

## COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come Thou long expected Jesus; Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation; Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation; Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee; Day-spring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse; Of Thy birth we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing; News glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing; Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness; He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness; Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend  
Leaving riches without number; Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder; Christ was born Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver; Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever; Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit; Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit; Raise us to Thy glorious throne

Charles Wesley | Clint Wells

## ADVENT READING

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

Readers: Readers: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world; the one who follows me will not walk in darkness but have the light of life."

**People: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ.**

Readers: And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. Come, Lord Jesus, our light and our salvation.

**People: Let us walk in the light of the Lord.**

~Isaiah 42:16

## HEAL US

*Chorus:*

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

Kevin Twit | Lucas S. Morton | William Cowper

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE READING

*The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.*

<sup>1</sup> I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. <sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. <sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. <sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. <sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. <sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep your going out and your coming I from this time forth and forevermore. ~ *Psalms 121*

### 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.*

### SONG OF HELP

REV. SCOTT SEATON

### BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name; In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name; When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness; Blessed be Your name

*Pre-Chorus:*

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll; Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord; Still I will say

*Chorus:*

Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord; Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name; When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be; Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name; On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering; Blessed be Your name

*Bridge:*

You give and take away; You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say; Lord blessed be Your name

Beth Redman | Matt Redman

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious God, you have done so much for us, but we have been ungrateful. You call us to humility, but we have been proud. You call us to faithfulness but have been unfaithful. You call us to courage, but we have been afraid. You call us to watchfulness, but we have been asleep. Have mercy on us.

## 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.*  
"She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."  
~Matthew 1:21

## COMMUNION

### HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure  
How great the pain of searing loss  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
My sin upon His shoulders  
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished  
His dying breath has brought me life  
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
His death and resurrection  
Why should I gain from His reward  
I cannot give an answer  
But this I know with all my heart  
His wounds have paid my ransom

Stuart Townend

## BENEDICTION

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

*Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV). ■ CCLI #3184477*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app (instructions on downloading the app can be found below). Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

### Drop-In Outdoor Communion - Vienna from 1-2pm

Today, we will have drop-in communion at Southside Park in Vienna (1301 Southside Park, Vienna, VA 22180). Southside park has two park entrances. We be at Ross Dr. entrance, not the Ware St. entrance. You can drop by anytime between 1:00pm-2:00pm. Please be sure to wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

### Birth Announcement

Sam and Rebekah Kim welcomed their son, Noah Sungkyeong Kim, on November 24th! If you would like to provide their family with a meal, please sign up using the link in the Friday email or Facebook group.

### Year-End Offering

If you would like to contribute to the purchase of the new office space/ministry center, you can do so by giving online at [www.emmanuelarlington.org/give](http://www.emmanuelarlington.org/give) and selecting "Facility Fund", or by mailing a check to the church office (1408 N. Fillmore St., Suite 16, Arlington, VA 22201) with "Facility Fund" in the memo line. So far we have raised \$56,500 of our \$200,000 goal.

### Pursuit of Purity Talk - Part 2 (Men) - December 9th

As a follow up to our conversation on sexual purity from a month ago, we will have a seminar on practical strategies and principles on December 9th at 8:00pm. Eric McClerren, a local Christian counselor ([www.mcclerrengroup.com](http://www.mcclerrengroup.com)), will present insights from his years of helping men in this particular area. This virtual event will not be recorded and the Zoom link will be emailed the week of the event.

### Sparks Meeting - December 13th

All 3rd - 5th graders are invited to our next Sparks meeting on December 13th at 4:30pm. Watch for an email with additional information!

### Arlington Bridge Builder's Pandemic Relief Fund

Make a donation to ABB's Relief Fund over the next three months and Emmanuel, through the Deacons' Fund, will match your collective contributions up to \$7000. Donations can be given through the church's online giving platform or by mail. The fund helps our neighbors who are in desperate need of assistance with essential expenses such as rent and medical bills. ABB was founded ten years ago to serve the poor in our community by a coalition of Arlington churches, which includes Emmanuel.

### December Mercy Offering - Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA)

Throughout the month of December, we will collect a Mercy Offering to support Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, an organization that provides pro bono legal assistance to those who are most vulnerable and have fewest resources. You can give by selecting "December Mercy Offering - RILA" as the category on the Emmanuel App or at [www.emmanuelarlington.org/give](http://www.emmanuelarlington.org/give).

### Offering

We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (1408 N Fillmore St. #16, Arlington, VA 22201).

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