



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
FEBRUARY 4, 2024

REFLECTION

You went back to what you knew
So far removed
From all that we went through
And I tread a troubled track
My odds are stacked
I'll go back to black
~Amy Winehouse, Back to Black

HEAL US

Chorus:

Heal us Emmanuel here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble we confess
We faintly trust Thy word
But will You pity us the less
Be that far from You Lord

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
Lord I believe with tears he cried
O help my unbelief

She too who touched You in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered Daughter go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole

Like her with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away

Kevin Twit | Lucas S. Morton | William Cowper
CCLI #7079488

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

***People:* Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

***People:* Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

~Psalm 95

SEEN, KNOWN, LOVED

Where can I run from Your presence
Where can I hide from Your heart
Even through hardship and sorrow
Your goodness remains through it all

Chorus:

I am seen, known, loved by the Father
I'm heard, held, never forgotten
My hope, strength, light in the darkness
Now and forever, forever amen

Day after day You've been faithful
Night after night You've been near
Closer than I could imagine
You open my heart to believe

Bridge:

Heaven knows who I am
I am loved by the Father
And if the worlds in his hands I've got nothing to fear

One day I'll see You in glory
And see what's been true all along
That all of my life You've sustained me
And now for eternity more

Pat Barrett
CCLI Song #7226138

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 45: Is baptism with water the washing away of sin itself?

Answer: No, only the blood of Christ and the renewal of the Holy Spirit can cleanse us from sin.

Question 46: What is the Lord's Supper?

Answer: Christ commanded all Christians to eat bread and to drink from the cup in thankful remembrance of him and his death. The Lord's Supper is a celebration of the presence of God in our midst; bringing us into communion with God and with one another; feeding and nourishing our souls. It also anticipates the day when we will eat and drink with Christ in his Father's kingdom.

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 today 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.

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo. Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

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.

¹Abram's wife, Sarai, had not borne any children for him, but she owned an Egyptian slave named Hagar. ²Sarai said to Abram, "Since the Lord has prevented me from bearing children, go to my slave; perhaps through her I can build a family." And Abram agreed to what Sarai said. ³So Abram's wife, Sarai, took Hagar, her Egyptian slave, and gave her to her husband, Abram, as a wife for him. This happened after Abram had lived in the land of Canaan ten years. ⁴He slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. When she saw that she was pregnant, her mistress became contemptible to her. ⁵Then Sarai said to Abram, "You are responsible for my suffering! I put my slave in your arms, and when she saw that she was pregnant, I became contemptible to her. May the Lord judge between me and you." ⁶Abram replied to Sarai, "Here, your slave is in your power; do whatever you want with her." Then Sarai mistreated her so much that she ran away from her. ⁷The angel of the Lord found her by a spring in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. ⁸He said, "Hagar, slave of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She replied, "I'm running away from my mistress Sarai."

~Genesis 16:1-8, CSB

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.

WHERE HAVE YOU COME FROM AND WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

REV. SCOTT SEATON

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.

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness
Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord unto me

Great is Thy faithfulness
O God my Father
There is no shadow
Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been
Thou forever wilt be

Summer and winter
And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars
In their courses above
Join with all nature
In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness
Mercy and love

Pardon for sin
And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence
To cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine
With ten thousand beside

Thomas Obediah Chisholm
CCLI Song #5196100

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

~One of the oldest liturgical prayers of the Church, based on the words of John the Baptizer in John 1:29

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.

Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

~1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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.

ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS (PROMISED LAND)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

Chorus:

I am bound
(I am bound)
I am bound
(I am bound)
I am bound

For the promised land

No chilling winds
Nor pois'nous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Sickness and sorrow
Pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

When shall I reach
That happy place
And be forever blest
When shall I see
My Father's face
And in His bosom rest

Samuel Stennett

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".

Artificial Intelligence Luncheon - TODAY

The increasing use of artificial intelligence technology offers tremendous benefits to society, but also raises many questions—including, "what does it mean to be human?" Join us, and invite a friend, for a luncheon presentation entitled "Imago AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Image of God" after the service. The presentation will feature Chris Sibben, Headmaster of Rivendell School, who has studied and taught on this topic. Childcare and lunch will be provided.

Youth Discipleship Groups - TODAY

Please join us after service from 12:30-2:00pm on the second floor, right next to the entrance to the gym for youth group (when you see the orange "youth" sign, you've come to the right place). All grades (6th-12th) are invited. Lunch will be provided. We will break off into four groups (Middle school guys/girls, High school guys/girls) with two mentors each for focused questions, discussion, and prayer and snacks.

Sparks Meeting - TODAY

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

Coffee and Conversations - Starts February 9

Join us for Coffee & Conversation starting on Friday, February 9 from 7-8:30 pm for 10 weeks at the Greenbrier Coracle location, 5401 7th Rd. S (3rd floor). This program enables our neighbors to practice their English and learn valuable life skills, with food provided. In addition, a Citizenship Class is also being offered from 6 to 7pm. Please contact Judy Kauer if you have any questions. Sign up to volunteer for just one night or several [using this link](#).

Super Bowl Sunday - February 11

Emmanuel is invited to watch the Super Bowl at Rivendell starting at 6:30pm! Chips and dip will be served, but please bring your own drinks and appetizers to share.

Lunar New Year Karaoke Party - February 18

Emmanuel will be hosting a Lunar New Year Karaoke Party at Rivendell on Sunday, February 18, from 2:00pm-4:00pm. [Please RSVP if you plan to attend](#), and sign up to bring some fun snacks or drinks. We hope that many families and Emmanuel attendees will join us, and if you already know what you would like to sing, [please reach out to Mel Chang](#).

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid Clinic - February 21

Emmanuel will be hosting the meal at Restoration Immigration Legal Aid's clinic on Wednesday, 2/21. If you can provide a dish, [sign up here](#).

Intro to Emmanuel - February 25

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. Handbooks are available in both English and Spanish. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. [Please RSVP to Karen Adjei](#).

Get to Know CRU-Marymount Ministry at Emmanuel - February 25

Come join us on February 25 after Sunday Service to learn about the Campus Crusade (CRU) College Ministry at Marymount University and meet some of the students. You can learn about the ministry that may involve praying for the students, providing cookies with during exam week, volunteering in a service project, and supporting their sports team. If you have ideas or questions, please contact [Matt Caspero](#) or [Kristine Leiphart](#).