



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.

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to Emmanuel, we’d like to stay in touch!

Use the QR code to fill out our Keeping Connected form (physical forms are available in the lobby) to receive information about our church. You can also use Church Center for general purposes such as registering for events.



Church Center



EASTER

The resurrection of Jesus is a reality so glorious, it requires fifty days to sink in. Christ is Risen!

HEAL US, EMMANUEL

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are,
We long to feel Thy Touch
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly,
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess,
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
"Lord, I believe," with tears he cried;
"O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, "Daughter go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: There is none like you, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours

People: All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

Leader: For you alone are great and do wondrous things

People: You alone are God.

(Psalm 86:8-10)

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)

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹Truly I tell you, anyone who doesn't enter the sheep pen by the gate but climbs in some other way is a thief and a robber. ²The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴When he has brought all his own outside, he goes ahead of them. The sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵They will never follow a stranger; instead they will run away from him, because they don't know the voice of strangers. ⁶Jesus gave them this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.

People: ⁷Jesus said again, 'Truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. ⁸All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. ⁹I am the gate. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰A thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance. ¹¹I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (*John 10:1-11*)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

TESTIMONIES AND BAPTISMS

Caleb Del Vecchio
Cole Del Vecchio

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Since today is the fourth Sunday of the month, 4th and 5th graders remain in the service. Preschoolers, please head directly to your classrooms upstairs. Other children, meet your teachers in the lobby to walk upstairs together. 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.

²So the king said to Joab, the commander of his army, 'Go through all the tribes of Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba and register the troops so I can know their number.' ³Joab replied to the king, 'May the Lord your God multiply the troops a hundred times more than they are—while my lord the king looks on! But why does my lord the king want to do this?' ⁴Yet the king's order prevailed over Joab and the commanders of the army. So Joab and the commanders of the army left the king's presence to register the troops of Israel....' ⁸When they had gone through the whole land, they returned to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. ⁹Joab gave the king the total of the registration of the troops. There were eight hundred thousand valiant armed men from Israel and five hundred thousand men from Judah. ¹⁰David's conscience troubled him after he had taken a census of the troops. He said to the Lord, 'I have sinned greatly in what I've done. Now, Lord, because I've been very foolish, please take away your servant's guilt.' ¹¹When David got up in the morning, the word of the Lord had come to the prophet Gad, David's seer: ¹²'Go and say to David, 'This is what the Lord says: I am offering you three choices. Choose one of them, and I will do it to you.'
¹³So Gad went to David, told him the choices, and asked him, "Do you want three years of famine to come on your land, to flee from your foes three months while they pursue you, or to have a plague in your land three days? Now, consider carefully what answer I should take back to the one who sent me.' ¹⁴David answered Gad, 'I have great anxiety. Please, let us fall into the Lord's hands because his mercies are great, but don't let me fall into human hands....' ¹⁷When David saw the angel striking the people, he said to the Lord, 'Look, I am the one who has sinned; I am the one who has done wrong. But these sheep, what have they done? Please, let your hand be against me and my father's family.' ¹⁸Gad came to David that day and said to him, 'Go up and set up an altar to the Lord on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite....' Araunah said, 'Why has my lord the king come to his servant?' David replied, 'To buy the threshing floor from you in order to build an altar to the Lord, so the plague on the people may be halted.' ²²Araunah said to David, 'My lord the king may take whatever he wants and offer it. Here are the oxen for a burnt offering and the threshing sledges and ox yokes for the wood....' ²⁴The king answered Araunah, 'No, I insist on buying it from you for a price, for I will not offer to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing.' David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for twenty ounces of silver. ²⁵He built an altar to the Lord there and offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. Then the Lord was receptive to prayer for the land, and the plague on Israel ended." (*2 Samuel 24:2-4, 8-14, 17-18, 21-22, 24-25*)

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 Threshing Floor

Rev. Young Lee

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.

Lord, the fruit of your spirit is love, but we confess that we are often love-deficient. For the ways we have dealt harshly with our neighbors, have mercy on us. For the ways we have dealt harshly with ourselves, have mercy on us. For the ways we have dealt harshly with you, have mercy on us. Bring us back to the well of your love that it might overflow into the corners of our heart.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit."

(1 Peter 3:8)

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.)

ALL THINGS NEW

Come broken and weary, come battered and bruised
my Jesus makes all things new, all things new
Come lost and abandoned, come blown by the wind
He'll bring you back home again, home again

Chorus

Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake, the light of the dawn is upon you
Rise up, oh you sleeper, awake, He makes all things new

All things new

Come frozen with shame, come burning with guilt
my Jesus He loves you still, loves you still

The world was good, the world is fallen
the world will be redeemed
The world was good, the world is fallen
the world will be redeemed

So hold on to the promise, the stories are true
Jesus makes all things new, The Dawn is upon you

By Andrew Peterson

JESUS, I AM RESTING, RESTING

Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee
And Thy beauty fills my soul
For by Thy transforming power
Thou hast made me whole

Chorus

Jesus I am resting, resting
In the joy of what Thou art
I am finding out the greatness
Of Thy loving heart

Oh how great Thy loving kindness
Vaster, broader than the sea
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness
Lavished all on me
Yes, I rest in Thee, Beloved
Know what wealth of grace is Thine
Know Thy certainty of promise
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee, Lord Jesus
I behold Thee as Thou art
And Thy love, so pure, so changeless
Satisfies my heart
Satisfies its deepest longings
Meets, supplies its ev'ry need
Compasseth me 'round with blessings
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me
As I work and wait for Thee
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus
Earth's dark shadows flee
Brightness of my Father's glory,
Sunshine of my Father's face
Keep me ever trusting, resting,
Fill me with Thy grace.

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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

Youth Group - Today

Students in grades 6-12, head upstairs to the gym immediately after the service for youth group. We'll eat lunch together, hear from mentor Jordan Banegas, and meet with discipleship groups until 1:30 PM.

Sparks - Today

Kids in third through fifth grade, come eat lunch, play games, and learn about the Kingdom of God together. We will meet in the conference room upstairs after the service until 1:30 PM.

Men's Sexual Integrity Group - April 27

The men's group meets every second and fourth Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Women's Day Away - May 2

Join the women of Emmanuel for a day of fellowship, prayer, singing and teaching centering on faith and work. Our speaker will be Missy Wallace, who believes deeply in the role of all work, not just nonprofit and church work, as part of God's unfolding story. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Restoring Justice: Law as a Redemptive Force for Communities - May 3

Emmanuel continues its vocational series on May 3 as we focus on the gospel displayed in law and politics. Stay after the service for a seminar led by Emmanuel's own Pablo Villeda, attorney and Executive Director of Christian Legal Aid of D.C., who will share about their work with criminal record sealing. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Eating Disorder & Body Image Seminar - May 17

After the service, in conjunction with Arlington Bridge Builders' Extra Mile and Rock Recovery Program, we will host a presentation on healthy body image and eating disorders—both topics that many struggle with but are often not discussed in the church. This is a great opportunity to invite friends. Lunch will be available.

Welcome, Baby Fox!

Mireille, Elliott, and big brother Gabriel welcomed baby Sebastian recently. Sign up to bring them a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/v6ld86>

Support Karen Adjei and Missions in Japan

Emmanuel member Karen Adjei is raising support to begin living her missional life in Japan. She will be sharing with us later in the spring. In the meantime, please visit her page to learn about how you can support her: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/karen-adjei/>