



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.

EVERLASTING GOD

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

Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliverer

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

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: "The Lord is good,

People: **A refuge in times of trouble.**

Leader: He cares for those who trust in him

People: **Praise the Lord!"**

(Nahum 1:7)

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
'Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.

All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ³³Oh, the depth of the riches and the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and untraceable his ways! ³⁴For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?

People: ³⁵And who has ever given to God, that he should be repaid?, ³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.”
(Romans 11:33–36)

Leader: This is the word of the Lord, absolutely true and given to us in love.

People: Thanks be to God.

KENYA MISSION TEAM SEND-OFF

Stephen Bates
Kristin Hall, intern at Grace Nova Counseling
Tommy Park

Christina Rawls
Angie Schwab
Brian and Ann Waidmann

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.

¹The pronouncement concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ²The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord takes vengeance and is fierce in wrath. The Lord takes vengeance against his foes; he is furious with his enemies. ³The Lord is slow to anger but great in power; the Lord will never leave the guilty unpunished. His path is in the whirlwind and storm, and clouds are the dust beneath his feet. ⁴He rebukes the sea and dries it up, and he makes all the rivers run dry. Bashan and Carmel wither; even the flower of Lebanon withers. ⁵The mountains quake before him, and the hills melt; the earth trembles at his presence—the world and all who live in it. ⁶Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his burning anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; even rocks are shattered before him. ⁷The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of distress; he cares for those who take refuge in him. ⁸But he will completely destroy Nineveh with an overwhelming flood, and he will chase his enemies into darkness. ⁹Whatever you plot against the Lord, he will bring it to complete destruction; oppression will not rise up a second time.”
(*Nahum 1:1-9*)

⁵I am against you. This is the declaration of the Lord of Armies. I will lift your skirts over your face and display your nakedness to nations, your shame to kingdoms. ⁶I will throw filth on you and treat you with contempt; I will make a spectacle of you. ⁷Then all who see you will recoil from you, saying, ‘Nineveh is devastated; who will show sympathy to her?’ Where can I find anyone to comfort you?” (*Nahum 3:5-7*)

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.

Refuge in the Day of Trouble

Rev. Stephen Bates

OFFERING

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

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save

Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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.

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 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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come! ¹⁸Everything is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹That is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and he has committed the message of reconciliation to us." (2 Corinthians 5:17-19)

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.)

THY MERCY

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
Hath won my affections and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness my spirits revive
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I found

Chorus

Halleluiah (halleluiah halleluiah)

Great Father of mercies Thy goodness I own
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

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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

Emmanuel Singles Lunch and Movie-Today

After today's service, Emmanuel singles can join for lunch at the Ballston Quarter Food Court, followed by a fun afternoon at the movies! We'll see Spider-Man: Brand New Day at 2:30 p.m. at Regal Ballston Quarter (671 N. Glebe Rd.). Best of all, Emmanuel will cover the cost of your movie ticket. We hope you'll join us for food, fellowship, and fun!

High School Laser Tag-August 5

High schoolers (rising 9th-graduating seniors), join us for laser tag at Ultrazone in Bailey's Crossroads from 7-9 PM! Cost is \$20 per person for a game, pizza, & drinks. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Kenya Mission Trip-August 7-16

Each year, our church is privileged to send a team to encourage and support our mission partners Pastor Imbumi and Martha Makuku, who minister in an impoverished district in Nairobi, Kenya. Please pray for our team as they serve alongside our dear friends this month.

Youth Group Bible Study-August 9

All middle & high school students (rising 6th graders and graduating seniors are both welcome), join us for after-service Bible study! We'll gather for games, lunch & a Bible discussion.

Sparks Summer Scripture Challenge

Kids in 3rd through 5th grade, you are encouraged to memorize Scripture and grow in love for God's Word together this summer! Choose your adventure: memorize the books of the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm 23, 1 Corinthians 13, or another passage of your choice. We'll celebrate any progress we make together with ice cream sundaes on August 31. Contact Marianna for more details or memorization tools.

Welcome, Baby Shi!

Rachel and Andrew Shi recently welcomed baby Lily to their family! Support them with prayer and encouragement, and sign up to provide a meal if you're able to: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/zmwwvd>

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](#).

Youth Group Kickoff Cookout 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. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Youth Retreat at Northbay - Sign up now!

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. Email Marissa with any questions, and sign up [Church Center](#).