



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE OCTOBER 5, 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.

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above every other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Brett Younker | Karl Martin | Kirby Kaple | Matt Redman

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you alone are great and do wondrous things.

People: You alone are God.

~Psalm 86:8-10

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation you saints of the lord
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word
What more can he say than to you he has said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you, oh be not dismayed
For I am your God and will still give you aid
I'll strengthen you, help you and cause you to stand
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I call you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply
The flame shall not hurt you, I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to His foes
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never, no never forsake

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹How she sits alone, the city once crowded with people! She who was great among the nations has become like a widow. The princess among the provinces has been put to forced labor. ²She weeps bitterly during the night, with tears on her cheeks. There is no one to offer her comfort, not one from all her lovers, All her friends have betrayed her; they have become her enemies. ³Judah has gone into exile following affliction and harsh slavery; she lives among the nations but finds no place to rest. All her pursuers have overtaken her in narrow places. ⁴The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the appointed festivals. All her gates are deserted; her priests groan, her young women grieve, and she herself is bitter.

People: ¹⁹Remember my affliction and my homelessness, the wormwood and the poison. ²⁰I continually remember them and have become depressed. ²¹Yet I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not perish, for his mercies never end. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness! ²⁴I say, 'The Lord is my portion, therefore I will put my hope in him.' ²⁵The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the person who seeks him. ²⁶It is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord." (~Lamentations 1:1-4; 3:19-26.)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord, absolutely true and given to us in love.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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.

DOXOLOGY

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.

⁹Saul and the troops spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, goats, cattle, and choice animals, as well as the young rams and the best of everything else. They were not willing to destroy them, but they did destroy all the worthless and unwanted things. ¹⁰Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel, ¹¹'I regret that I made Saul king, for he has turned away from following me and has not carried out my instructions.' So Samuel became angry and cried out to the Lord all night. ¹²Early in the morning Samuel got up to confront Saul, but it was reported to Samuel, 'Saul went to Carmel where he set up a monument for himself. Then he turned around and went down to Gilgal.' ¹³When Samuel came to him, Saul said, 'May the Lord bless you. I have carried out the Lord's instructions.' ¹⁴Samuel replied, 'Then what is this sound of sheep, goats, and cattle I hear?' ¹⁵Saul answered, 'The troops brought them from the Amalekites and spared the best sheep, goats, and cattle in order to offer a sacrifice to the Lord your God, but the rest we destroyed...' ²²Then Samuel said: 'Does the Lord take pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices as much as in obeying the Lord? Look: to obey is better than sacrifice, to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. ²³For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and defiance is like wickedness and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king. ²⁴Saul answered Samuel, 'I have sinned. I have transgressed the Lord's command and your words. Because I was afraid of the people, I obeyed them. ²⁵Now therefore, please forgive my sin and return with me so I can worship the Lord.' ²⁶Samuel replied to Saul, 'I will not return with you. Because you rejected the word of the Lord, the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.'" ~1 Samuel 15:9-15, 22-26

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace not only to hear and understand how you would speak to us today, but also the grace to trust and follow you, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SERMON

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

FALLEN KING

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

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

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand, no legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house, In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain, tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn, all glory be to Christ

Chorus

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come, on earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy the thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet all glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am, the faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us and be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be all glory be to Christ

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world.
Grant us your peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"For from his fullness we have all received grace upon grace." ~John 1:16

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 available.)

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace

In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay
When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Mooncake Making Event-Today

All youth students (6-12th) are invited to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival by making non-bake mooncakes after service in the kitchen! Come learn how to make these fun desserts to share with friends and family. Meet at 12:15pm in the kitchen and stay until 1:30pm.

Government Workers Lunch and Prayer-October 6

Workers affected by the government shutdown are invited to the church office for lunch, fellowship, and prayer. Come to the office at 5545 Langston Boulevard anytime between 11:30-1PM. RSVP on Church Center or email office@emmanuelarlington.org.

Women's Integrity Partners Group-October 6

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. For more information, contact integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org.

Nursery and Preschool Family Breakfast-October 12

Families of preschoolers, come to the courtyard at 9:30am to eat breakfast and get to know other families. Sign up on Church Center or by emailing ana@emmanuelarlington.org.

Sparks Pumpkin Decorating and Movie Night-October 17

Third through fifth graders, come decorate pumpkins and watch a movie from 6-8 PM at the Stones' house. Fall snacks and apple cider will be served. RSVP on Church Center or email Marianna.

High School Pumpkin Carving-October 17

High school students are invited to a pumpkin carving hangout at the Jangs' house. Join us for fun, snacks, and a bonfire. Sign up on Church Center.

Emmanuel Officer Installation-October 19

During the worship service, we will install two new elders, Lonni Jackson and Jeff Lindeman. Stay after service for cake to celebrate and get to know our new leaders.

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.

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.

Clothing Swap and Snack Potluck-October 5
Allergy-friendly lunch-October 11
Hike with Mike-October 11
Fall Potluck-October 12
Running Club-October 13
Poetry Reading-October 16
Pickling-October 17
Favorite Foods Potluck-October 18
Tour de Mount Vernon bike ride-October 18
Ethiopian Coffee Tasting-October 19
A "Spudtacular Evening"-October 24
Star Wars Themed Dinner and Discussion-October 25
GWU/VCU Women's Volleyball Match-November 1

Assist Fundraising Dinner-October 24

Assist Pregnancy Center's annual vision dinner provides an opportunity to learn more about their life-affirming medical, counseling, and educational services which are provided at no-cost to families in our community. If interested, please contact Pete Kauer (pjkauer7@gmail.com) for additional information, and register by Sunday, October 19.

Take a Meal - The Parks

Daniel and Micah Park recently welcomed their new daughter Shiloh! Consider supporting them by taking or sending a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/n9581o>

Arlington Turkey Trot-Run or Volunteer

Emmanuel's partner Arlington Bridge Builders now oversees the annual Turkey Trot 5k. Consider signing up now for your chance to participate in the race, or sign up to volunteer at the race on behalf of Emmanuel.