



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE OCTOBER 19, 2025

The word Emmanuel means *God With Us*, the extraordinary promise that there is no person, place or context beyond the presence of God. “Emmanuel” also has the same meaning and pronunciation in virtually every language on earth—a beautiful indication that the gospel is for all of us, equally. Regardless of who we are, where we come from, or what we’ve done, we are all freely invited to experience the nearness of God in our life and worship.

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to Emmanuel, we’d like to stay in touch!

Fill out our Keeping Connected form to let us know you visited and to receive information about our church. You can use the QR code below, use this link (bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby.

We are so happy that you visited!



ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, we are shaped by the story of God's faithfulness in every ordinary and extraordinary moment of our lives.

THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! (Psalm 95)

STEADFAST

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus

You are steadfast steadfast
By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

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INSTALLATION OF ELDERS
Lonni Jackson, Jeff Lindeman

CLEMENT TENDO

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschool and 4th-5th graders will head directly to their classroom upstairs. First-time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON TEXT

The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.

¹"Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth! You have covered the heavens with your majesty. ²From the mouths of infants and nursing babies, you have established a stronghold on account of your adversaries in order to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³When I observe your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you set in place, ⁴ what is a human being that you remember him, a son of man that you look after him? ⁵ You made him little less than God and crowned him with glory and honor. ⁶You made him ruler over the works of your hands; you put everything under his feet: ⁷all the sheep and oxen, as well as the animals in the wild, ⁸the birds of the sky, and the fish of the sea that pass through the currents of the seas. ⁹Lord, our Lord, how magnificent is your name throughout the earth! ~*Psalm 8*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Give us the grace to live out your promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERMON

Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-justification.

IMAGES OF GOD

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

Offering is a grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of our God who owns everything and withholds nothing

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

My faith has found a resting place
From guilt my soul is free
I trust the ever living One,
His wounds shall plead for me.

Chorus

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him,
He'll never cast me out.

My great physician heals the sick,
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed,
For me His life He gave

Eliza Hewitt | Greg Thompson

CONFESSION OF SIN

Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.

Lord, you taught us: "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." We confess that we have asserted ourselves in order to further our own agendas, instead of humbly submitting to your wise rule. Forgive us and help us, gentle Jesus. Amen.

(Based on Matthew 5:5)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We are forgiven in Christ and our assurance is based on God's promises.

"I will leave a meek and humble people among you, and they will take refuge in the name of the Lord.... Sing for joy, Daughter Zion; shout loudly, Israel! Be glad and celebrate with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has removed your punishment; he has turned back your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is among you; you need no longer fear harm."
(Zephaniah 3:12, 14-15)

COMMUNION

The Lord's table is open to all who have faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. (Gluten free wafers are available.)

HOW MAJESTIC IS YOUR NAME

Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord our Lord how majestic is
Your name in all the earth
Oh Lord we praise Your name
Oh Lord we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace Mighty God
Oh Lord God Almighty

Oh Lord our Lord when I look
at all the work your hands have done
Oh Lord our Lord when are humans
That you'd give a thought to us?
Oh Lord we praise Your name
Oh Lord we magnify Your name
Prince of Peace Mighty God
Oh Lord God Almighty

Michael W. Smith

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THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass;
He speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Maltbie Babcock | Randall Goodgame

BENEDICTION

Benediction means "good word" and is a pronouncement of grace and blessing.

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Emmanuel Officer Installation - Today

Stay after service for cake to celebrate and get to know our newly installed elders Lonni Jackson and Jeff Lindeman.

Women's Sexual Integrity Meeting - Today

The women's sexual integrity group will meet for a time of sharing and prayer (womensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org)

Women's Integrity Partners Meeting - October 20

The Integrity Partners' Group, a group for spouses of individuals struggling with sexual integrity, will meet once or twice a month. All meeting participants and content are kept confidential. (integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org)

Project Belong - Social Worker Appreciation Lunch - October 22

Say thank you to Arlington County social workers by helping with this lunch, sponsored by Emmanuel through our partner organization Project Belong. Contact Marianna Stone at mstone@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

RILA Immigration Policy Seminar - October 23

RILA is hosting a webinar at 8 PM to give an update on how immigration policies are impacting immigrants in our area and how churches can care for our neighbors. RSVP to johanna@restorationimmigration.org for the Zoom link.

Assist Fundraising Dinner - October 24 (RSVP by today)

Assist Pregnancy Center's annual vision dinner provides an opportunity to learn more about their ministry to our community. If interested, please contact Pete Kauer (pjkauer7@gmail.com).

Parenting Seminar - October 26

From 12:30 to 2:00PM, Jessica Wright will lead a discussion titled "Navigating the NoVA Rush: Stewarding Your Family's Values, Priorities, and Time." This seminar takes place at the same time as our Sparks meeting and youth meeting, so we hope parents of older children will stay after service along with their children. Please register on [Church Center](#) so we can make sure to have enough food and caregivers.

Support the Johnsons

Find ways to support Emmanuel members Evan and Mollie Johnson and their daughters Amaris, Noelle, and Thea. Volunteer to organize medical supplies, be a mother's helper, babysit the younger two girls for Mollie to attend small group. Needs are posted regularly on their support registry: <https://www.supportnow.org/the-johnson-family>

Take a Meal - The Cecchi Family

Leo, Monica, and big sister Gaia recently welcomed baby Charlie Cecchi. To take a meal to them, sign up here: <https://mealtrain.com/gz9ve3>

October Fellowship Month Events

October is Fellowship Month at Emmanuel. These events are a fun part of the life of our church each year. Sign up with QR codes or email the church office.

Ethiopian Coffee Tasting - Today
A "Spudtacular Evening" - October 25
Star Wars Themed Dinner and Discussion - October 25
Swing Dancing - October 25
GWU/VCU Women's Volleyball Match - November 1

Government Shutdown Support

If you are a government worker affected by the shutdown, please contact the church staff so that we can support you.

Officer Nominations

The nomination process will soon be open for deacons, elders, and women's council. You can nominate people using the links in the Friday newsletter. Please prayerfully consider who to nominate and contact Young if you have any questions at ylee@emmanuelarlington.org.

October Partnership Offering - October 26

We will collect a partnership offering for Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB). ABB is an interdenominational network of churches working with each other, individuals, non-profits, businesses, and civic agencies to seek the flourishing of our community.

Seminar on Literacy - November 2

From 12:30-2pm, we will learn from Emmanuel educators Cheryl Jackson and Alyssa Van Duyn as they share how they are addressing the growing literacy gap in our region.