



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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.

CHRISTUS VICTOR

O most High, King of the ages,
Great I Am, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through
Mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won,
Hallelujah, amen

O most High, dwelling among us,
Son of man, sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, Mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, Who rose victorious

Chorus
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won,
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son,
Hallelujah, amen

O most High, King of the nations,
Robed in praise, crowned in splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the victor
Who was and is, and is forever
Amen, amen, a men

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire in his temple.

~Psalm 27:1,4

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love you Lord, Oh your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God.

Chorus
All my life you have been faithful
All my life you have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, It's running after me
With my life laid down I'm surrendered now
I give you everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹⁷"For I will create new heavens and a new earth; the past events will not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸Then be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I will create Jerusalem to be a joy and its people to be a delight. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people. The sound of weeping and crying will no longer be heard in her. In her, a nursing infant will no longer live only a few days, or an old man not live out his days. Indeed, the one who dies at a hundred years old will be mourned as a young man, and the one who misses a hundred years will be considered cursed. People will build houses and live in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They will not build and others live in them; they will not plant and others eat."

People: "For my people's lives will be like the lifetime of a tree. My chosen ones will fully enjoy the work of their hands. They will not labor without success or bear children destined for disaster, for they will be a people blessed by the Lord along with their descendants. Even before they call, I will answer; while they are still speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like cattle, but the serpent's food will be dust! They will not do what is evil or destroy on my entire holy mountain,"
says the Lord."

(~Isaiah 65:17-25)

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. 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.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be (Glory be)
To the Father (To the Father)
And the Son (And the Son)
And the Ho-ly Spir-it
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end, Amen

Gloria (Gloria)
Al Padre (al Padre)
Al hijo (Al hijo)
Y al Es- pi- ri - tu.
Como-en el principio, ahora es y será.
Mundo sin fin Amén

Arrangement by Stephen Bates

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.

⁵"David marched out with the army and was successful in everything Saul sent him to do. Saul put him in command of the fighting men, which pleased all the people and Saul's servants as well. ⁶As the troops were coming back, when David was returning from killing the Philistine, the women came out from all the cities of Israel to meet King Saul, singing and dancing with tambourines, with shouts of joy, and with three-stringed instruments. ⁷As they danced, the women sang: 'Saul has killed his thousands, but David his tens of thousands.' ⁸Saul was furious and resented this song. 'They credited tens of thousands to David,' he complained, 'but they only credited me with thousands. What more can he have but the kingdom?' ⁹So Saul watched David jealously from that day forward.... ¹²Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with David but had left Saul."

~1 Samuel 18:5-9, 12

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Give us the grace to live out your promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERMON

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

JEALOUSY OF SAUL

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

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

COME THOU FOUNT

Come, thou fount of every blessing
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet
Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount! I'm fixed upon it
Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter
Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

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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 the pure in heart for they will see God." Lord, forgive us for practicing our righteousness before others in order to be seen by them. We confess we have been more concerned with how others perceive us than your gracious care. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

¹¹"For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. ¹²It teaches us to say 'No' to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³while we wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ."
~Titus 2:11-13

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.)

MICAH 6:8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good, what is good
He has shown, O mortal, what is good, what is good
What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require?

Chorus

To act justly and to love mercy
To walk humbly with your God

BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that Thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true Word
I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise,
Be Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and Thou only first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thy vict'ry won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all

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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

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - Today

The women's sexual integrity group will meet for a time of sharing and prayer (womensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org)

Sparks - Serve a Meal at RILA - November 17

Third through fifth graders and your families, help provide and serve a meal to participants in RILA's legal clinic from 6-7:15 PM. Sign up on Church Center.

Integrity Partners Meeting - November 17

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

Officer Nominations Open

The nomination process is open for deacons, elders, and women's council. Please prayerfully consider whom to nominate on Church Center.

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 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.

Thanksgiving on a Bun - November 22

All youth (6-12th grade) and their families are invited to our annual service event, serving turkey sandwiches to members of the community. This year we will be preparing and serving the sandwiches at the Arlington Bridge Builders Food Pantry, located at the Community Church of God. Event starts at 8am and finishes by noon. Sign up on Church Center if you plan to attend and email Marissa with any questions!

Partnership Offering - November 23

November's special offering will go to our deacon's benevolence fund to support the needs of people within our congregation. Consider giving during the closing song next Sunday or on Church Center.

Emmanuel Christmas Party - December 7

Our congregation-wide Christmas party will be on December 7 from 5-7pm here at Rivendell. All ages are welcome!

Chili Cookoff - December 7

Sign up on Church Center to enter the stiff competition for our annual Chili Cookoff! Last year's winner, Courtney Roberts, set the bar high. This fun event will take place on December 7 during the Christmas party.

Cookie Exchange - December 14

Celebrate Christmas together with our annual cookie exchange after the service on December 14! Bring cookies to share and take some home. Sign up on Church Center to participate in the swap.

New ESOL Class for Adults

Are you—or someone you know—interested in learning English? We're starting a fun and welcoming ESOL class for beginners, meeting one evening a week for 1.5 hours. Our goal is to create a community where everyone is known, cared for, and encouraged as we learn together. You don't need to be part of the church to join—everyone is welcome! Email Mona Lindeman for more information (mona.lindeman62@gmail.com)

Christmas Strings Music

Calling all interested bowed string players, no matter level or age, to consider playing for our Advent service on Dec. 21st. Please contact Lynne Denig (lynnedenig4900@gmail.com) by December 5th.

Call for Photos

Did you take photos at a fellowship event or other church event this year? Please share them for the Christmas party slideshow. Photos will not be posted publicly outside this event without express permission. (bblakeney@emmanuelarlington.org)