



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WORSHIP SERVICE NOVEMBER 2, 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!



## ORDINARY TIME

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

### HOPE OF THE AGES

The gospel of Jesus  
It's the hope of the ages  
Burning brighter and brighter  
And standing forever  
The Church He is building  
Nothing can stop it  
It's a city that's shining  
A light in the darkness

#### *Chorus*

Though Christ was dead  
Now surely He's risen  
Yeah He's coming back again  
And Christ will reign  
In triumph forever  
Yeah all praise belongs to Him  
Yeah all praise belongs to Jesus

His Word is the answer  
For all generations  
It will never be tainted  
It will never be broken  
This is our confession  
This is our conviction  
We believe what is written  
We believe what You've spoken

Sing hallelujah  
Christ is our redeemer  
Sing hallelujah  
Jesus holds our future

Cody Carnes | Reuben Morgan

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

**People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,**

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**People: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.**

*~Psalm 103:1-4*

## HOLY SPIRIT

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close  
No thing can compare, You're our living hope  
Your Presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free, and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence, Lord

### *Chorus*

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your presence, Lord

Let us become more aware of Your presence  
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: <sup>1</sup>The pronouncement that the prophet Habakkuk saw. <sup>2</sup>How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence and you do not save? <sup>3</sup>Why do you force me to look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Oppression and violence are right in front of me. Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates. <sup>4</sup>This is why the law is ineffective and justice never emerges. For the wicked restrict the righteous; therefore, justice comes out perverted."

**People:** <sup>1</sup>"I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the lookout tower. I will watch to see what he will say to me and what I should reply about my complaint. <sup>2</sup> The Lord answered me: Write down this vision; clearly inscribe it on tablets so one may easily read it. <sup>3</sup>For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it testifies about the end and will not lie. Though it delays, wait for it, since it will certainly come and not be late. <sup>4</sup>Look, his ego is inflated; he is without integrity. But the righteous one will live by his faith. (*Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4*)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

*Today's prayer is a prayer for educators written by Emmanuel educators.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your Name, Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

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

<sup>26</sup>Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness. They will rule the fish of the sea, the birds of the sky, the livestock, the whole earth, and the creatures that crawl on the earth....'<sup>15</sup>The Lord God took the man and placed him in the garden of Eden to work it and watch over it.... <sup>19</sup>The Lord God formed out of the ground every wild animal and every bird of the sky, and brought each to the man to see what he would call it. And whatever the man called a living creature, that was its name." (~*Genesis 1:26, 2:15 & 19*)

## 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.*

VOCATIONAL STEWARDSHIP: EDUCATION

REV. YOUNG LEE

## TESTIMONY

ALYSSA VAN DUYN  
Elementary School Teacher

## OFFERING

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

### WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break  
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, light will fade  
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth  
In the sod you stand upon  
Flowers fade into dust  
The Lord will make a place for us

### Chorus

Because of His great Love we are not overcome  
Because of His great Love we are not overcome

Have no fear for your life  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke, love and death  
The Lord will give all life and breath

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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.*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life."

~1 Timothy 1:15-16

## 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.)*

## I SEE THE BIRDS

Do not be anxious about your life  
I heard you say to me  
You dress the lilies  
You leave the weeds  
The sower of the seed

I'm letting go of my own life  
I'm letting go again

### *Chorus*

I see the birds up in the air  
I know you feed them  
I know you care  
So won't you teach me  
How I mean more to you than them  
In times of trouble  
Be my help again

You've held me sturdy  
You've led me on  
Through years of joy and grief  
So don't you leave me  
All on my own  
You know me Lord  
I'm weak

Don't you worry child  
Don't you worry child  
He won't leave you by yourself  
In times of trouble he's your help

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## YOU ARE GOOD

Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever  
Lord, You are good and Your mercy endureth forever  
People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation

### *Chorus*

We worship You  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we worship You for Who You are  
We worship You  
Hallelujah, hallelujah, We worship You for Who You are  
You are good

You are good all the time  
All the time You are good  
You are good all the time  
All the time You are good

Israel Houghton

## **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

### **Vocational Series Seminar: Education - Today**

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.

### **Officer Nominations Open**

The nomination process is open for deacons, elders, and women's council. Please prayerfully consider whom to nominate on Church Center: <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/home>

### **Women's Integrity Partners - November 3**

The Integrity Partners' Group, a group for spouses of individuals struggling with sexual integrity, will meet once or twice a month. All meeting participants and content are kept confidential. For more information, contact [integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **Sparks - Serve at ABB Food Pantry**

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: <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3232686>

### **Youth Group - November 9**

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to Youth Group for games & discussion. Come up to the Art Room for lunch right after service.

### **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 on Church Center: <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/people/forms/1066322>

### **Welcome Baby Cecchi!**

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

### **Looking for Childcare Volunteers**

We are looking for congregants willing to volunteer to help care for our children for after-service fellowship opportunities such as seminars, luncheons, and ministries. Please consider helping out once a year so we can continue gathering together and supporting our families through childcare. Sign up on Church Center: <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3247460>

### **JBLF 5K and Carnival- November 22**

Join the 10th annual race and carnival to support the Jennifer Bush-Lawson Foundation, a nonprofit founded by Emmanuel family the Lawsons that works to improve prenatal care and support for underprivileged mothers in our community. The event is from 9am-1pm at the Knights of Columbus building in Arlington. Sign up on their website: <https://jb-lf.org/5k-and-family-carnival/>

### **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>.

### **Rivendell School Info Night - November 20**

Families interested in sending a child to Rivendell School, where our church meets, are invited to attend their information night on November 20 from 7-9pm. Information Night provides an engaging overview of what a Rivendell education looks like for students and families. RSVP to [admissions@rivendellschool.net](mailto:admissions@rivendellschool.net).

### **Government Worker Help Available**

If you have been affected by the government shutdown, please contact our staff so that we can support you.

### **Hosting Thanksgiving Dinner**

If you are interested in hosting Emmanuel congregants that are unable to be with family this Thanksgiving, please email Bonnie at [bblakeney@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:bblakeney@emmanuelarlington.org).