



EMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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REFLECTION

"Seeing ourselves through the eyes of grace  
frees us to be for others all we need to be."  
~Michael Card

HOPE OF THE AGES

The gospel of Jesus  
It's the hope of the ages  
Burning brighter and brighter  
And standing forever

The Church He is building  
Nothing can stop it  
It's a city that's shining  
A light in the darkness

*Chorus:*

Though Christ was dead  
Now surely He's risen  
Yeah He's coming back again

And Christ will reign  
In triumph forever  
Yeah all praise belongs to Him  
Yeah all praise belongs to Jesus

His Word is the answer  
For all generations  
It will never be tainted  
It will never be broken

This is our confession  
This is our conviction  
We believe what is written  
We believe what You've spoken

*Bridge:*

Sing hallelujah  
Christ is our redeemer  
Sing hallelujah  
Jesus holds our future

Cody Carnes | Reuben Morgan  
CCLI Song #7179458

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

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

Leader: 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*

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD

Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong a perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heaven He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin

Because the sinless Saviour died  
My sinful soul is counted free  
For God the Just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb  
My perfect spotless Righteousness  
The great unchangeable I AM  
The King of glory and of grace

One with Himself I cannot die  
My soul is purchased by His blood  
My life is hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Saviour and my God

Charitie Lees Bancroft  
CCLI Song #990391

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

**Question 35: Since we are redeemed by grace alone, through faith alone, where does this faith come from?**

*Answer:* All the gifts we receive from Christ we receive through the Holy Spirit, including faith itself.

**Question 36: What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?**

*Answer:* That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please meet your teacher in the lobby.

### 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>19</sup>For some days [Paul] was with the disciples at Damascus and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. <sup>20</sup>And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." <sup>21</sup>And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" <sup>22</sup>But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>23</sup>When many days had passed, the Jews plotted to kill him, <sup>24</sup>but their plot became known to Saul. They were watching the gates day and night in order to kill him, <sup>25</sup>but his disciples took him by night and let him down through an opening in the wall, lowering him in a basket. <sup>26</sup>And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple. <sup>27</sup>But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and declared to them how on the road he had seen the Lord, who spoke to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

<sup>11</sup>But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. <sup>12</sup>For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party. <sup>13</sup>And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. <sup>14</sup>But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you force the Gentiles to live like Jews?"

*~Acts 9:19b-27; Galatians 2:11-14*

### 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

*The sermon is a time to hear God's Word explained and applied. Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-reliance or self-justification.*

SEEING WITH EYES OF GRACE

REV. SCOTT SEATON

### OFFERING

*The offering is our grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of the God who owns everything and withholds nothing. If you give online, consider contributing a dollar or loose change as a tangible act of worship.*

IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken?

*People: We do*

Do you feel the shadows deepen?

*People: We do*

But do you know that all the dark

Won't stop the light from getting through?

*People: We do*

Do you wish that you could see it all made new?

*People: We do*

Is all creation groaning?

*People: It is*

Is a new creation coming?

*People: It is*

Is the glory of the Lord

To be the light within our midst?

*People: It is*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?

*People: It is*

*Chorus:*

*Together:*

Is anyone worthy?

Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy

Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy of this?

He is

Does the Father truly love us?

*People: He does*

Does the Spirit move among us?

*People: He does*

And does Jesus our Messiah

Hold forever those He loves

*People: He does*

Does our God intend to dwell again with us?

*People: He does*

*Chorus:*

*Together:*

Is anyone worthy

Is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave

He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue

He has made us a kingdom and priests

To God to reign with the Son

Is He worthy

Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy

Is He worthy

Is He worthy of this?

He is

Andrew Peterson | Ben Shive

CCLI Song #7108951

## LAMENT

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

Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love. For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

~Psalm 6:1-5

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We are forgiven in Christ! Using the words of Scripture reinforce that our assurance is based on God's declaration and promises.*

The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.

~Psalm 6:9

## COMMUNION

*This is the Lord's table, not Emmanuel's, and is open to all who have a sincere faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. The Lord's Supper isn't simply a memorial, but is also a time of real grace imparted and received in union with God.*

### 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*Chorus:*

Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name  
Worship Your holy name

Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman  
CCLI Song #6016351

## BENEDICTION

*Benediction literally means "good word." It is a pronouncement of grace and blessing as we are sent, that we would live out the Christian life solely because God is with us.*

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

**After the service, a male and female leader of Emmanuel will be available to pray for any concerns you have, through the door on the right of the stage.**

*Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV). ■ CCLI #3184477*

**EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic truths of Scripture & the relevance of the gospel in everyday life.

\*In the event of an emergency, call 911. Rivendell School's address is:  
2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205\*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Keeping Connected**

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

### **New Weekday Morning Men's Covenant Group**

Stephen Bates will be leading a new men's covenant group at 7:30am on either Wednesdays or Thursdays. Please contact Young Lee at [ylee@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:ylee@emmanuelarlington.org) if you are interested in joining.

### **Youth Group - January 22**

Emmanuel's Youth Group will be meeting after service. Youth group meets at 12:30 on the second floor, right next to the entrance to the gym (when you see the orange youth sign, you've come to the right place!). Lunch will be provided.

### **Lunar New Year Celebration - January 22**

Emmanuel is hosting a Lunar New Year celebration on January 22 from 2-5pm! Please stop by for some karaoke, food and fellowship, and sign-up to bring a snack or a dish. We ask everyone to RSVP by Friday, January 20, so we can plan accordingly. [Please sign up on the app or at this link.](#)

### **Kenya Missions Trip - August 2023**

Emmanuel has been invited to send a team to serve Imbumi and Martha Makuku, our missions partners in Nairobi, Kenya. The trip is open to adults and high school students, and will be from August 12-19, not including travel dates. Scott and Chris Seaton will be leading the trip, so if you're interested, please contact Scott or Chris for more information.

### **Intro to Emmanuel - February 12**

Are you new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church? If so, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar at Rivendell from 12:30pm-2:00pm, with childcare provided. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. Please RSVP to Karen Adjei at [kadjei@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:kadjei@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **January Mercy Offering - Project Belong**

We will collect a Mercy Offering for Project Belong on January 29 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

### **COVID Precautions**

As a friendly reminder, in compliance with the CDC's and Arlington County's guidelines for COVID protocols, masks are optional during service.

### **Offering**

We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (5545 Langston Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22207).

### **Emmanuel House Keeping**

For good stewardship of Rivendell, please remember the following for the new year: please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Do not prop open any door at any time. Children should not go into undesignated classrooms. Food should only be in designated areas and cleaned up.