



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.

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to Emmanuel, we’d like to stay in touch!

Use the QR code to fill out our Keeping Connected form (physical forms are available in the lobby) to receive information about our church. You can also use Church Center for general purposes such as registering for events.



Church Center



PENTECOST

Pentecost celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church: God's presence unleashed into every tongue, tribe, and nation.

DAYS OF ELIJAH

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

There's no god like Jehovah (repeat)

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.

People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you alone are great and do wondrous things.

People: You alone are God.

OUR GREAT GOD

Eternal God, unchanging, mysterious, and unknown
Your boundless love
Unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night
In praise to You alone

Chorus

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord, we are weak and frail
Helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels
Hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy
His pleasure is our harm
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sovereign God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea
And ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain
Ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ²¹When Jesus left there, he withdrew to the area of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came and kept crying out, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely tormented by a demon.' ²³Jesus did not say a word to her. His disciples approached him and urged him, 'Send her away because she's crying out after us.' ²⁴He replied, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'

People: ²⁵But she came, knelt before him, and said, 'Lord, help me!' ²⁶He answered, 'It isn't right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷'Yes, Lord,' she said, 'yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸Then Jesus replied to her, 'Woman, your faith is great. Let it be done for you as you want.' And from that moment her daughter was healed.

(Matthew 15:21-28)

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 up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers and 4th and 5th graders, please head directly to your classrooms upstairs. Other children, meet your teachers in the lobby to walk upstairs together. First-time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

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.

¹In the second year of King Darius, on the first day of the sixth month, the word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest: ²The Lord of Armies says this: These people say: The time has not come for the house of the Lord to be rebuilt.' ³The word of the Lord came through the prophet Haggai: ⁴Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins?... ⁸Go up into the hills, bring down lumber, and build the house; and I will be pleased with it and be glorified," says the Lord. ⁹You expected much, but then it amounted to little. When you brought the harvest to your house, I ruined it. Why?' This is the declaration of the Lord of Armies. 'Because my house still lies in ruins, while each of you is busy with his own house...¹³Then Haggai, the Lord's messenger, delivered the Lord's message to the people: 'I am with you—this is the Lord's declaration.' ¹⁴The Lord roused the spirit of Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, the spirit of the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people. They began work on the house of the Lord of Armies, their God...²⁴Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, to the high priest Joshua son of Jehozadak, and to the remnant of the people: ³Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Doesn't it seem to you like nothing by comparison? ⁴Even so, be strong, Zerubbabel — this is the Lord's declaration. Be strong, Joshua son of Jehozadak, high priest. Be strong, all you people of the land — this is the Lord's declaration. Work! For I am with you — the declaration of the Lord of Armies."

(Haggai 1:1-4, 8-9, 13-14; 2:2-4)

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

Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-justification.
His House Not Ours

Rev. Young Lee

OFFERING

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

FACING A TASK UNFINISHED

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life and love and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

Chorus

We go to all the world
With (His) kingdom hope unfurled
No other name has power to save
But Jesus Christ The Lord

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Saviour whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired

From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

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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.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the one who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy." (1 Peter 2:9-10)

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 are available.)

SHOUT TO THE NORTH

Men of faith rise up and sing
Of the great and glorious King
You are strong when you feel weak
In your brokenness complete

Chorus

Shout to the north and the south
Sing to the east and the west
Jesus is Savior to all
Lord of heaven and earth

Rise up women of the truth
Stand and sing to broken hearts
Who can know the healing pow'r
Of our awesome King of love

Rise up church with broken wings
Fill this place with songs again
Of our God who reigns on high
By His grace again we'll fly

We've been through fire
We've been through rain

We've been refined
By the pow'r of His name
We've fallen deeper
In love with You
You've burned
The truth on our lips

Lord of heaven and earth
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Lord of heaven and earth

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Signups Live - Today

Small groups are one of the most important ways we care for each other at Emmanuel, and we hope you will join one this year. For the rest of the month, you can sign up for a small group that meets at a time and place that work well for you. Men's, women's, and co-ed groups are all available. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - Today

The women's sexual integrity group will meet for a time of sharing and prayer (womensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org)

ABB Backpack Drive - August 22

Serve with our mission partner Arlington Bridge Builders in their annual backpack drive. They will distribute over 500 backpacks to help our neighbors start out the school year strong. The event also features games, food, and activities, creating a fun, supportive day. Adults, youth, and families are all invited to volunteer and can sign up on [Church Center](#).

Partnership Offering: Assist - August 23

Each month, Emmanuel gives a special offering for one of our ministry partners. Next Sunday, we will highlight Assist Pregnancy Center. Consider giving to this ministry during our closing song or [online](#).

Youth Group Kickoff and Parents Meeting - August 23

Let's celebrate the beginning of the school year together with a dinner and a parent meeting to review our plan for the year. All families, please bring a side dish to share.

No Sunday School - August 30

Parents, we will not offer Sunday School on August 30; children stay in the entire service. We will have activities available to pick up in the church lobby. Nursery is provided for children ages 0-2.

Sparks Summer Scripture Challenge Ice Cream Party- August 30

Kids in 3rd through 5th grade, you are encouraged to memorize Scripture and grow in love for God's Word together this summer! We'll celebrate any progress we make together with ice cream sundaes on August 30. See the children's ministry table or Marianna for details. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Project Belong Bake Sale - August 30

Who's hungry? Emmanuel's very own baker, Emi Jiang, is hosting a bake sale on August 30 (before and after service) to benefit young adults who've aged out of foster care. The sale will feature items like cookies and mini cakes, so please come hungry and ready to support our partner Project Belong.

Youth Retreat - September 4-6

Youth, you won't want to miss the fall retreat over Labor Day weekend. Enjoy fellowship together with a weekend of fun on the big swing, rock wall, zip line & hanging on the lake with friends. Mack David from Restoration Anglican Church will be our speaker this year. Email Marissa with any questions, and sign up [Church Center](#).

Children's Ministry Welcome Back Luncheon - September 6

All families with children in 5th grade or under are invited to celebrate the new school year and eat lunch together. Get to know other families and encourage each other as you begin a new school year! RSVP on [Church Center](#).

Intro to Emmanuel - September 20

If you're relatively new to Emmanuel or interested in pursuing membership, please join us for our Intro to Emmanuel seminar and lunch. This also serves as our membership class, but you are not obligated to become a member by joining. Childcare is provided.