



# 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, 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](https://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.*

### FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

#### *Chorus*

Hallelu, hallelujah

Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy

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May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

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You make all things new

You make all things new

In places we don't choose

You make all things new

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## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: "I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

**People: Incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

Leader: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

**People: Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings..."**

~Psalm 17:6-8

### NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD

What can wash away my sins?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

#### *Chorus*

Oh, precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Nothing can for sin atone

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Not of good that I have done

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my cleansing this my plea

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my hope and peace

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

This is all my righteousness

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Andy Cherry | Robert Lowry

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: <sup>4</sup>"Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, <sup>5</sup>asking, 'When will the New Moon be over so we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so we may market wheat? We can reduce the measure while increasing the price and cheat with dishonest scales. <sup>6</sup>We can buy the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and even sell the chaff!' <sup>7</sup>The Lord has sworn by the Pride of Jacob: I will never forget all their deeds."

**People and Leader: <sup>13</sup>"Look, the days are coming—this is the Lord's declaration—when the plowman will overtake the reaper and the one who treads grapes, the sower of seed. The mountains will drip with sweet wine, and all the hills will flow with it. <sup>14</sup>I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel., They will rebuild and occupy ruined cities, plant vineyards and drink their wine, make gardens and eat their produce."** (~Amos 8:4–7, 9:13–14)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING

Children are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschool & 4th-5th will head directly to their classroom upstairs. First time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

### 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.*

<sup>4</sup>"So all the elders of Israel gathered together and went to Samuel at Ramah. <sup>5</sup>They said to him, 'Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Therefore, appoint a king to judge us the same as all the other nations have.' <sup>6</sup>When they said, 'Give us a king to judge us,' Samuel considered their demand wrong, so he prayed to the Lord. <sup>7</sup>But the Lord told him, 'Listen to the people and everything they say to you. They have not rejected you; they have rejected me as their king. <sup>8</sup>They are doing the same thing to you that they have done to me, since the day I brought them out of Egypt until this day, abandoning me and worshiping other gods. <sup>9</sup>Listen to them, but solemnly warn them and tell them about the customary rights of the king who will reign over them.' <sup>10</sup>Samuel told all the Lord's words to the people who were asking him for a king. <sup>11</sup>He said, 'These are the rights of the king who will reign over you: He will take your sons and put them to his use in his chariots, on his horses, or running in front of his chariots. <sup>12</sup>He can appoint them for his use as commanders of thousands or commanders of fifties, to plow his ground and reap his harvest, or to make his weapons of war and the equipment for his chariots. <sup>13</sup>He can take your daughters to become perfumers, cooks, and bakers. <sup>14</sup>He can take your best fields, vineyards, and olive orchards and give them to his servants. <sup>15</sup>He can take a tenth of your grain and your vineyards and give them to his officials and servants. <sup>16</sup>He can take your male servants, your female servants, your best cattle, and your donkeys and use them for his work. <sup>17</sup>He can take a tenth of your flocks, and you yourselves can become his servants. <sup>18</sup>When that day comes, you will cry out because of the king you've chosen for yourselves, but the Lord won't answer you on that day.' <sup>19</sup>The people refused to listen to Samuel. 'No!' they said. 'We must have a king over us. <sup>20</sup>Then we'll be like all the other nations: our king will judge us, go out before us, and fight our battles.'" ~1 Samuel 8:4-20 CSB

## 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.*

## THE SONGS AND LIFE OF DAVID

REV. YOUNG LEE

## OFFERING

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

### GRANDE ERES DIOS (GREAT ARE YOU LORD)

Vida das y amor Traes luz a tinieblas  
Fuerza das restauras todo corazón roto  
Grande eres Dios

*You give life, You are love  
You bring light to the darkness  
You give hope, You restore ev'ry heart that is broken  
And great are You Lord*

### Estribillo

Es tu aliento en mi ser  
Por eso Alabaré alabaré  
Es tu aliento en mi ser  
Por eso Alabaré por siempre

### Chorus

*It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise  
We pour out our praise  
It's Your breath in our lungs  
So we pour out our praise to You only*

