



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

VISION SUNDAY
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REFLECTION

"I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else."
~C.S. Lewis

PRAISE TO THE LORD (JOYFUL JOYFUL)

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All you hear now to His temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord
Above all things so wondrously reigning
Sheltering you under his wings
And so gently sustaining
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
Sent by his gracious ordaining

Praise to the Lord
Who will prosper your work and defend you
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriends you

Chorus:
Joyful joyful we adore Thee
God of glory Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee
Op'ning to the Sun above

Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that has life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the Amen sound from His people again
Gladly forever adore Him

Adrian Disch | Shane Barnard

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Leader: Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

People: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns."

~Psalm 96:7-10b

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

Bridge:
Let us become more aware of Your Presence
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness (Lord)

NEW CITY CATECHISM:

Question 1: What is our only hope in life and death?

Answer: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Question 2: What is God?

Answer: God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice and truth. Nothing happen except through him and by his will.

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.

"The eleven disciples traveled to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but some doubted. Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.""

~Matthew 28:16-20, CSB

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, 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.

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REV. SCOTT SEATON AND YOUNG LEE

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.

JESUS I COME
Out of my bondage sorrow and night

Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom gladness and light
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of earths sorrows into Thy balm
Out of lifes storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to Thee

Greg Thompson | William True Sleeper

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Saturated us in your love, Lord God, and keep us as the apple of your eye. When we are tempted to fear, give us strength. When we are tempted to anxious thoughts, give us peace. When we are tempted to doubt, strengthen our faith.

~Canyon Road

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.

"Why are you troubled?" he asked them. "And why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself! Touch me and see...He also said to them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for forgiveness of sins will be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

~Luke 24: 36-39, 46-48

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.

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Joshua Moore | Sandra McCracken 7

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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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".

Congregational Meeting and Luncheon - TODAY

The service will be followed by a brief congregational meeting to present the budget and elect trustees, and a luncheon for everyone. Hope to see you then!

Birth Announcement

Mireille Olivo and Elliott Fox welcomed Gabriel Nicolas on August 17! To help with meals [please visit this link](#).

Birth Announcement

Christina and Mark Rawls welcomed Charles Thomas Rawls on August 29! To help with meals [please visit this link](#).

Small Group Registration

Starting today, you can sign up for one of our 16 small groups, which are intimate communities focused on spiritual growth. For the Fall, most groups will be studying Ecclesiastes using the book "Living Life Backward," while others will choose their own material. We also will be offering a new Community Group focused on strengthening our marriage and another group on developing as parents.

If you would like to sign up for any of these groups or need to switch groups, then [complete the registration form at this link](#). For any questions, [reach out to Young Lee](#).

Apartment Life Barbecue - September 30

Please join Apartment Life at Ballston Park Apartments for their BBQ from 6-7 pm! Volunteers are needed to help setup and serve food, as well as brining some side dishes. If interested, please [email Apartment Life](#). **Please meet at this address: 351 N Glebe Rd, Arlington, VA 22203**

Intro to Emmanuel - October 1

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar from 12:30pm-2:00pm. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. [Please RSVP to Karen Adjei](#).