



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WORSHIP SERVICE AUGUST 10, 2025

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](https://bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected)), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby.

We are so happy that you visited!



FOREVER

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King  
His love endures forever  
For He is good, He is above all things  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm  
His love endures forever  
For the life that's been reborn  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise  
Sing praise, sing praise

*Chorus*  
Forever God is faithful  
Forever God is strong  
Forever God is with us  
Forever, forever

From the rising to the setting sun  
His love endures forever  
And by the grace of God we will carry on  
His love endures forever  
Sing praise, sing praise

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**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

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

Leader: Not to us, O Lord

**People: Not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!**

Leader: Trust in the Lord

**People: He is their help and their shield.**

~Psalm 115:1, 9

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One  
Oh praise Him, Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

All the redeemed washed by His blood  
Come and rejoice in His great love  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Christ has defeated every sin  
Cast all your burdens now on Him  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

He shall return in pow'r to reign  
Heaven and earth will join to say  
Oh praise Him, Alleluia  
Then who shall fall on bended knee  
All creatures of our God and King  
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him  
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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## NICENE CREED, PART THREE

Leader: "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
Of all things visible and invisible and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all  
worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by  
whom all things were made;

**People and Leader: Who for us and our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried."**

## PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

ASSIST PREGNANCY CENTER

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church, and all children will meet in Room 103. First time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

## 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.*

"<sup>1</sup>In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream with visions in his mind as he was lying in his bed. He wrote down the dream, and here is the summary of his account. <sup>2</sup>Daniel said, "In my vision at night I was watching, and suddenly the four winds of heaven stirred up the great sea. <sup>3</sup>Four huge beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. <sup>4</sup>The first was like a lion but had eagle's wings. I continued watching until its wings were torn off. It was lifted up from the ground, set on its feet like a man, and given a human mind. <sup>5</sup>Suddenly, another beast appeared, a second one, that looked like a bear. It was raised up on one side, with three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. It was told, 'Get up! Gorge yourself on flesh.' <sup>6</sup>After this, while I was watching, suddenly another beast appeared. It was like a leopard with four wings of a bird on its back. It had four heads, and it was given dominion. <sup>7</sup>After this, while I was watching in the night visions, suddenly a fourth beast appeared, frightening and dreadful, and incredibly strong, with large iron teeth. It devoured and crushed, and it trampled with its feet whatever was left. It was different from all the beasts before it, and it had ten horns. <sup>8</sup>While I was considering the horns, suddenly another horn, a little one, came up among them, and three of the first horns were uprooted before it. And suddenly in this horn there were eyes like the eyes of a human and a mouth that was speaking arrogantly. <sup>9</sup>As I kept watching, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was white like snow, and the hair of his head like whitest wool. His throne was flaming fire; its wheels were blazing fire. <sup>10</sup>A river of fire was flowing, coming out from his presence. Thousands upon thousands served him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was convened, and the books were opened. <sup>11</sup>I watched, then, because of the sound of the arrogant words the horn was speaking. As I continued watching, the beast was killed and its body destroyed and given over to the burning fire. <sup>12</sup>As for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was removed, but an extension of life was granted to them for a certain period of time. <sup>13</sup>I continued watching in the night visions, and suddenly one like a son of man was coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was escorted before him. <sup>14</sup>He was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, so that those of every people, nation, and language should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will not be destroyed. <sup>15</sup>As for me, Daniel, my spirit was deeply distressed within me, and the visions in my mind terrified me. <sup>16</sup>I approached one of those who were standing by and asked him to clarify all this. So he let me know the interpretation of these things: <sup>17</sup>These huge beasts, four in number, are four kings who will rise from the earth. <sup>18</sup>But the holy ones of the Most High will receive the kingdom and possess it forever, yes, forever and ever."

