



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"That is the wonder of all wonders, that God loves the lowly. God is near to lowliness; he loves the lost, the neglected, the unseemly, the excluded, the weak and broken."

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer (God is in the Manger)

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 Zach
CCLI Song #7186094

THE LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE: CHRIST OUR HOPE

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: But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be the ruler in Israel, whose coming is from old, from ancient days.

People: Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel.

Leader: And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.

People: And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. And he shall be their peace..

~Micah 5:1-5a

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

~Isaiah 9:6

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL

O come, O come Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Chorus:

Rejoice, rejoice, Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel

O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirit's by thine advent here
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night
And death's dark shadows put to flight

O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
Thine own from Satan's tyranny
From depths of hell thy people save
And give them victory o'er the grave

Paul Smallman | Henry Sloane Coffin | Thomas Helmore | John Mason Neale

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 25: Does Christ's death mean all our sins can be forgiven?

Answer: Yes, because Christ's death on the cross fully paid the penalty for our sin, God graciously imputes Christ's righteousness to us as if it were our own and will remember our sins no more.

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.

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.

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.

And Joshua the son of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as spies, saying, "Go, view the land, especially Jericho." And they went and came into the house of a prostitute whose name was Rahab and lodged there. ²And it was told to the king of Jericho, "Behold, men of Israel have come here tonight to search out the land." ³Then the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, "Bring out the men who have come to you, who entered your house, for they have come to search out all the land." ⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. And she said, "True, the men came to me, but I did not know where they were from. ⁵And when the gate was about to be closed at dark, the men went out. I do not know where the men went. Pursue them quickly, for you will overtake them." ⁶But she had brought them up to the roof and hid them with the stalks of flax that she had laid in order on the roof. ⁷So the men pursued after them on the way to the Jordan as far as the fords. And the gate was shut as soon as the pursuers had gone out. ⁸Before the men lay down, she came up to them on the roof ⁹and said to the men, "I know that the Lord has given you the land, and that the fear of you has fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon and Og, whom you devoted to destruction. ¹¹And as soon as we heard it, our hearts melted, and there was no spirit left in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. ¹²Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that, as I have dealt kindly with you, you also will deal kindly with my father's house, and give me a sure sign ¹³that you will save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and deliver our lives from death." ¹⁴And the men said to her, "Our life for yours even to death! If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the Lord gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." ¹⁵Then she let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall, so that she lived in the wall.

~Joshua 2:1-15

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.

THE MOTHERS OF JESUS: RAHAB

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.

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Si abatido y dolido estás
Y cansado del peso cargar
Cristo nos llama
Si al final del camino
estás Sin saber a hacia donde mirar
Cristo nos llama

*Are you hurting and broken within
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin
Jesus is calling
Have you come to the end of yourself
Do you thirst for a drink from the well
Jesus is calling*

Chorus:
Ven ante Su trono
El Padre te recibirá
Con sangre preciosa
Jesús borró nuestra maldad

*O come to the altar
The Father's arms are open wide
Forgiveness was bought with
The precious blood of Jesus Christ*

Deja atrás tu vergüenza y pesar
Ven a Él, ya no esperes más
Cristo nos llama
Trae a toda tristeza al altar
Nueva vida Jesús te dará
Cristo nos llama

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes
Come today there's no reason to wait
Jesus is calling
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy
From the ashes a new life is born
Jesus is calling

Bridge:
Oh, cuán hermoso Es nuestro Salvador
Canta aleluya, Cristo vive
Nadie es más grande Sólo Él es Señor
Canta aleluya, Cristo vive

Oh what a Savior
Isn't he wonderful
Sing alleluia Christ is risen
Bow down before him
For he is Lord of all
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

Chris Brown | Mack Brock | Steven Furtick | Wade Joye
CCLI Song #7051511

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Eternal God, you are truth. We have been deceived, misguided by lies, and disoriented by darkness. In our error, correct us. In our repentance, forgive us. In our ignorance, illuminate us. Jesus your name is above every name. We worship you.

~Canyon Road: A Book of Prayer

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.

I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

~Psalm 40:1

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.

REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus:

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery

Jennie Lee Riddle
CCLI Song #4447960

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, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Christmas Partner Drive

For the next two weeks, stop by the Giving Tree in the lobby to purchase Christmas gifts for our neighbors in need this holiday season! Donations collected will go to Arlington Bridge Builders, Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, and Project Belong.

Sparks Meeting - TODAY

Third through fifth graders are invited to our December Sparks meeting on December 4, from 12:30-2:00pm. We will have lunch, a lesson, and lots of fun!

Youth Group - TODAY

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

Christmas Party - December 11

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 sign up at this link](#) if you are able to volunteer to set-up for the party.

Christmas Caroling and Cookie Exchange - December 18

In the spirit of the holiday season, please sign up to bring cookies to share with Emmanuel and to accompany caroling! You can [sign up here](#).

Christmas Eve Service - December 24

Please join us at 5pm at Rivendell! Children are welcome to attend the service (no childcare).

Christmas Day Service - December 25

Please join us at 9:30am at Rivendell! Children are welcome to attend the service (no childcare or Sunday school).

December Mercy Offering - Project Belong

We will collect a Mercy Offering for Project Belong on December 18 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

Kenya Missions Trip - August 2023

Emmanuel is planning a missions trip from August 12-19 to serve alongside Imbumi and Martha Makuku, our partners in Nairobi. The project is open to adults and teenagers. Look for more information in January, but if you're interested, [please contact Scott Seaton](#).

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.