



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.

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness
Now the light of life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous mystery
He the perfect Son of Man
In His living in His suffering
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous mystery
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain Him
Praise the Lord He is alive
What a foretaste of deliverance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when He comes

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

(Psalm 100)

ALL THE POOR AND POWERLESS

All the poor and powerless
And all the lost and lonely
And all the thieves will come confess
And know that You are holy
And know that You are holy

Chorus

And all will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah
All the hearts who are content
And all who feel unworthy
And all who hurt with nothin' left
Will know that You are holy

Shout it

Go on and scream it from the mountains
Go on and tell it to the masses
That He is God (yeah)

We will sing out hallelujah
And we will cry out hallelujah
We will sing out hallelujah
And shout yeah

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹⁵I will depart and return to my place until they recognize their guilt and seek my face; they will search for me in their distress. ^{16:1} Come, let's return to the Lord. For he has torn us, and he will heal us; he has wounded us, and he will bind up our wounds. ²He will revive us after two days, and on the third day he will raise us up so we can live in his presence. ³Let's strive to know the Lord. His appearance is as sure as the dawn. He will come to us like the rain, like the spring showers that water the land.

People: ⁴What am I going to do with you, Ephraim? What am I going to do with you, Judah? Your love is like the morning mist and like the early dew that vanishes. ⁵This is why I have used the prophets to cut them down...my judgment strikes like lightning. ⁶For I desire faithful love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

(Hosea 5:15-6:6)

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.

^{1:3}Tell your children about it, and let your children tell their children, and their children the next generation.

⁴What the devouring locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten...

^{2:1b}...Let all the residents of the land tremble, for the day of the Lord is coming; in fact, it is near—²A day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and total darkness, like the dawn spreading over the mountains; a great a strong people appears, such as never existed in ages past and never will again in all the generations to come....³A fire devours in front of them, and behind them a flame blazes. The land in front of them is like the garden of Eden, but behind them, it is like a desert wasteland; there is no escape from them... ²¹Don't be afraid, land; rejoice and be glad, for the Lord has done astonishing things. ²²Don't be afraid, wild animals, for the wilderness pastures have turned green, the trees bear their fruit, and the fig tree and grapevine yield their riches. ²³Children of Zion, rejoice and be glad in the Lord your God, because he gives you the autumn rain for your vindication. He sends showers for you, both autumn and spring rain as before. ²⁴The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with new wine and fresh oil. ²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust ate, the young locust, the destroying locust, and the devouring locust—my great army that I sent against you. ²⁶You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied. You will praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. My people will never again be put to shame. ²⁷You will know that I am present in Israel and that I am the Lord your God, and there is no other. My people will never again be put to shame. ²⁸After this I will pour out my Spirit on all humanity; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will have dreams, and your young men will see visions." (Joel 1:3-4a, 2:1b-3, 21-28)

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.

Years the Locusts Devoured

Rev. Stephen Bates

OFFERING

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

THIS IS OUR GOD

A Refuge for the poor
A Shelter from the storm
This is our God
He will wipe away your tears
And return your wasted years
This is our God

Oh, this is our God
Oh, this is our God

A Father to the orphan
A Healer to the broken
This is our God
He brings peace to our madness
And comfort in our sadness
This is our God

Chorus

This is the One we have waited for
This is the One we have waited for

This is the One we have waited for
Oh, this is our God

A Fountain for the thirsty
A Lover for the lonely
This is our God
He brings glory to the humble
And crowns for the faithful
This is our God

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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.

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"Who is a God like you, forgiving iniquity and passing over rebellion for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not hold on to his anger forever because he delights in faithful love. He will again have compassion on us; he will vanquish our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

(Micah 7:18-19)

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.)

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more

He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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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 Meeting - Today

All members are encouraged to come to commission Andrea Backes and Alena Souza as they join the diaconate. We will also vote for John Downer to become an elder. Child supervision will be provided by some of Emmanuel's youth.

Support Karen Adjei and Missions in Japan

Emmanuel member Karen Adjei is raising support to begin living her missional life in Japan. Be sure to stop by her table in the lobby to learn more, pray for her, and consider contributing financially. You can also visit her page to learn about how you can support her: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/karen-adjei>

June Saturday Prayer Meetings

Join us for time of prayer and intercession on Saturdays in June (13, 20 and 27) from 8:30–9:30 am at the church office (5545 Langston Boulevard in Arlington). We will be praying for our community, the nation, the world, and individual requests. This is a wonderful opportunity to seek the Lord together as a congregation.

Emmanuel Run Club - June 13

Back by popular demand, join fellow Emmanuel runners for a casual 3-4 mile run on June 13th at 8AM. This month, we will meet at the Chain Bridge and then embark on the "DMV" run where we can run through DC, Maryland, and Virginia in 3 miles. Injured or non-runners are welcome to walk or bike. Bagels to follow! Recommend parking in vicinity of 4055 N Randolph St and walk/jog down "heartbreak hill." Questions or to RSVP please contact Ron Wang at rjwang@gmail.com

Roundtable Book Discussions

Sign up for one of our Roundtable book discussions this summer. Check out the book selections and sign ups in the lobby or on Church Center.

Theo of Golden by Allen Levi - June 14, facilitated by Janice Lam

What Grows in a Weary Land by Tish Warren - July 16, facilitated by Jessica Wright

"How Nietzsche's Philosophy Points Us to God" - July 18, facilitated by Tim Blakeney

You are Only Human by Kelly Kapic - July 22, facilitated by Stephen Bates

Sparks Olympics - June 14

Third through fifth graders, don't miss the final Sparks of the year! We'll play fun games and celebrate all that we've learned this year with a popsicle party from 12-1:30pm. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

"Beyond the Pitch: Redefining Marketing Through Integrity and Clarity" - June 14

Join us for our final seminar in our vocational series as we focus on God's work in the field of commerce. Emmanuel member Allen Joel will share about his experience seeing the kingdom of God in the advertising industry.

World Refugee Day with RILA - June 16

RILA is celebrating World Refugee Day on June 16 to honor the courage of their clients, immigrants in our area, and refugees around the world. Join us for a prayer breakfast at 7:30AM at Greenbrier Baptist Church (5401 7th Rd S). Or learn more about the current immigration landscape that evening at 8PM at our virtual "Poolside" chat. RSVP johanna@restorationimmigration.org for the link.

Call for Grill Masters - July 19

Love to man (or woman) the grill? We are looking for volunteers to help out at our annual Church Picnic this summer. All you need is a passion for hot dogs and hamburgers and knowledge of how to hold tongs. Please email Bonnie if you're willing.

Support the Johnsons

Find ways to support Emmanuel members Evan and Mollie Johnson and their daughters. Volunteer to organize medical supplies, or be a mother's helper, or babysit the younger two girls for Mollie to attend small group. Needs are posted regularly on their support registry: <https://www.supportnow.org/the-johnson-family>