



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE

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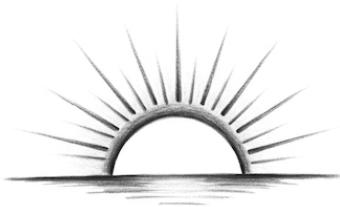
The word Emmanuel means *God With Us*, the extraordinary promise that there is no person, place or context beyond the presence of God. “Emmanuel” also has the same meaning and pronunciation in virtually every language on earth—a beautiful indication that the gospel is for all of us, equally. Regardless 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!





EPIPHANY

Epiphany celebrates Jesus, the light of the world, in his ministry on earth.

EVERLASTING GOD

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
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Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Not to us, O Lord

People: Not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Leader: Trust in the Lord

People: He is their help and their shield.

~Psalm 115:1,9

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling

Chorus

O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: Peter began to speak: "Now I truly understand that God doesn't show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. He sent the message to the Israelites, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. You know the events that took place throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how he went about doing good and healing all who were under the tyranny of the devil, because God was with him. We ourselves are witnesses of everything he did in both the Judean country and in Jerusalem, and yet they killed him by hanging him on a tree.

People: God raised up this man on the third day and caused him to be seen, not by all the people, but by us whom God appointed as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be the judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that through his name everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins." ~*Acts 10:34-43*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

A prayer written by Emmanuel healthcare workers

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

SERMON TEXT

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

¹⁹For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. ²⁰For the creation was subjected to futility—not willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope ²¹that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. ²²For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. ²³Not only that, but we ourselves who have the Spirit as the firstfruits—we also groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for adoption, the redemption of our bodies."

~*Romans 8:19-23*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SERMON

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

Health & Human Services: Redeeming the Physical

Rev. Young Lee

TESTIMONY

James Cousler
Physical Therapist

OFFERING

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

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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CONFESSON OF SIN

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

O Lord, who has mercy upon all, take away from us our sins, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of your Holy Spirit. Take away from us the heart of stone, and give us a heart of flesh, a heart to love and adore you, a heart to delight in you, to follow and enjoy you, for Christ's sake, Amen. (~Ambrose of Milan)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!"

~Jonah 2:7-9

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.)

IN THE BEGINNING WAS LOVE

In the beginning was love
And the love was with God
And the love was God
He was with God in the beginning
And the world was made through Him
And so was I

Chorus

And there was light
And the light was the light of Heaven
And there was goodness
And the goodness walked the Earth
And there was beauty
And the beauty would sing
Like a voice in the wilderness calling my name
And before I knew what love was
Love was in the beginning

In the beginning was the song
And the song was with God
And the song was God
He was the voice in the beginning
And the stars would sing for Him
And so will I

Jon Guerra

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me O Thou great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but Thou art mighty
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand
Bread of heaven Bread of heaven
Feed me now and ever more
Feed me now and ever more

Open Thou the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong Deliverer strong Deliverer
Be Thou still my strength and shield
Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs and praises songs and praises
I will ever give to Thee
I will ever give to Thee

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Malaria Matters: Combating a Global Health Challenge - Today

As part of our series on vocation, we will learn about health and human services during the service and focus on the topic of malaria after church in a seminar led by Dr. Ian Drobish. Plan to join us to learn more about God's glory through Ian's work in this field. Lunch is provided in the sanctuary. Childcare is available on the third floor.

Sparks Uno and Game Extravaganza - Today

Third through fifth graders, come play Uno and other fun games with us after church! We'll have pizza and play games until 2 PM. Whether you are a pro at dropping Draw Fours or you're playing for the first time, you're guaranteed to have a blast.

Men's Sexual Integrity Group Meeting - January 12

The men's group will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Singing at the Lees' - January 17

Calling all singers! Stephen Bates, Eleanore Lee, and Christina Rawls invite you to a vocalists' get-together/jam session at 7:30pm at the Lees' home. This will be an environment perfect for both new and experienced singers, with easy to pick up songs as well as opportunities for four-part harmony. Sign up on Church Center if you're interested.

Cookie Fundraiser for RILA - January 18

Emi Jiang will be heading up a fundraiser for RILA by taking cookie orders before and after the service on January 18 in the lobby. Please go sign up for this delicious and meaningful event. She will deliver the cookie orders on January 25 at church.

Children's Ministry Serving at RILA - January 26

Families, help provide a meal to RILA's free clinic. This is a great way for us to be involved with one of our supported partners and for our kids to learn about God's heart for justice and mercy. You can register on Church Center to bring food or to help serve dinner; please just make sure to register each member of your family who plans to come serve.

Support the Johnsons

Find ways to support Emmanuel members Evan and Mollie Johnson and their daughters Amaris, Noelle, and Thea on their Support Now page. Volunteer to organize medical supplies, be a mother's helper, or provide household support as you are able. Needs are posted regularly on their support registry: <https://www.supportnow.org/the-johnson-family>

Theological Foundations - February 8

Join us for a four-part series on foundations of theology, exploring the mystery of our Christian faith using scripture, the Westminster Confession, and other resources to help us see the living God in His beauty. Sign up for the class on Church Center.

High School Breakaway Retreat - February 13-16

High School students are invited to join Breakaway Retreat at Rockbridge Alum Springs Camp in Goshen, VA. This long weekend retreat is hosted by the Falls Church Anglican and will include other youth groups in the area. Find more information on Church Center, or email Marissa with questions.

Communicants Class

This spring, we will offer a course for children whose parents have seen evidence of their faith in Christ and believe that they are ready to receive communion. Contact Angela for more information and to sign up by January 25. Materials will be distributed on February 8 and 15, and the class will meet monthly through May.

Men's and Women's Days Away

Save the date for the Men's Day Away on April 25 and the Women's Day Away on May 2.

Upcoming Vocational Seminars

February 1 Public Safety- "Inside the Walls: a Closer Look at the Realities of the Prison System"

March 15 Media and Technology- "Clicks, Credibility, and Critical Thinking: A Framework for Media Literacy"

May 3 Law and Politics - "Restoring Justice: Law as a Redemptive Force for Communities"

June 21 Commerce - "Beyond the Pitch: Redefining Marketing through Integrity and Clarity"