



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"If we asked a question, 'Why does God allow evil and suffering to continue?' and we look at the cross of Jesus, we still do not know what the answer is. However, we now know what the answer isn't. It can't be that he doesn't love us. It can't be that he is indifferent or detached from our condition. God takes our misery and suffering so seriously that he was willing to take it on himself."

~Timothy Keller

TO GOD ALL PRAISE AND GLORY
Sing praise to God who reigns above
The God of all creation
The God of power the God of love
The God of our salvation
He fills my soul with sweet relief
And makes my faithless murmurs cease

Chorus:

To God all praise and glory
To God all praise and glory
The Lord is never far away
But through all grief distressing
An ever present help and stay
Our peace and joy and blessing
In my Father's tender care
His love eclipses my despair
When life is hard and days are long
I'll sing aloud His praises
That men may hear the grateful song
My joyful spirit raises
My heart revived my soul restored
My heart rejoices in the Lord
Let all who claim Christ's holy name
Give God all praise and glory
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength
Declare the wondrous story
Cast every idol from its throne
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest

***People:* Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me**

Leader: For I am gentle and lowly in heart

***People:* And you will find rest for your soul.**

~Matthew 11:28-29

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

Bridge:

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

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 37: How does the Holy Spirit help us?

Answer: The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

Question 38: What is prayer?

Answer: Prayer is pouring out our hearts to God in praise, petition, confession of sin, and thanksgiving.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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.

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo. Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th 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.

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind and said: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Dress for action[a] like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone, ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

~Job 38:1-7

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

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.

WHERE WERE YOU WHEN I LAID THE EARTH'S FOUNDATIONS?

REV. YOUNG LEE

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.

JESUS WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS

Chorus:

Hallelujah what a Saviour
Hallelujah what a friend
Saving helping keeping loving
He is with me to the end

Jesus what a friend for sinners
Jesus lover of my soul
Friends may fail me foes assail me
He my Saviour makes me whole

Jesus what a strength in weakness
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted tried and sometimes failing
He my strength my vict'ry wins

Jesus what a help in sorrow
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He my comfort helps my soul

Jesus I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He hath granted me forgiveness
I am His and He is mine

David Phelps | John Wilbur Chapman

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

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

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.

For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

~Titus 2:11-13

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.

ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus:

All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ
His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

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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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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch! Please fill out a Keeping Connected card in the bulletin or on our church app. On the app, click on "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Sparks Meeting - TODAY

Third through fifth graders are invited to a Sparks meeting after service from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for lunch, a lesson, and fun.

Youth Group - TODAY

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.

Newcomers Lunch - January 14

If you're relatively new to Emmanuel, or would just like to get to know others, you are invited to a newcomer's lunch with vegetarian-friendly food hosted by Mary and Ronald Wang. The time and address will be provided during service. [You can RSVP here.](#)

Planning Seminar for Aging Parents - January 21

One of the most practical ways we can honor our aging parents is helping them prepare necessary legal documents and fostering communication about last wishes. Emmanuel member Matt DeGioia is an estate attorney, who will share his insights into how to have these difficult conversations with parents, in a way that honors and values them. Parents are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided, so please [sign up at this link](#) if interested.

Theological Foundations - Begins January 28

You're invited to join Scott Seaton for our Theological Foundations course, using John Frame's Salvation Belongs To The Lord. Classes will meet every two weeks, and a Spanish version handbook is also available. If you are interested in joining, [please email Karen to RSVP.](#)

Office Administrator Position for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Emmanuel is accepting applications for the full-time staff position of Office Administrator. This position is eligible for full employee benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in applying to the position, please [contact Scott Seaton](#) for more details.