



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!



BLESSED BE YOUR NAME
Blessed be Your name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say

Chorus
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord blessed be Your name

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: "With joy you will draw from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day:

People: 'Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.'

Leader: 'Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

People: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

~Isaiah 12:3-4

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Chorus
Hallelujah, what a Savior
Hallelujah, what a friend
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end

Jesus, what a friend for sinners
Jesus, lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He my Saviour makes me whole

Jesus, what a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my strength, my vict'ry wins

Jesus, what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He, my comfort, helps my soul

Jesus, I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine
David Phelps | John Wilbur Chapman

NICENE CREED, PART TWO

Leader: "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all things visible and invisible"

Leader and People: "And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made."

KENYA TEAM INTRODUCTION AND PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

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 classrooms upstairs. First time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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.

³Daniel distinguished himself above the administrators and satraps because he had an extraordinary spirit, so the king planned to set him over the whole realm. ⁴The administrators and satraps, therefore, kept trying to find a charge against Daniel regarding the kingdom. But they could find no charge or corruption, for he was trustworthy, and no negligence or corruption was found in him... ⁶So the administrators and satraps went together to the king and said to him, 'May King Darius live forever. ⁷All the administrators of the kingdom—the prefects, satraps, advisers, and governors—have agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an edict that, for thirty days, anyone who petitions any god or man except you, the king, will be thrown into the lions' den.' ¹⁰When Daniel learned that the document had been signed, he went into his house. The windows in its upstairs room opened toward Jerusalem, and three times a day he got down on his knees, prayed, and gave thanks to his God, just as he had done before. ¹¹Then these men went as a group and found Daniel petitioning and imploring his God... ¹³Then they replied to the king, 'Daniel, one of the Judean exiles, has ignored you, the king, and the edict you signed, for he prays three times a day.' ¹⁴As soon as the king heard this, he was very displeased; he set his mind on rescuing Daniel and made every effort until sundown to deliver him. ¹⁵Then these men went together to the king and said to him, 'You know, Your Majesty, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no edict or ordinance the king establishes can be changed.' ¹⁶So the king gave the order, and they brought Daniel and threw him into the lions' den. The king said to Daniel, 'May your God, whom you continually serve, rescue you!' ¹⁷A stone was brought and placed over the mouth of the den. The king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet rings of his nobles, so that nothing in regard to Daniel could be changed. ¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. No diversions were brought to him, and he could not sleep. ¹⁹At the first light of dawn the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰When he reached the den, he cried out in anguish to Daniel. 'Daniel, servant of the living God,' the king said, 'has your God, whom you continually serve, been able to rescue you from the lions?' ²¹Then Daniel spoke with

the king: 'May the king live forever. ²²My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths; and they haven't harmed me, for I was found innocent before him. And also before you, Your Majesty, I have not done harm.' ²³The king was overjoyed and gave orders to take Daniel out of the den. When Daniel was brought up from the den, he was found to be unharmed, for he trusted in his God...²⁵Then King Darius wrote to those of every people, nation, and language who live on the whole earth: 'May your prosperity abound. ²⁶I issue a decree that in all my royal dominion, people must tremble in fear before the God of Daniel: For he is the living God, and he endures forever; his kingdom will never be destroyed, and his dominion has no end. ²⁷He rescues and delivers; he performs signs and wonders in the heavens and on the earth, for he has rescued Daniel from the power of the lions.'

~Daniel 6:3-4, 6-7, 10-11, 13-23, 25-27

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.

DANIEL AND THE LIONS' DEN

REV. YOUNG LEE

TESTIMONY

CLARICE PARK

OFFERING

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

NOTHING TO FEAR

When you pass through the waters I will be with you
And the depths of the rivers shall not overwhelm
When you walk through the fire you will not be burned
I am the Lord, I am the Lord

Chorus

And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear
For I am with you always
In the depths of your sorrow, I wept beside you
When you walked through the shadow, I drew you near
Yesterday, today, tomorrow—always the same
I am the Lord, I am the Lord
What can separate you from my perfect love? (x4)
Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear

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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, the fruit of Your Spirit is gentleness, but we confess that our hearts are often harsh. For the ways we fail to speak with gentleness, forgive us. For the ways we fail to act with gentleness, forgive us. Help us to live out of the reality of your gentle dealings with us. Amen.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

“I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

~Galatians 2:20

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.)

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more
We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up
In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength
Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

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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

Kenya Team Send-off—Today

Join us in prayer as our team goes to Kibera, Kenya August 8-17. They will support the work of our long-term partners the Makukus. For more information on ways to pray, see the Mission Team handout.

Arlington Bridge Builders Backpack Drive—Today

Arlington Bridge Builders' annual Backpack Drive will distribute over 500 backpacks to help disadvantaged children start the school year strong. Sponsor a backpack in the church lobby today, or volunteer at the back to school festival on August 23. The event features games, food, and activities, creating a fun, supportive day. Sign up to volunteer at the festival on Church Center.

All Youth Girl Hangout—Today

All youth girls are invited to stay after service for lunch, games, and an activity at Rivendell. Meet in the kitchen at 12:15pm. Email Marissa with any questions.

Integrity Partners Meeting—August 4

The Integrity Partners' Group, a group for spouses of individuals struggling with sexual integrity, will meet the first and third Monday of the month. All meeting participants and content are kept confidential. For more information, contact integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org

High School Bible Study—August 6

All high schoolers (rising 9th graders through 12th graders) are invited to come study God's Word, play games, and eat dinner this Wednesday from 7-8:30pm at Young and Michele Lee's house. Ask Marissa if you have questions—
mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org

Partnership Offering—Assist Pregnancy Center—August 10

Our August partnership offering will go to Assist Pregnancy Center, which serves locally to support families facing unwanted pregnancy. Consider giving to support them and their work next week during the closing song.

Sparks Bowling—August 10

Rising 3rd through rising 6th graders are invited to go bowling at Bowl America in Falls Church from 6-8 PM. Please sign up on Church Center by Friday, August 8. If you're an adult interested in chaperoning, contact Marianna at mstone@emmanuelarlington.org