~Daniel 7:1-18

### 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.*

### DREAMING OF A LASTING KINGDOM

REV. STEPHEN BATES

### OFFERING

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

### BEHOLD OUR GOD

Who has held the oceans in His hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

#### *Chorus*

Behold our God, seated on His throne  
Come let us adore Him  
Behold our King, nothing can compare  
Come let us adore Him

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of His words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon His hand  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(Repeat 6x)

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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.*

**"Lord, the fruit of Your Spirit is self-control, but we confess we have indulged in disordered desires. For the ways we grieved your Spirit this week, forgive us. For the ways we've chosen rebellion over costly love, forgive us. Lord, give us grace to keep in step with the Spirit. Help us rest in the Spirit's freedom. Amen."**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

<sup>8</sup>Let us be self-controlled and put on the armor of faith and love, and a helmet of the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him."

~1 Thessalonians 5:8-10

### 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 available.)*

## PRINCE OF PEACE

You are holy (You are holy)  
You are mighty (You are mighty)  
You are worthy (You are worthy)  
Worthy of praise (worthy of praise)  
I will follow (I will follow)  
I will listen (I will listen)  
I will love You (I will love You)  
All of my days (all of my days)

### *Chorus 1*

I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
And I will sing to and worship  
The King who is worthy  
And I will love and adore Him  
And I will bow down before Him  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

### *Chorus 2*

You are Lord of lords You are King of kings  
You are mighty God Lord of ev'rything  
You're Emmanuel You're the Great I Am  
You're Prince of Peace who is the Lamb  
You're the living God You're my saving grace  
You will reign forever You are Ancient of Days  
You are Alpha Omega Beginning and End  
You're my Savior Messiah Redeemer and Friend  
You're my Prince of Peace  
And I will live my life for You

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## PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

Assist Pregnancy Center

## 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 Deliv'rer

### *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.

~Numbers 6:24-26

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Partnership Offering - Assist Pregnancy Center - Today**

Our August partnership offering will go to Assist Pregnancy Center, which serves locally to support families facing unwanted pregnancy. Consider giving to support them and their work next week during the closing song.

### **Arlington Bridge Builders Backpack Drive - Today**

Arlington Bridge Builders' annual Backpack Drive will distribute over 500 backpacks to help disadvantaged children start the school year strong. Sponsor a backpack in the church lobby today, or volunteer at the back to school festival on August 23. The event features games, food, and activities, creating a fun, supportive day. Sign up to volunteer at the festival on Church Center.

### **Sparks Bowling - Today**

Rising 3rd through rising 6th graders are invited to go bowling at Bowl America in Falls Church from 6-8 PM. Please sign up on Church Center if you plan to come. If you're an adult interested in chaperoning, contact Marianna at [mstone@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mstone@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **Men's Sexual Integrity Group - August 11**

The men's group will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact [mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org) for more information.

### **Songs & S'mores - August 17**

Join us in the courtyard for our annual sing-along to herald the beginning of school, where kids of all ages sing camp-style songs and eat all the s'mores they can handle. The event is set for Sunday, August 17 from 4:30-6 PM; please RSVP on Church Center and email [mstone@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mstone@emmanuelarlington.org) for more information.

### **Arlington Bridge Builders Back to School Festival - August 23**

Volunteers are needed to help with this annual community event featuring games, food, and activities. We also need volunteers to greet neighbors at the Emmanuel table and share more about our church. Sign up to volunteer on Church Center.

### **Intro to Emmanuel - August 24**

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar on August 24 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](mailto:office@emmanuelarlington.org) to RSVP.

### **Youth Group Family Cookout - August 24**

All Youth families are invited to a cookout to kickoff the school year at 4:30pm at the Rivendell Courtyard! We will eat and have a time of fellowship together followed by a short parent meeting to go over vision for this year of youth group. We will provide the main dish, please consider bringing a side dish, dessert or drink to share! Sign up on Church Center if you plan to attend.

### **Pray for the Kenya Team**

Emmanuel sent out a team to Kibera, Kenya from August 8-17. While there, they are supporting the work of our long-term partners the Makukus to serve impoverished youth. Read the Meet the Team document on the Emmanuel website for more ways to pray.