

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room;
Heaven and nature sing
Let heaven and nature sing;
Let heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace;
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness;
The wonders of His love
The wonders of His love;
The wonders, wonders of His love

Brenton Brown | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Michael Rossback | Paul Baloché

ADVENT READING

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

Readers: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

People: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Readers: [The Lord] says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.

~Isaiah 49:6

EVERLASTING GOD

Chorus:

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; We will wait upon the Lord

Pre-Chorus:

Our God You reign forever; Our Hope our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus:

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

Brenton Brown | Ken Riley

MERCY OFFERING PRESENTATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

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

¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! ² O Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy! ³ If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? ⁴ But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. ⁵ I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; ⁶ my soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning. ⁷ O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. ⁸ And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

~ Psalm 130

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.

SONG OF WAITING

REV. SCOTT SEATON

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirit's by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Paul Smallman | Henry Sloane Coffin | Thomas Helmore | John Mason Neale

LAMENT

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? How long must I take counsel in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all the day? Return, O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!

~Psalm 13:1-2; Psalm 90:13

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.

"He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen." ~Revelation 22:20-21

COMMUNION

ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Angels we have heard on high
Sweetly singing o'er the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

Chorus:

Gloria in excelsis Deo
Gloria in excelsis Deo

Shepherds why this jubilee
Why your joyous strains prolong
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heavenly song

Come to Bethlehem and see
Christ whose birth the angels sing
Come adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord the newborn King

James Chadwick | Kurtis Parks

BENEDICTION

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

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

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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 (instructions on downloading the app can be found below). Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Drop-In Outdoor Communion - GMU from 1-2pm

Today, we will have drop-in communion in GMU's courtyard. You can drop by anytime between 1:00pm-2:00pm. Please be sure to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

Sparks Meeting - TODAY

All 3rd - 5th graders are invited to our next Sparks meeting on December 13th at 4:30pm. Watch for an email with additional information!

Birth Announcement

Sam and Rebekah Kim welcomed their son, Noah Sungkyeong Kim, on November 24th! If you would like to provide their family with a meal, please sign up using the link in the Friday email or Facebook group.

End of Year Giving

All 2020 offering checks that are mailed must be postmarked by 12/31, in order to comply with IRS regulations for tax-deductible charitable contributions. For online giving, requests need to be completed by 11:59PM on 12/31. The church treasurer will send an email containing a link to your personal giving statement in the Emmanuel Network. If for some reason you are unable to print it or need it to be sent via email, please contact treasurer@emmanuelarlington.org at the office for help.

Facility Fund Campaign

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new office space/ministry center, you can do so by giving online at www.emmanuelarlington.org/give and selecting "Facility Fund", or by mailing a check to the church office (1408 N. Fillmore St., Suite 16, Arlington, VA 22201) with "Facility Fund" in the memo line. So far we have raised \$126,028 of our \$200,000 goal.

Arlington Bridge Builder's Pandemic Relief Fund

Make a donation to ABB's Relief Fund over the next three months and Emmanuel, through the Deacons' Fund, will match your collective contributions up to \$7000. Donations can be given through the church's online giving platform or by mail. The fund helps our neighbors who are in desperate need of assistance with essential expenses such as rent and medical bills. ABB was founded ten years ago to serve the poor in our community by a coalition of Arlington churches, which includes Emmanuel.

December Mercy Offering - Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA)

Throughout the month of December, we will collect a Mercy Offering to support Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, an organization that provides pro bono legal assistance to those who are most vulnerable and have fewest resources. You can give by selecting "December Mercy Offering - RILA" as the category on the Emmanuel App or at www.emmanuelarlington.org/give.

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 (1408 N Fillmore St. #16, Arlington, VA 22201).

Emmanuel's App is a great way to connect with the church, volunteer for ministries, support the church financially and access resources for spiritual growth. Download the app by searching "Emmanuel Presbyterian Church" on the iTunes store, Amazon Appstore, or Google Play, or by aiming your smartphone's camera at the QR code.

