



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"If you live for people's acceptance, you will die from their rejection."
~Lecrae

BLESSED ASSURANCE

Blessed assurance Jesus is mine
O what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation purchase of God
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

Chorus:

This is my story this is my song
Praising my Savior all the day long
This is my story this is my song
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Perfect submission perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy whispers of love

Perfect submission all is at rest
I in my Savior am happy and blest
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness lost in His love

Fanny Jane Crosby | Phoebe Palmer Knapp
CCLI Song #22324

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: CHRIST OUR HOPE

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

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ: A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare; the way for the LORD;

People: make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.

Leader: every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

People: And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

~Isaiah 40:3-5

"We wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."

~Titus 2:13

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING (NETTLETON)

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise

Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount I'm fixed upon it
Mount of God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither to Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothèd then in my blood washed linen
How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;

Come, my Lord, do not tarry,
Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry
Me to realms of endless day

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 23: Why must the Redeemer be truly God?

Answer: That because of his divine nature his obedience and suffering would be perfect and effective; and also that he would be able to bear the righteous anger of God against sin and yet overcome death.

Question 24: Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

Answer: Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 2nd 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.

¹¹Then Judah said to Tamar his daughter-in-law, "Remain a widow in your father's house, till Shelah my son grows up"—for he feared that he would die, like his brothers. So Tamar went and remained in her father's house. ¹²In the course of time the wife of Judah, Shua's daughter, died. When Judah was comforted, he went up to Timnah to his sheepshearers, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. ¹³And when Tamar was told, "Your father-in-law is going up to Timnah to shear his sheep," ¹⁴she took off her widow's garments and covered herself with a veil, wrapping herself up, and sat at the entrance to Enaim, which is on the road to Timnah. For she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she had not been given to him in marriage. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought she was a prostitute, for she had covered her face. ¹⁶He turned to her at the roadside and said, "Come, let me come in to you," for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law. She said, "What will you give me, that you may come in to me?" ¹⁷He answered, "I will send you a young goat from the flock." And she said, "If you give me a pledge, until you send it—" ¹⁸He said, "What pledge shall I give you?" She replied, "Your signet and your cord and your staff that is in your hand." So he gave them to her and went in to her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

²⁴About three months later Judah was told, "Tamar your daughter-in-law has been immoral. Moreover, she is pregnant by immorality." And Judah said, "Bring her out, and let her be burned." ²⁵As she was being brought out, she sent word to her father-in-law, "By the man to whom these belong, I am pregnant." And she said, "Please identify whose these are, the signet and the cord and the staff." ²⁶Then Judah identified them and said, "She is more righteous than I, since I did not give her to my son Shelah." And he did not know her again. ²⁷When the time of her labor came, there were twins in her womb. ²⁸And when she was in labor, one put out a hand, and the midwife took and tied a scarlet thread on his hand, saying, "This one came out first." ²⁹But as he drew back his hand, behold, his brother came out. And she said, "What a breach you have made for yourself!" Therefore his name was called Perez. ³⁰Afterward his brother came out with the scarlet thread on his hand, and his name was called Zerah.

~Genesis 38:11–19, 24–30

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, quiet our hearts that we may know and hear you today. Where our hearts are hard, soften them; where they are broken, bind them up; where we are anxious, give us peace; where we doubt, give us trust. For you alone are the One who is making all things new, even us today. 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.

THE MOTHERS OF JESUS: TAMAR

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.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (IT IS WELL)

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me
To say it is well it is well
With my soul

Chorus:

It is well with my soul
It is well it is well
With my soul

My sin O the bliss of this
Glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
And I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
O my soul

And the Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

Deborah Criser | Horatio Gates Spafford
CCLI Song #25376

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

~Book of Common Worship

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.

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

~Hebrews 9:28

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.

I STAND AMAZED (HOW MARVELOUS)

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus:

How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Charles Hutchinson Gabriel | Chris Tomlin
CCLI Song #4674207

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

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*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".

Deck the Halls of Emmanuel! - TODAY

In preparation for the holiday season in December, Emmanuel will set aside time to decorate Rivendell after service! Food, music, and beverages will be provided for fellowship, and decorating supplies will also be provided. Get ready to show off your decorating skills! If interested in helping beautify the space, [please sign up here!](#)

Elder and Deacon Nominations

The nomination process is now open for deacons and elders through 11/30. You may nominate deacons [using this link](#), and [elders using this link](#). Please prayerfully consider who to nominate and [contact Scott Seaton](#) if you have any questions.

Sparks Meeting - December 4

Third through fifth graders are invited to our December Sparks meeting on December 4, from 12:30-2:00pm. We will have lunch, a lesson, and lots of fun!

Christmas Party - December 11

Join us for this year's Christmas Party at 5pm at Rivendell! We will have our annual chili cook-off competition for a prize, along with other activities! [Please sign up at this link](#) if you are able to volunteer to set-up for the party.

December Mercy Offering - Project Belong

We will collect a Mercy Offering for Project Belong on December 18 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

Solitude (Practice)

Solitude can feel unnatural in our distracted and hurried world. When coupled with reflection, it can be a doorway to a deeper awareness of the presence of God, our own sorrow, and joy. We invite you to take thirty minutes this week for solitude and reflection. Leave your phone in another room. Don't listen to a podcast. Be still and pay attention. What comes to the surface? What doorways to intimacy with the living God present themselves?

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).

Parking at Rivendell

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park as well as the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.