



# 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.

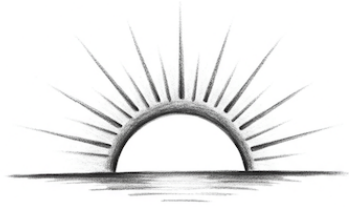
### WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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](https://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  
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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.*

"<sup>19</sup>For the creation eagerly waits with anticipation for God's sons to be revealed. <sup>20</sup>For the creation was subjected to futility — not willingly, but because of him who subjected it—in the hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will also be set free from the bondage to decay into the glorious freedom of God's children. <sup>22</sup>For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together with labor pains until now. <sup>23</sup>Not 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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## CONFESSION 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](mailto: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"