



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, 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!



ORDINARY TIME

During Ordinary Time, we are shaped by the story of God's faithfulness in every ordinary and extraordinary moment of our lives.

FOR THE LORD IS GOOD

Enter His gates with thanksgiving
Come into His courts with praise
Enter His presence rejoicing
Singing great and mighty is His name
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet
Praise Him with the timbrel and harp
Let every creature in heaven and earth
Lift a sound of praise sing with all their heart

Chorus

For the Lord is good (For the Lord is good)
For the Lord is good (For the Lord is good)
For the Lord is good
And His mercy endures forever

For the Lord is good
And His mercy endures forever

Jesus the Son is exalted
Maker of everything
Come now and bow down before Him
Lift your hands in praise, raise your voice to sing

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him,

People: for he shields him all day long,

Leader: and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders.

People: Praise the Lord!

THE POWER OF YOUR LOVE

Lord I come to You, let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace that I found in You
And Lord I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away by the pow'r of Your love

Chorus

Hold me close, let Your love surround me
Bring me near, draw me to Your side
And as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You, Your Spirit leads me on
In the pow'r of Your love

Lord unveil my eyes, let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love as You live in me
Lord renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life
In living ev'ry day by the pow'r of Your love

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: Children 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. The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with new wine and fresh oil. I 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. You 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. You 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.

People: After 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. I will even pour out my Spirit on the male and female servants in those days. I will display wonders in the heavens and on the earth: blood, fire, and columns of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved, for there will be an escape for those on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as the Lord promised, among the survivors the Lord calls. (Joel 2:23–32)

MINISTRY PARTNER PRESENTATION: ARLINGTON BRIDGE BUILDERS

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschool will head directly to their classroom upstairs. 4th and 5th graders are invited to stay in the service on the fourth Sunday. 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.

⁴Then a champion named Goliath, from Gath, came out from the Philistine camp. He was nine feet, nine inches tall ⁵and wore a bronze helmet and bronze scale armor that weighed one hundred twenty-five pounds...⁷His spear shaft was like a weaver's beam, and the iron point of his spear weighed fifteen pounds. In addition, a shield-bearer was walking in front of him. ⁸He stood and shouted to the Israelite battle formations, 'Why do you come out to line up in battle formation?' He asked them, 'Am I not a Philistine and are you not servants of Saul? Choose one of your men and have him come down against me...'

¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard these words from the Philistine, they lost their courage and were terrified....²⁶David spoke to the men who were standing with him: 'What will be done for the man who kills that Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Just who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?...'³²David said to Saul, 'Don't let anyone be discouraged by him; your servant will go and fight this Philistine!' ³³But Saul replied, 'You can't go fight this Philistine. You're just a youth, and he's been a warrior since he was young.'³⁴David answered Saul, 'Your servant has been tending his father's sheep. Whenever a lion or a bear came and carried off a lamb from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it down, and rescued the lamb from its mouth. If it reared up against me, I would grab it by its fur, strike it down, and kill it.

³⁶Your servant has killed lions and bears; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, for he has defied the armies of the living God.'³⁷Then David said, 'The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.' Saul said to David, 'Go, and may the Lord be with you.'³⁸Then Saul had his own military clothes put on David. He put a bronze helmet on David's head and had him put on armor. ³⁹David strapped his sword on over the military clothes and tried to walk, but he was not used to them. 'I can't walk in these,' David said to Saul, 'I'm not used to them.' So David took them off....⁴²When the Philistine looked and saw David, he despised him because he was just a youth, healthy and handsome. ⁴³He said to David, 'Am I a dog that you come against me with sticks?' Then he cursed David by his gods....⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, 'You come against me with a sword, spear, and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the Lord of Armies, the God of the ranks of Israel — you have defied him. ⁴⁶Today, the Lord will hand you over to me. Today, I'll strike you down, remove your head, and give the corpses of the Philistine camp to the birds of the sky and the wild creatures of the earth. Then all the world will know that Israel has a God, ⁴⁷and this whole assembly will know that it is not by sword or by spear that the Lord saves, for the battle is the Lord's. He will hand you over to us.'⁴⁸When the Philistine started forward to attack him, David ran quickly to the battle line to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹David put his hand in the bag, took out a stone, slung it, and hit the Philistine on his forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown to the ground. ⁵⁰David defeated the Philistine with a sling and a stone. David overpowered the Philistine and killed him without having a sword."

