



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 14, 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](https://bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected)), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby.

We are so happy that you visited!



YOUR GRACE IS ENOUGH  
Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart  
(So) remember Your people  
Remember Your children  
Remember Your promise O God

*Chorus*  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me  
Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of Your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

*Chorus 2*  
Yeah Your grace is enough  
Heaven reaches out to us  
Your grace is enough for me  
God I sing Your grace is enough  
I'm covered in Your love  
Your grace is enough for me for me

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#### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: "I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**People: Therefore, my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

Leader: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

**People: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore."**

*~Psalm 16:8-11*

PROMISES  
God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant  
Of faithful promises  
Time and time again You have proven  
You do just what You say  
Though the storms may come  
And the winds may blow  
I'll remain steadfast  
And let my heart learn when You speak a word  
It will come to pass

*Chorus*  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
Great is Your faithfulness to me  
From the rising sun to the setting same  
I will praise Your name  
Great is Your faithfulness to me

God from age to age  
Though the earth may pass away  
Your word remains the same yeah  
Your history can prove  
There's nothing You can't do  
You're faithful and true

I put my faith in Jesus  
My anchor to the ground  
My hope and firm foundation  
He'll never let me down

Aaron Moses | Carrington Gaines | Dante Bowe | Keila Alvarado

### NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: <sup>1</sup>All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>'What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, <sup>6</sup>and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' <sup>7</sup>I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance.'

**People: <sup>8</sup>"Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!' <sup>10</sup>I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents."** (Luke 15:1–10.)

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 are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschool & 4th-5th 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.*

<sup>1</sup>Lord, you have been our refuge in every generation. <sup>2</sup>Before the mountains were born, before you gave birth to the earth and the world, from eternity to eternity, you are God. <sup>3</sup>You return mankind to the dust, saying, 'Return, descendants of Adam.' <sup>4</sup>For in your sight a thousand years are like yesterday that passes by, like a few hours of the night. <sup>5</sup>You end their lives; they sleep. They are like grass that grows in the morning—<sup>6</sup>in the morning it sprouts and grows; by evening it withers and dries up. <sup>7</sup>For we are consumed by your anger; we are terrified by your wrath. <sup>8</sup>You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence. <sup>9</sup>For all our days ebb away under your wrath; we end our years like a sigh. <sup>10</sup>Our lives last seventy years or, if we are strong, eighty years. Even the best of them are struggle and sorrow; indeed, they pass quickly and we fly away. <sup>11</sup>Who understands the power of your anger? Your wrath matches the fear that is due you. <sup>12</sup>Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts. <sup>13</sup>LORD—how long? Turn and have compassion on your servants. <sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your faithful love so that we may shout with joy and be glad all our days. <sup>15</sup>Make us rejoice for as many days as you have humbled us, for as many years as we have seen adversity. <sup>16</sup>Let your work be seen by your servants, and your splendor by their children. <sup>17</sup>Let the favor of the Lord our God be on us; establish the work of our hands—establish the work of our hands!"

~Psalm 90:1-17

### 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.*

ORDINARY TIME

REV. STEPHEN BATES

## OFFERING

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

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE  
Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall His love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armor for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And He has said He will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul  
For His love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore  
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson  
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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.*

**Lord, we confess that we have sinned against you in ways both seen and hidden. Work in us more profound and persistent repentance. Give us godly grief, that trembles and trusts. Grant that through the tears of repentance we may see more clearly the brightness and glory of the cross.**

*~Valley of Vision, "Yet I Sin"*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."**

*~Romans 8:1*

## 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.)*

CHRIST IS RISEN

Let no one caught in sin remain  
Inside the lie of inward shame  
But fix our eyes upon the cross  
And run to Him who showed great love  
And bled for us  
Freely You've bled for us

*Chorus*

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling over death by death  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave  
Christ is risen from the dead  
We are one with Him again  
Come awake come awake  
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin  
You bowed to none but heaven's will  
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown  
No burden great can hold You down  
In strength You reign  
Forever let Your church proclaim

O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
The glory of God has defeated the night  
Singing O death where is your sting  
O hell where is your victory  
O church come stand in the light  
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

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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

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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205\*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Children's Ministry Welcome Back Lunch - Today**

Families with students in Children's Ministry (nursery to 5th grade) are invited to grab lunch and fellowship in the courtyard after service!

### **Sparks Capture the Flag - Today**

Kids in 3rd-5th grade are invited to eat lunch at the Children's Ministry Luncheon then head across the street together for a fun game of Capture the Flag. Beginner and professional flag-captors are all warmly invited to play until 2 PM.

### **Youth Retreat Pickup - Today**

Youth who went on the retreat this weekend can be picked up at the church office (5545 Langston Blvd) around 3 PM. Youth will be able to contact their adults on the way home to communicate about exact pickup time.

### **Fellowship Month Host Sign Up - Today**

October is Fellowship Month at Emmanuel. Please sign up on Church Center to host or lead a fellowship event! These events are a fun part of the life of our church each year. Sign up before September 24. Email Bonnie at [office@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:office@emmanuelarlington.org) with questions or for suggestions.

### **Alpha Group Core Team Sign Up - Today**

As introduced on Vision Sunday last week, Emmanuel will start hosting Alpha Groups in the coming year. These dinners for our curious friends, neighbors, and coworkers will lovingly explore questions about Jesus and Christianity. Those interested in training to join the Alpha Group core team can sign up today on Church Center or in the church lobby.

### **Integrity Partners Group - September 15**

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](mailto:integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **Board Game Night - September 20**

There is a quarterly board game night at the church office (5545 Langston Blvd) at 7pm. All ages are welcome. Please reach out to Stephen Stone for more information and to RSVP at [stephenvdstone@gmail.com](mailto:stephenvdstone@gmail.com).

### **Children's Ministry Teacher Training - September 21**

The Children's Ministry invites all volunteers to join our annual training after church. We will share our vision for Sunday school and practical ways to help kids experience God's love in a safe and nurturing environment. Please RSVP on Church Center.

### **Congregational Lunch - September 28**

Stay after the service to enjoy eating lunch together at church. Meat will be provided; please bring a large side dish to share.

### **Kenya Interest Meeting - September 28**

For anyone interested in next year's Kenya trip (8/7-16), we will have tables set aside during the Congregational Lunch for you to sit with this year's team members to ask questions. High School students and adults are welcome to sign up to participate or learn more about the trip.

### **Fall Singles Community Building Event - October 4**

Get excited for this fun singles event from October 4 from 4-7pm at Steph and Lenny Jiang's home in Arlington. Share some laughter over free dinner and s'mores. Register for the event on Church Center.

### **Apartment Life - Childcare Needed**

Grant and Sarah Wishard are looking for 1-2 volunteers for events in October, November, and December. Helping at events is a 2-hour commitment and they need help with childcare for every event and with setup/food service for some events. These are great opportunities for middle or high school students to serve as well! You can sign up on [Church Center](#) or email Sarah at [ballstonpark@apartmentlife.org](mailto:ballstonpark@apartmentlife.org).