



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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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!





ADVENT

Advent means "arrival": a season where we prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Chorus

Hallelu hallelujah
Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
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You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new

I am who You say I am

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LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

Edwin Hernandez and Isabella Baker

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ: Through him all things were made;

People: without him nothing was made that has been made.

Leader: In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

People: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

~John 1:3-5

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart pre- pare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven and nature sing
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature sing

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns
Let men their songs employ
While fields and flood, rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteous-ness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING AND SERMON TEXT

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

PSALM 27 (ONE THING I ASK)

Refrain
One thing I ask
It's all I need
To dwell with you
Just to see
You in your beauty
To seek you in your temple

"Of David. ¹The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom should I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—whom should I dread? ²When evildoers came against me to devour my flesh, my foes and my enemies stumbled and fell. ³Though an army deploys against me, my heart will not be afraid; though a war breaks out against me, I will still be confident. ⁴I have asked one thing from the Lord; it is what I desire: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking him in his temple.

Refrain

⁵For he will conceal me in his shelter in the day of adversity; he will hide me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶Then my head will be high above my enemies around me; I will offer sacrifices in his tent with shouts of joy. I will sing and make music to the Lord. ⁷Lord, hear my voice when I call; be gracious to me and answer me. ⁸My heart says this about you: 'Seek his face.' Lord, I will seek your face.

Refrain

⁹Do not hide your face from me; do not turn your servant away in anger. You have been my helper; do not leave me or abandon me, God of my salvation. ¹⁰Even if my father and mother abandon me, the Lord cares for me. ¹¹Because of my adversaries, show me your way, Lord, and lead me on a level path. ¹²Do not give me over to the will of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, breathing violence. ¹³I am certain that I will see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. ¹⁴Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart be courageous. Wait for the Lord."

Refrain

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. Preschoolers 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

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.

ONE THING I DESIRE

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

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

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to Earth descendeth, our full homage to demand

King of Kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood
Lord of Lords in human vesture In the body and the blood
He will give to all the faithful His own self for heavenly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads its vanguard on the way
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Lord Most High
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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.

"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

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.)

COME QUICKLY

Come, it's the Spirit and the Bride
Come, this water isn't priced
Come, the bright star is the Christ.
Every wrong reversed, it shall be made right

Chorus

Come quickly Lord, come Lord Jesus
Come quickly Lord, yes, Amen
Come quickly Lord, come Lord Jesus
Come quickly Lord, yes, Amen

Done, the feast will end the fast
Done, the ancient ache collapse
Dawn, gold and green at last
Every wrong reversed, it shall be made right

All will be well, it all will be well, all manner of things shall be well.
All will be well, it at will be well, all manner of things shall be well.

Come quickly, Lord. Come Lord Jesus.

Written by Stephen Bates

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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advent Resources Available - Today

Advent material is available for adults and children in the lobby. Please take a copy and enjoy observing this season with our church community.

Women's Integrity Partners Meeting - December 1

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.

Emmanuel Christmas Party - December 7

Our congregation-wide Christmas party will be on December 7 from 5-7pm here at Rivendell. All ages are welcome! **Please bring a large side to share.**

Chili Cook-off - December 7

Sign up on Church Center to enter the stiff competition for our annual Chili Cookoff! Last year's winner, Courtney Roberts, set the bar high. This fun event will take place on December 7 during the Christmas party.

All Youth Bowling Hangout - December 12

Save the date for an all youth bowling hangout (6th-12th grade). More details to come!

Cookie Exchange - December 14

Celebrate Christmas together with our annual cookie exchange after the service on December 14! Bring cookies to share and take some home. Sign up on Church Center to participate in the swap.

Christmas Eve Service - December 24

Join us for a Christmas Eve Service at Rivendell from 5-7 PM. Childcare will not be provided, and we welcome all ages to join in the worship service.

New ESOL Class for Adults

Are you—or someone you know—interested in learning English? We're starting a fun and welcoming ESOL class for beginners, meeting one evening a week for 1.5 hours. Our goal is to create a community where everyone is known, cared for, and encouraged as we learn together. You don't need to be part of the church to join—everyone is welcome! Email Mona Lindeman for more information. (mona.lindeman62@gmail.com)

Strings Players Needed

Calling all interested bowed string players, no matter level or age, to consider playing for our Advent service on Dec. 21st. Please contact Lynne Denig by December 5. (lynndenig4900@gmail.com)

Call for Christmas Hosts and Guests

If you have room for more at your Christmas table, or if you are looking for church family to celebrate a Christmas meal with, contact Bonnie. (bblakeney@emmanuelarlington.org)

Call for Photos

Did you take photos at a fellowship event or other church event this year? Please share them for the Christmas party slideshow. Photos will not be posted publicly outside this event without express permission. (bblakeney@emmanuelarlington.org)