EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship Service
November 1, 2026

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, equally. Regardless of who we are, where we come from, or what we've done, we are all freely invited to experience the nearness of God in our life and worship.

Welcome to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

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

Fill out our Keeping Connected form to let us know you visited and to receive information about our church. You can use the QR code below, use this link (bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby. We are so happy that you visited!

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus
Open the eyes of my heart Lord
Open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You
I want to see You

To see You high and lifted up
Shining in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing holy holy holy

Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
Holy holy holy
I want to see You

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.
(Psalm 103:1-4)

Instrument of Peace

Chorus
Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace (2X)

Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain

Amen, amen

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New Testament Reading

Leader: "[9]After this I looked, and there was a vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language, which no one could number, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were clothed in white robes with palm branches in their hands. [10]And they cried out in a loud voice: Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! [11]All the angels stood around the throne, and along with the elders and the four living creatures they fell facedown before the throne and worshiped God, [12]saying, Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

People: [13]Then one of the elders asked me, 'Who are these people in white robes, and where did they come from?' [14]I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' Then he told me: 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. [15]For this reason they are before the throne of God, and they serve him day and night in his temple. The one seated on the throne will shelter them: [16]They will no longer hunger; they will no longer thirst; the sun will no longer strike them, nor will any scorching heat. [17]For the Lamb who is at the center of the throne will shepherd them; he will guide them to springs of the waters of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.
(Revelation 7:9-17)

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 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.
"[1]I solemnly charge you before God and Christ Jesus, who is going to judge the living and the dead, and because of his appearing and his kingdom: [2]Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage with great patience and teaching. [3]For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, will multiply teachers for themselves because they have an itch to hear what they want to hear. [4]They will turn away from hearing the truth and will turn aside to myths. [5]But as for you, exercise self-control in everything, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry. [6]For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time for my departure is close. [7]I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." *(2 Timothy 4:1-7)*

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.

Preaching: A Solemn Charge — Rev. Young Lee

OFFERING

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

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation you saints of the Lord
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled

Fear not I am with you O be not dismayed
For I am your God I will still give thee aid
I'll strengthen you help you
And cause you to stand
Upheld by My gracious omnipotent hand

When through the deep waters I calls you to go
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply
The flames shall not hurt you only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose
I will not I will not desert to its foes
That soul though all hell should endeavor to shake
I'll never, no never no never forsake

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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.

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life." *(1 Timothy 1:15-16)*

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.)

I'll Not Be Shaken

For God alone I wait in silence
My soul is still before the Lord
He is my rock and my salvation
My fortress strong I trust in Him

Chorus
I'll not be shaken I'll not be shaken
For all my hope is in His love
From God alone comes my salvation
I'll wait and trust His steadfast love

Put not your hope in gain of riches
Seek not your rest in empty wealth
The rich are weak the poor are mighty
Who turn to God alone for help

Pour out your heart to God our refuge
And trust in Him to hear you cry
No other hope will never fail you
No other love will not run dry

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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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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

High School Boys Discipleship Group - Today
High school boys, come watch football and eat pizza and snacks at Jordan's house after service until 1:30 PM.

Middle School Girls Discipleship Group - Today
Middle school girls, come hangout with your D group & mentors after church for lunch at District Taco and then pumpkin painting at Rivendell! We'll finish up around 2 PM.

Meet the New Pastoral Candidate - Today
Come back to Rivendell at 4 PM to meet the new pastoral candidate and his family and stay for a Q&A. Families are welcome, but no formal childcare will be provided.

Officer Nominations
We are accepting officer nominations until November 8. Links are in the newsletter, and QR codes are in the lobby.

Sparks Serving at ABB Food Pantry - November 7
Third through fifth graders, you're invited to serve with our church's ministry partner Arlington Bridge Builders at their Saturday morning food pantry. Come get to know some of our neighbors, learn about the food pantry, greet shoppers at the hospitality tent, and assist with food distribution. We will meet from 10 AM to 12 PM. Please sign up on Church Center.

November Partnership Offering: Deacons' Fund - November 8
November's special offering will go to our deacons' benevolence fund to support the needs of people within our congregation. Consider giving during the closing song next week or on the website.

Intro to Emmanuel - November 8
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. Sign up using the QR code in the lobby.

Volleyball - November 8
High schoolers up to adults, join to play volleyball in the gym at Rivendell from 1:30-3 PM. Sign up on Church Center.

The Validity of the Scriptures Seminar - November 15
Can we really trust the Bible? How can we know that it's true? Everyone is welcome to this seminar after service led by Joel Woodruff, President of the C.S. Lewis Institute, where he will address the validity of the Scriptures. Consider inviting friends. Lunch and childcare are provided; please register for childcare on Church Center.

Thanksgiving on a Bun - November 21
Youth and families are invited to join our annual Thanksgiving on a Bun service opportunity. This year we will be preparing and distributing sandwiches for our partner ministry, Apartment Life at Ballston Park with Sarah & Grant Wishard. We will make sandwiches at the Wishards' apartment and then hand out to members of the Ballston Park community. Email Marissa with any questions at mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org.

Arlington Turkey Trot - November 26
You're encouraged to sign up to run the 21st annual Arlington Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving morning! This is always a great way to be out in the community with our friends and neighbors. See the signup and details here: https://arlingtonvaturkeytrot.org/