~1 Samuel 17:4-5, 7-8, 11, 26, 32-39, 42-43, 45-50

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, quiet our hearts that we may know and hear you today. Where our hearts are hard, soften them; where they are broken, bind them up; where we are anxious, give us peace; where we doubt, give us trust. For you alone are the One who is making all things new, even us today. Amen.

SERMON

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

THE GIANT DAVID AND LITTLE GOLIATH

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

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

HOLY FOREVER

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb
(Jesus) Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
Chorus
And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever
If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

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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, you taught us: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness for they shall be satisfied." We confess that we have looked for satisfaction elsewhere this week. Jesus, our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. Help come to you, our bread of life, our living water. Amen. (Matthew 5:6)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." ~1 John 1:9

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.)

PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

Arlington Bridge Builders

LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Your glorious cause, O God,
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Chorus

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that ev'ryone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard ev'rywhere on earth
Till Your sov'reign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength, O God,
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

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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)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Partnership Offering - Today

We will collect a partnership offering for Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB) today. ABB is an interdenominational network of churches working with each other, individuals, non-profits, businesses, and civic agencies to seek the flourishing of our community. Consider giving to support them and their work during the closing song, or give through our [website](#).

Parenting Seminar - Today

From 12:30 to 2:00PM, Jessica Wright will lead a discussion titled "Navigating the NoVA Rush: Stewarding Your Family's Values, Priorities, and Time." This seminar takes place at the same time as our Sparks meeting and youth meeting, so we hope parents of older children will stay after service along with their children. Childcare for younger children is provided for those who registered.

Youth Group - Today

After the service, youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to meet in the art room for youth group from 12-1:30 PM.

Sparks - Today

Third, fourth, and fifth graders: come eat lunch, talk about the Bible, and play games together! Meet in the conference room upstairs immediately after the service and stay until 2 PM.

Men's Sexual Integrity Meeting-October 27

This group meets to share and pray on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 7:30pm. All participants and content are kept confidential (mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org)

Take a Meal-The Cecchi Family

Leo, Monica, and big sister Gaia recently welcomed baby Charlie Cecchi. To take a meal to them, sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gz9ve3>

Government Shutdown Support

If the government shutdown is still happening next week, we invite all government workers to join us before the service next week, November 2, at 10 AM for pastries and prayer in the Rivendell lobby.

Officer Nominations

The nomination process is open for deacons, elders, and women's council. You can nominate people using the links in the Friday newsletter. Please prayerfully consider who to nominate and contact Young if you have any questions at ylee@emmanuelarlington.org

Seminar on Literacy-November 2

From 12:30-2pm, we will learn from Emmanuel educators Cheryl Jackson and Alyssa Van Duyn as they share how they are addressing the growing literacy gap in our region.

Sparks at Arlington Bridge Builders-November 8

Kids in 3rd-5th grade are invited to serve at mission partner Arlington Bridge Builders' food pantry on Saturday morning, November 8. Parents are encouraged to participate, too. Sign up on [Church Center](#). (mstone@emmanuelarlington.org)

Intro to Emmanuel-November 9

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar from 12:30-2 PM. 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. Please RSVP to bblakeney@emmanuelarlington.org.

Arlington Turkey Trot-Run or Volunteer

Emmanuel's partner Arlington Bridge Builders now oversees the annual Turkey Trot 5k. Consider signing up now for your chance to participate in the race, or sign up to volunteer at the race on behalf of Emmanuel. Sign up on <https://arlingtonvaturkeytrot.org>.