



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"In our family's life, the first thing of importance must not be our earthly happiness, or even the supply of our daily needs, nor seeing to the child's education for a life of prosperity and usefulness, but rather the yielding of ourselves to God in order to be conveyors of His grace and blessing to our children."

~Andrew Murray

FATHER LONG BEFORE CREATION (SING HIS LOVE)

Father, long before creation
Thou hadst chosen us in love,
And that love so deep, so moving,
Draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,
Yet our God is e'er the same;
His compassion and His covenant
Through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children
Must forever praise His name.

Chorus:
And the world will sing His love,
Yes, the world will sing His love,
And we'll all join hands
every woman, every man
To sing His love,
To sing His love.

God's compassion is my story,
Is my boasting all the day;
Mercy free and never failing
Moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee
We will ever praise Thy love,
And our songs will sound unceasing
'Til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory
To our God and to the Lamb;
Francis P. Jones | Andrew Osenga

Brandon Lake | Chris Brown | Steven Furtick | Tiffany Hudson
CCLI Song #7138219

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: "I am the resurrection and the life."

People: "The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."

Leader: "Whoever lives by believing in me will never die."

People: "Do you believe this?"

~John 11:25-26

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge:
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson
CCLI Song #7117726

NEW TESTAMENT READING

¹³And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers. ¹⁴For you, brothers, became imitators of the churches of God in Christ Jesus that are in Judea. For you suffered the same things from your own countrymen as they did from the Jews, ¹⁵who killed both the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove us out, and displease God and oppose all mankind ¹⁶by hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles that they might be saved—so as always to fill up the measure of their sins. But wrath has come upon them at last!

¹⁷But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, ¹⁸because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. ¹⁹For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

~1 *Thessalonians 2:13-20*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING

DOXOLOGY

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.

¹Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the Lord your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, ²that you may fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. ³Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. ⁴Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. ⁸You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

~*Deuteronomy 6:1-9*

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

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.

THE GREATEST COMMAND

REV. 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.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Ada Ruth Habershon | Matthew Merker
CCLI Song #7016161

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

O source of every good and perfect gift, shed the cheering light of your abundant grace over our hearts. Spirit of love and gentleness, we humbly implore your assistance. We confess our faults, our failings, and the waywardness of our affections. We ask, that you change our affections, correct our wandering, and pardon our sins.

~Anselm

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.

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

~Psalm 32:5

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
CCLI Song #7041364

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 by the stage to pray for any concerns you have.

Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV).

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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. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Compassion Sunday - TODAY

April 24 is Compassion Sunday! Consider becoming a sponsor for a vulnerable child in need of emotional, physical, academic, and spiritual support. Today in the lobby, we have 8 child sponsorship packets available. If you would like more information, please look through the provided Compassion pamphlet.

English/Spanish Potluck - TODAY

English and Spanish Learners - join us for a potluck lunch on 4/24 after service in the Art Room for a chance to practice our language skills!

Sparks Meeting - TODAY

Emmanuel's third through fifth graders are invited to our monthly Sparks meeting from 12:30pm to 2:00pm where we will have lunch, play a game, and learn about Paul's Letters in the New Testament.

Sparks Girls Basketball Clinic - TODAY

Immediately after our Sparks meeting on April 24, third through fifth grade girls will get to participate in a basketball clinic from 2:00pm - 3:00pm.

Birth Announcement

Evan, Mollie and Amaris Johnson welcomed Noelle Virginia on April 16! To help with meals, [please visit this link](#).

Women's Prayer Breakfast - April 30

Ladies! Spring is a time for Soul Sister connection! Will you join us at Pam Dourado's home for a refreshing morning of prayer together? Save the date for April 30th from 9:30-11:30 - we will gather, have a bite, and practice praying together. Because..."When two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there." [Please sign up at this link](#).

Congregational Lunch - May 15

Emmanuel is invited to a congregational lunch at Rivendell immediately after worship service on May 15th! Indoor seating will be available, and we ask that everyone bring a side to share!

Intro to Emmanuel - May 15

Are you new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church? If so, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar at Rivendell 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](#).

Youth Mentor Opportunity

Emmanuel is looking for 1-2 youth mentors to be a part of the youth ministry. If you are interested in ministering to students at a crucial moment in their story, [please contact Stephen Bates](#).

Monday Night Prayer Meeting

Join us on Mondays from 7:30-8pm for our weekly prayer meetings! This week we will be praying for our partner SaveThem.

COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, in compliance with the CDC's and Arlington County's guidelines for COVID protocols, we recommend that you wear a mask during service.

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 (5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).

Parking at Rivendell

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park as well as the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.