



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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### REFLECTION

"All we could ever imagine, could ever hope for, He is... He is the Prince of Peace whose first coming has already transformed society but whose second coming will forever establish justice and righteousness. All this, and infinitely more, alive in an impoverished baby in a barn. That is what Christmas means – to find in a place where you would least expect to find anything you want, everything you could ever want."

~Michael Card

~Carolyn Custis James

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,  
God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,  
Op'ning to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;  
Drive the dark of doubt away;  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,  
Stars and angels sing around You  
Center of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,  
Let Your light upon us shine;  
Teach us how to love each other,  
Lift us to the joy divine.

**THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: CHRIST OUR JOY**

*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: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

Leader: You have multiplied the nation;

**People: You have increased its joy;**

*~Isaiah 9:2-3*

The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

*~John 1:9*

LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
And with fear and trembling stand  
Ponder nothing worldly minded  
For with blessing in His hand  
Christ our God  
To earth descendeth  
Our full homage to demand

King of kings yet born of Mary  
As of old on earth He stood  
Lord of lords in human vesture  
In the body and the blood  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heav'nly food

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
Spreads its vanguard on the way  
As the Light of light descendeth  
From the realms of endless day  
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish  
As the darkness clears away

At His feet the six-winged seraph  
Cherubim with sleepless eye  
Veil their faces to the Presence  
As with ceaseless voice they cry  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia  
Lord Most High

Fernando Ortega | Gerard Moultrie  
CCLI Song #6227463

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

### **Question 29: How can we be saved?**

*Answer:* Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.

### **Question 30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?**

*Answer:* Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they ravaged the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It happened, late one afternoon, when David arose from his couch and was walking on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup>And David sent and inquired about the woman. And one said, "Is not this Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?" <sup>4</sup>So David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she had been purifying herself from her uncleanness.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup>And the woman conceived, and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." <sup>6</sup>So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.

<sup>14</sup>In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, that he may be struck down, and die." <sup>16</sup>And as Joab was besieging the city, he assigned Uriah to the place where he knew there were valiant men. <sup>17</sup>And the men of the city came out and fought with Joab, and some of the servants of David among the people fell. Uriah the Hittite also died.

<sup>26</sup>When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she lamented over her husband. <sup>27</sup>And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

~2 Samuel 11:1-6; 14-17; 26-27

### 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

*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: BATHSHEBA

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.*

### O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL (ADESTE FIDELES)

O come all ye faithful  
Joyful and triumphant  
O come ye O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him  
Born the King of angels

*Chorus:*

O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels  
Sing in exultation  
O sing all ye citizens of heav'n above  
Glory to God all  
Glory in the highest

Yea Lord we greet Thee  
Born this happy morning  
Jesus to Thee be all glory giv'n  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing

C. Frederick Oakeley | John Francis Wade  
CCLI Song #31054

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

*~The Agnus Dei*

## 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.*

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

*~1 Corinthians 5:7-8*

## 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.*

## GREEN

Green, Oh it was green that day when he breathed into me.  
Cain, you would not believe how green the leaves on the tree that day

### *Chorus:*

And we walked with him in the cool of the day  
Grief, to hear our creator say, "What have you done to me?"  
East, the terrible sword in flame marks out our long defeat  
Green, will we ever see such green? We'll see my son, we'll see...

## JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world, the Lord is come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heaven and nature sing  
And Heav - en, Heaven, and nature sing  
Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat the sounding joy  
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy  
No more let sins and sorrows grow  
No thorns enfeign the grove  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as the curse is found  
Far as, far as the curse is found  
He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders of His love  
And wonders, wonders  
Wonders, wonders  
Wonders, wonders, of His love

## **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".

### **December Mercy Offering - Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh - TODAY**

We will collect a Mercy Offering for the Presbyterian Church of Bangladesh and the Ayub's on December 18 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

### **Christmas Caroling and Cookie Exchange - TODAY**

In the spirit of the holiday season, please enjoy some cookies with caroling from the Children's Ministry after service!

### **Christmas Eve Service - December 24**

Please join us at 5pm at Rivendell! Children are welcome to attend the service (no childcare).

### **Christmas Day Service - December 25**

Please join us at **9:30am** at Rivendell! Children are welcome to attend the service (no childcare or Sunday school).

### **Sparks Meeting - January 8**

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

### **Youth Group - January 8**

Emmanuel's Youth Group will be meeting after service. Youth group meets at 12:30 on the second floor, right next to the entrance to the gym (when you see the orange youth sign, you've come to the right place!). Lunch will be provided.

### **Lunar New Year Celebration - January 22**

Emmanuel is hosting a Lunar New Year celebration on January 22 from 2-5pm! Please stop by for some karaoke, food and fellowship, and sign-up to bring a snack or a dish. We ask everyone to RSVP by Friday, January 20, so we can plan accordingly. [Please sign up on the app or at this link.](#)

### **Kenya Missions Trip - August 2023**

Emmanuel is planning a missions trip from August 12-19 to serve alongside Imbumi and Martha Makuku, our partners in Nairobi. The project is open to adults and teenagers. Look for more information in January, but if you're interested, [please contact Scott Seaton.](#)

### **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.