La tierra fuerte alabará  
y estos huesos cantarán  
Grande eres Dios

*And all the earth will shout Your praise  
Our hearts will cry these bones will sing  
Great are You Lord*

David Leonard | Jason Ingram | Leslie Jordan

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Lord of truth and mercy, we pray for you to take away our selfishness and give us your holiness; take away our indifference and give us your zeal; take away our thirst for recognition and make us thirst for righteousness.**

*~A prayer of the United Church of North India*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." ~Colossians 1:13-14**

## 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 available).*

## MAKE US ONE

One with the Father, one with the Spirit  
One with the Son of God  
One with our sister, one with our brother  
One fam'ly by the blood

### *Chorus*

Make us one make us one  
Your will be done make us one  
One heart with heaven, one mind connected  
One body unified  
Bind us together now and forever  
Jesus be glorified

We confess all our offenses  
We confess we've been afraid  
We repent of all our pride  
Let all the hurt be washed away  
For all the wars and violence against our enemy  
Come heal our land with Your great river  
Restore the family and

Make us one make us one  
Let Your kingdom come  
Make us one make us one

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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. ~Numbers 6:24-26

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Children's Ministry Teacher Training—Today**

The Children's Ministry invites all volunteers to join our annual training after church. We will share our vision for Sunday school and practical ways to help kids experience God's love in a safe and nurturing environment.

### **Alpha Groups Core Team Sign Up—Today**

As introduced on Vision Sunday, Emmanuel will start hosting Alpha Groups in the coming year. These dinners for our curious friends, neighbors, and coworkers will lovingly explore questions about Jesus and Christianity. Those interested in training to join the Alpha Group core team can sign up today on Church Center or in the church lobby.

### **October Fellowship Month Host Sign Up—Today**

October is Fellowship Month at Emmanuel. Please sign up on Church Center to host or lead a fellowship event! These events are a fun part of the life of our church each year. Sign up before September 24. Email Bonnie at [office@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:office@emmanuelarlington.org) with questions or for suggestions.

### **Men's Sexual Integrity Group—September 22**

The men's group will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact [mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org) for more information.

### **Congregational Lunch—September 28**

Stay after the service to enjoy eating lunch together at church. Meat will be provided; please bring a large side dish to share.

### **Kenya Interest Meeting—September 28**

For anyone interested in next year's Kenya trip (8/7-16), we will have tables set aside during the Congregational Lunch for you to sit with this year's team members to ask questions. High school students and adults are welcome to sign up to participate or learn more about the trip.

### **Partnership Offering—September 28**

Our September partnership offering will go to our partners Pastor Imbumi and Martha Makuku in Kenya. Consider giving to support them and their work next week during the closing song.

### **Public Reading of Mark—October 4**

Join us and participate in a reading of the Gospel of Mark in its entirety at the Bates home on Saturday, October 4th (4:00-6:00pm). Childcare is not provided, but school-age children are welcome to participate, and snacks and drinks will be provided! Sign up on Church Center to let us know you are coming!

### **Fall Singles Community Building Event—October 4**

Get excited for this fun singles event on October 4 from 4 to 7pm at Steph and Lenny Jiang's home in Arlington. Share some laughter over free dinner and s'mores. Register for the event on Church Center.

### **Take a Meal—The Parks**

Daniel and Micah Park recently welcomed their new daughter Shiloh! Consider supporting them by taking or sending a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/n9581o>

### **Apartment Life—Childcare Needed**

Grant and Sarah Wishard are looking for 1-2 volunteers for events in October, November, and December. Helping at events is a 2-hour commitment and they need help with childcare for every event and with setup/food service for some events. These are great opportunities for middle or high school students to serve as well! You can sign up on [Church Center](#) or email Sarah at [ballstonpark@apartmentlife.org](mailto:ballstonpark@apartmentlife.org)

### **Arlington Turkey Trot—Run or Volunteer**

Emmanuel's partner Arlington Bridge Builders now oversees the annual Turkey Trot 5k. Consider signing up now for your chance to participate in the race, or sign up to volunteer at the race on behalf of Emmanuel. Sign up on <https://arlingtonvaturkeytrot.org/>