prayer partners will be available for personal prayer during the service.

**As we begin a new year, we're reminded of the many opportunities God gives us to grow together and to serve both our Immanuel family and our wider community.** We encourage you to discover your place in ministry here at Immanuel. There truly is a role for everyone to make a difference. Contact Mary Mechaelson or the church office to learn more, OR sign up to volunteer for worship directly on the kiosks in the lobby, on our weekly email, or on our website.

## General Fund activity for December 2025

Beg. Balance	Receipts	Expenses	End. Balance
\$ (3,108.73)	\$75,882.79	\$37,725.41	\$35,048.65

Monthly General Fund expenses average \$37k

*Details are posted on the slatwall next to the printer room.*

**Have something to share with the Immanuel church community?** All bulletin, worship and/or weekly email announcements are due to the church office by 10 A.M. on Thursday mornings for inclusion in our church communications.

**Access and act on next steps** to get involved at Immanuel by checking out the kiosks in the lobby, browsing our website ([immanuelstorycity.org](http://immanuelstorycity.org)), or signing up for our weekly emails with the church office.

### THANK YOU TO TODAY'S VOLUNTEERS

#### WELCOME TEAM

Adam Crawford, Tyler Oberender, Shelly Rivera, Lisa Elm

#### READER

Conner Freerks

#### TECH TEAM

Dean Kohlmeyer, John Rathmacher

#### COFFEE CART

Steve & Miriam Skartvedt

#### ACOLYTE

Annabelle Potratz

#### PRAYER PARTNERS

Immanuel Deacons

#### FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Deb Olson, Ken & Janet Stock

#### BANNER/PARAMENT COMMITTEE

Lori Whipple



# DADDY DAUGHTER

## *Dine & Dance*

Saturday, January 31 | 3:30-5:30pm  
at the Riverside Dining Hall



Join us for one of our most popular family events! It's an afternoon for dads and their daughters to dress their best and enjoy a fancy dance and meal together at Riverside. This event is perfect for dads and daughters of all ages. We also welcome grandpas, uncles, or family friends to bring their special gals to share in this unforgettable experience! The cost for this event is \$35 for adults and \$5 for children.



More information & registration  
[RiversideLBC.org/Daddy-Daughter-Dine-Dance](http://RiversideLBC.org/Daddy-Daughter-Dine-Dance)

3001 Riverside Rd., Story City, IA 50248 | (515) 733-5271



# MY SERMON notes

## things to remember



## prayers



to study at home:





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with



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## Sunday Schedule

**8:00 A.M. RADIO BROADCAST**  
(KASI, 1430 A.M.)

**8:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR**  
(CONFIRMATION & ADULT BIBLE STUDY)

**9:30 A.M. WORSHIP**  
**LIVE STREAM**

**10:30 A.M. COFFEE FELLOWSHIP**



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