



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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REFLECTION

"The scope of God's redemption in Christ is as big
as the scope of God's creative work."

~Michael Williams

SEEN, KNOWN, LOVED

Where can I run from Your presence
Where can I hide from Your heart
Even through hardship and sorrow
Your goodness remains through it all

Chorus:

I am seen, known, loved by the Father
I'm heard, held, never forgotten
My hope, strength, light in the darkness
Now and forever, forever amen

Day after day You've been faithful
Night after night You've been near
Closer than I could imagine
You open my heart to believe

Bridge:

Heaven knows who I am
I am loved by the Father
And if the worlds in his hands
I've got nothing to fear

One day I'll see You in glory
And see what's been true all along
That all of my life You've sustained me
And now for eternity more

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ADVENT READING

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

Leader: We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare; the way for the LORD;

People: make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.

Leader: every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low;

People: And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together.

~Isaiah 40:3-5

MAKE A WAY

Come Son of God and make us new
Light of the world our hearts renew
Hope in our inner darkness lies
Oh healing sun of justice rise

Come promised since our Eden's end
Child of the woman come defend
Long have we felt the serpent's sting
Come strike his head and mercy bring

Chorus:

O make a way open wide the gates
O make a way through the sorrow and the pain
O make a way though the road is dark and winding
O come come

Come son of man to show the way
O through the tears may we see the day
So long did we in darkness dwell
Come down to break the chains of hell

Isaac Wardell | Kate Bluett | Paul

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 26: What else does Christ's death redeem?

Answer: Christ's death is the beginning of the redemption and renewal of every part of fallen creation, as he powerfully directs all things for his own glory and creation's good.

Question 27: Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?

Answer: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

SABBATH PRACTICE TESTIMONY

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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.

¹³So the Lord God asked the woman, "What have you done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴So the Lord God said to the serpent: Because you have done this, you are cursed more than any livestock and more than any wild animal. You will move on your belly and eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put hostility between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring. He will strike your head, and you will strike his heel. ¹⁶He said to the woman: I will intensify your labor pains; you will bear children with painful effort. Your desire will be for your husband, yet he will rule over you. ¹⁷And he said to the man, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'Do not eat from it': The ground is cursed because of you. You will eat from it by means of painful labor all the days of your life. ¹⁸It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹You will eat bread by the sweat of your brow until you return to the ground, since you were taken from it. For you are dust, and you will return to dust." ²⁰The man named his wife Eve because she was the mother of all the living. ²¹The Lord God made clothing from skins for the man and his wife, and he clothed them.

~Genesis 3:13-21 CSB

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.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?

REV. SCOTT SEATON

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.

JOY TO THE WORLD

Joy to the world the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare him room;
Heaven and nature sing
Let heaven and nature sing;
Let heaven and heaven and nature sing

Joy to the world the Savior reigns;
Let men their songs employ
While fields and floods rocks hills and plains;
Repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy;
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy

He rules the world with truth and grace;
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness;
The wonders of His love
The wonders of His love;
The wonders, wonders of His love

Brenton Brown | George Frideric Handel | Isaac Watts | Michael Rossback | Paul Baloche

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

God of mercy, You sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from You and turned aside from Your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves as pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored Your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

~Book of Common Worship

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.

So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

~Hebrews 9:28

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.

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come Thou Fount of ev'ry 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 God's redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer
Hither to Thy help I'm come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure
Safely to arrive at home

Jesus sought me when a stranger
Wand'ring from the fold of God
He to rescue me from danger
Interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee

Prone to wander Lord I feel it
Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart O take and seal it
Seal it for Thy courts above

IS HE WORTHY?

Do you feel the world is broken? *People: We do*
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *People: We do*
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through? *People: We do*
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *People: We do*

Is all creation groaning? *People: It is*
Is a new creation coming? *People: It is*
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? *People: It is*
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *People: It is*

Chorus

Together:

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is

Does the Father truly love us? *People: He does*
Does the Spirit move among us? *People: He does*
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves *People: He does*
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *People: He does*

Chorus

Together:

Is anyone worthy Is anyone whole
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy Is He worthy
Is He worthy of this? He is

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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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*In the event of an emergency, call 911. Rivendell School's address is:
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 Party - TODAY

Third through fifth graders are invited to Sparks Christmas Party after service from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for lunch and a super fun activity.

Youth Discipleship Groups - TODAY

Please join us after service from 12:30-2:00pm on the second floor, right next to the entrance to the gym for youth group (when you see the orange "youth" sign, you've come to the right place). All grades (6th-12th) are invited. Lunch will be provided. We will break off into four groups (Middle school guys/girls, High school guys/girls) with two mentors each for focused questions, discussion, and prayer and snacks.

Christmas Hymn Sing - THIS EVENING

Please join us for a time of singing Christmas hymns at Rivendell from 7pm-8pm on December. Family and friends are welcome to attend!

Apartment Life Crafts and Cookies with Santa - December 9

On December 9th, Apartment Life needs help with their Crafts and Cookies with Santa event! The event is from 11am-1pm and they need help with decorating, running the crafts, dressing up as Santa, and providing cookies. If you're able to help, please use the Sign Up Genius or [email Sarah](#).

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - December 10

The sexual integrity group (women only) will meet on December 10 after service for a time of sharing and prayer. The group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd) which is a block from the church. If you have any questions or would like to attend [please contact Wendy Cousler](#).

Annual Christmas Party and Chili Cook Off Competition - December 10

Join us for this year's Christmas Party at 5pm at Rivendell! We will have our annual chili cook-off competition for a prize, along with other activities! Please bring a side and [sign up](#) if you are able to volunteer to set-up for the party. [You can sign up for the chili cook-off here](#).

Christmas Eve Services and New Year's Eve Service

Please join us for the following services on December 24 and December 31:

December 24: 10:30am with regular childcare provided

December 24: 5pm with nursery only. Children are welcome to attend the service

December 31: 10:30am with nursery only. Children are welcome to attend the service

Treasurer Position for Office Condo Board

Emmanuel is looking for someone willing to handle Treasurer duties for its office condominium board. This paid position involves overseeing condo fee payments, preparing budget reports, paying vendors, etc. This position will require 6-8 hours/month and begins in mid-December 2023. If you are interested [please reach out to the Finance Team](#).

Rides for Marymount Students

Cru at Marymount is looking for volunteers to give students rides to Emmanuel on Sunday mornings. The campus is less than 5 minutes from Rivendell. If you're able to do so please [contact Matt Caspero](#).