



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



LENT

Lent is a 40-day season leading up to Easter focusing on renewal, repentance, and our identification with Christ in his suffering.

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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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth

~Psalm 67:1-4

JUSTICE WILL ROLL DOWN

Oh my love, you have grown so cold
To the world outside, to the house next door
She who has been loved much, has so much to give
Mercy is the fragrance, of the broken

Chorus

Justice will roll down, oh justice will roll down
From high upon those mountains with a mighty river sound
It will roll down
It will roll down

Oh my child, I will be your light
In your secret pain, in the dark of night
No enemy, no conqueror, will steal your life from me
I am your salvation, and your victory.

Soon oh soon, when the trumpet sounds
Every knee will bend, every heart will pound
I have made a new world, where the servant is the King
Oppression will be over, and the slave set free

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Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

William Sleeppe | Greg Thompson

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: "He had to travel through Samaria; ⁵so he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property that Jacob had given his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, worn out from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon. ⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. 'Give me a drink,' Jesus said to her, ⁸because his disciples had gone into town to buy food. ⁹How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' she asked him. For Jews do not associate with Samaritans. ¹⁰Jesus answered, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would ask him, and he would give you living water.' ¹¹'Sir,' said the woman, 'you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this 'living water?'' ¹²You aren't greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and livestock.' ¹³Jesus said, 'Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. ¹⁴But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well, of water springing up in him for eternal life.' ¹⁵'Sir,' the woman said to him, 'give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and come here to draw water.' ¹⁶'Go call your husband,' he told her, 'and come back here.' ¹⁷'I don't have a husband,' she answered. 'You have correctly said, 'I don't have a husband,' Jesus said. ¹⁸'For you've had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.' ¹⁹'Sir,' the woman replied, 'I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.'"

People: "²¹Jesus told her, 'Believe me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in truth.' ²⁵The woman said to him, 'I know that the Messiah is coming' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will explain everything to us.' ²⁶ Jesus told her, 'I, the one speaking to you, am he.'"

(John 4:4-26)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

LAMENT

Leader: "Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love."
(~Psalm 6:9)

Brief silence kept.

People and Leader: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers of lament.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers, 4th, and 5th graders will head directly to their classroom upstairs; K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. 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.

"¹David asked, 'Is there anyone remaining from the family of Saul I can show kindness to for Jonathan's sake?' ²There was a servant of Saul's family named Ziba. They summoned him to David, and the king said to him, 'Are you Ziba?' 'I am your servant,' he replied. ³So the king asked, 'Is there anyone left of Saul's family that I can show the kindness of God to?' Ziba said to the king, 'There is still Jonathan's son who was injured in both feet.' ⁴The king asked him, 'Where is he?' Ziba answered the king, 'You'll find him in Lo-debar at the house of Machir son of Ammiel.' ⁵So King David had him brought from the house of Machir son of Ammiel in Lo-debar. ⁶Mephibosheth son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David, fell facedown, and paid homage. David said, 'Mephibosheth!' 'I am your servant,' he replied. ⁷'Don't be afraid,' David said to him, 'since I intend to show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all your grandfather Saul's fields, and you will always eat meals at my table.' ⁸Mephibosheth paid homage and said, 'What is your servant that you take an interest in a dead dog like me?' ⁹Then the king summoned Saul's attendant Ziba and said to him, 'I have given to your master's grandson all that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰You, your sons, and your servants are to work the ground for him, and you are to bring in the crops so your master's grandson will have food to eat. But Mephibosheth, your master's grandson, is always to eat at my table.' Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹Ziba said to the king, 'Your servant will do all my lord the king commands.' So Mephibosheth ate at David's table just like one of the king's sons. ¹²Mephibosheth had a young son whose name was Mica. All those living in Ziba's house were Mephibosheth's servants. ¹³However, Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem because he always ate at the king's table. His feet had been injured."

~2 Samuel 9:1-13

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

SERMON

Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-justification.

Mephibosheth's Grace

Rev. Young Lee

OFFERING

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

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Ed Cash | Jenn Johnson

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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.

"Cleanse us from our secret faults, O Lord...we fear deceiving ourselves. If you, Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?" ~Augustine

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Behold your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.' And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the Lord; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken." ~Isaiah 62:11-12

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.)

THE SOLID ROCK

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand
When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

His oath His covenant His blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

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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

Congregational Lunch - Today

Everyone is invited to linger after the service to each lunch together outside today. Please do not eat upstairs in the building; enjoy the sunshine! Please help clean up afterwards.

Youth Group - Today

Students in grades 6-12, make a plate from the congregational lunch, then head to the art room to hear from Carlos Dimas and to meet with your discipleship groups.

Men's Sexual Integrity Meeting - March 9

The men's group meets every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. (mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org)

Youth Discipleship Group Lunches

All youth students are invited to eat lunch after service with their discipleship group and mentors on a Sunday in March. Please view [Church Center](#) or the Youth Group weekly email for dates and sign ups.

One-Time Childcare Volunteers Needed

We love providing childcare for seminars and after-church events, but we need help to do it! Sign up on [Church Center](#) if you're able to help with childcare for 1-2 hours after church one Sunday.

Easter Choir

If you are interested in singing in a choir on Easter Sunday, contact Stephen or sign up on [Church Center](#).

Clicks, Credibility, and Critical Thinking: A Framework for Media Literacy - March 15

We will continue our vocational sermon series and seminars on March 15 with an emphasis on Media and Technology. Stay after the service to hear from our own Paul Glader about the challenges of navigating the news in this digital age. Childcare is provided.

Nursery & Preschool Family Breakfast - March 22

Come early to church to hang out with other parents or meet new ones while your children play and eat. Please register on [Church Center](#).

Compassion Sunday - March 22

Through child sponsorship with Compassion, you can share the hope of the gospel with a child in desperate need by providing the practical care they need to escape poverty. Learn more about the organization and consider partnering with them through sponsorship on March 22.

Volunteer for the Easter Egg Hunt with Apartment Life - April 4

Youth and adults, sign up to help with our annual egg hunt partnering with Apartment Life. See [Church Center](#) for details.

Intro to Emmanuel - April 12

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar after service from 12:30pm-2:00pm. Handbooks are available in both English and Spanish. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. Email office@emmanuelarlington.org or sign up through [Church Center](#) to RSVP.

Support Karen Adjei and Missions in Japan

Emmanuel member Karen Adjei is raising support for her journey to begin living her missional life in Japan. She will be sharing with us later in the spring about God's work she'll be embarking on. In the meantime, please visit her page to learn about how you can support her: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/karen-adjei>

Fellowship Month Event Sign up

Every March, we emphasize fellowship with congregant-led gatherings throughout the month. Visit the lobby or [Church Center](#) to sign up for a range of options to get to know others better outside church. The remaining events are below:

March 12-15	Skiing
March 14	Art Gallery Visit
March 14	Dim Sum
March 14	Potluck Dinner
March 21	Dog Park Meetup
March 21	March Madness Party
March 21	Rock Climbing
March 21	Cocktails: A Year in Four Glasses
March 21	Poker Night
March 22	When God Shows Up: A <i>Woodlawn</i> Movie Event
March 28	Dessert Potluck
March 29	Intro to Sourdough