



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"God has a people we little dream of and has chosen among the sort
whom we dare not hope for."
~Charles Spurgeon

GRAVES INTO GARDENS

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus:

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend
'Cause the God of the mountain
Is the God of the valley
And there's not a place
Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge:

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

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: The Lord is good,

People: A refuge in times of trouble.

Leader: He cares for those who trust in him

People: Praise the Lord!

~Nahum 1:7

STEADFAST

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus:

You are steadfast steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

Joshua Silverberg | Leslie Jordan | Sandra McCracken
CCLI Song #7068091

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 17: What is idolatry?

Answer: Idolatry is trusting in created things rather than the Creator for our hope and happiness, significance and security.

Question 18: Will God allow our disobedience and idolatry to go unpunished?

Answer: No, every sin is against the sovereignty, holiness, and goodness of God, and against his righteous law, and God is righteously angry with our sins and will punish them in his just judgment both in this life, and in the life to come.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please meet your teacher in the lobby.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

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.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God.

~1 Corinthians 1:26-29

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.

UNLIKELY HEROES

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.

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Your bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.

You, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God.... For there is no distinction: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

~Romans 3:11, 22-23

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.

For there is no distinction: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

~Romans 3:23-25

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.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend
CCLI Song #3350395

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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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".

Solitude (Practice)

Solitude can feel unnatural in our distracted and hurried world. When coupled with reflection, it can be a doorway to a deeper awareness of the presence of God, our own sorrow, and joy. We invite you to take thirty minutes this week for solitude and reflection. Leave your phone in another room. Don't listen to a podcast. Be still and pay attention. What comes to the surface? What doorways to intimacy with the living God present themselves?

Sparks Meeting - TODAY

Third through fifth graders are invited to a meeting from 12:30pm to 2:00pm for lunch, a lesson, and fun.

Youth Group - TODAY

Emmanuel's Youth Group will be meeting today after service. Lunch will be provided.

Women's Soul Care Luncheon - TODAY

On November 6 after service, all women are invited to a luncheon hosted by the Soul Care team! This year our focus is reading the Bible: hear and discuss what Jennifer Patterson has to say about why that is important! [Please RSVP here.](#)

Birth Announcement

Benton, Meg, and older sister Jodie York welcomed Ruth Phoebe Benton on October 10th! You can provide a meal for the family [at this link.](#)

Elder and Deacon Nominations

The nomination process is now open for deacons and elders through 11/30. You may nominate deacons [using this link](#), and elders [using this link](#). Please prayerfully consider who to nominate and [contact Scott Seaton](#) if you have any questions.

Intro to Emmanuel - November 13

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.](#)

Emmanuel Turkey Trot - November 25

Join us on Thanksgiving Day at the 2022 Arlington Turkey Trot to celebrate our Emmanuel community partners who are 2022 Special Beneficiaries: Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB), Project Belong, and Restoration Immigration Legal Aid (RILA). For more information to RSVP with Emmanuel as well as to officially register, [please visit this link.](#)

Deck the Halls of Emmanuel! - November 27

In preparation for the holiday season in December, Emmanuel will set aside time to decorate Rivendell after service! Food, music, and beverages will be provided for fellowship, and decorating supplies will also be provided. Get ready to show off your decorating skills! If interested in helping beautify the space, [please sign up here!](#)

November Mercy Offering - Restoration Immigration Legal Aid

We will collect a Mercy Offering for RILA on November 20 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

Coffee and Conversations

Join us for Coffee & Conversation on Fridays from 6:30-8pm at the Arlington Mill Community Center! This program enables our neighbors to practice their English and learn valuable life skills, with food provided. Please contact Judy Kauer or Kristine Leiphart if you have any questions, and [you can sign up here.](#)

COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, in compliance with the CDC's and Arlington County's guidelines for COVID protocols, masks are optional 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 Langston Boulevard, 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.