



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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### REFLECTION

“Finding our true identity as a Christian is not about turning to what is inside of us – what we think about ourselves or what others think about us. It is about God recreating us and bestowing upon us amazing promises from His Word when we trust Christ by faith. Therefore it is about ignoring our feelings and the opinion of the world and accepting what God has to say about us. This is about what God does to us. This is about how He now defines us. And since He is God, there is no greater verdict when it comes to our true reality.”

*~Randy Smith*

FATHER LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

*Chorus:*

Hallelu, hallelujah

Father let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy  
May the works of my hands bring You joy  
May the works of my hands bring You joy  
May the works of my hands bring You joy

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace  
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*Bridge:*

You make all things new

You make all things new

In places we don't choose

You make all things new

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**ADVENT READING**

*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*

COME THOU LONG EXPECTED JESUS

Come Thou long expected Jesus  
Born to set Thy people free  
From our fears and sins release us  
Let us find our rest in Thee  
Israel's strength and consolation  
Hope of all the earth Thou art  
Dear desire of every nation  
Joy of every longing heart

Joy to those who long to see thee  
Day-spring from on high appear  
Come thou promised Rod of Jesse  
Of Thy birth we long to hear  
O'er the hills the angels singing  
News, glad tidings of a birth  
Go to him your praises bringing  
Christ the Lord has come to earth

Come to earth to taste our sadness  
He whose glories knew no end  
By his life he brings us gladness  
Our Redeemer Shepherd Friend  
Leaving riches without number  
Born within a cattle stall  
This the everlasting wonder  
Christ was born Lord of all

Born Thy people to deliver  
Born a child and yet a King  
Born to reign in us forever  
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring  
By Thine own eternal spirit  
Rule in all our hearts alone  
By Thine all sufficient merit  
Raise us to Thy glorious throne

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

*Question 29: How can we be saved?*

**Answer: Only by faith in Jesus Christ and in his substitutionary atoning death on the cross; so even though we are guilty of having disobeyed God and are still inclined to all evil, nevertheless, God, without any merit of our own but only by pure grace, imputes to us the perfect righteousness of Christ when we repent and believe in him.**

*Question 30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

**Answer: Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.**

## BAPTISM

Helen Coe Anderson

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Gloria, al Padre, al Hijo, y al Espíritu; como en el principio, ahora es y será, mundo sin fin. Amén*

## 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.*

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered." <sup>31</sup>The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

*~Genesis 32:22-31*

## 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.*

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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.*

## THOU WHO WAST RICH BEYOND ALL SPLENDOUR

Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour  
All for love's sake becam - est poor  
Thrones for a manger didst surrender  
Sapphire-paved courts for stable floor  
Thou who wast rich beyond all splendour  
All for love's sake becam - est poor

Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love's sake becam-est man  
Stooping so low but sinners raising  
Heavenwards by Thine eternal plan  
Thou who art God beyond all praising  
All for love's sake becam-est man

Thou who art love beyond all telling  
Saviour and King we worship Thee  
Emmanuel, within us dwelling  
Make us what Thou wouldst have us be  
Thou who art love beyond all telling  
Saviour and King we worship Thee

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## 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.

## 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.*

"The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing."

~Zephaniah 3:17

## 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.*

GO TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

*Chorus:*

Go tell it on the mountain  
Over the hills and everywhere  
Go tell it on the mountain  
That Jesus Christ is born

While shepherds kept their watching  
O'er silent flocks by night  
Behold throughout the heavens  
There shone a holy light

The shepherds feared and trembled  
When lo above the earth  
Rang out the angel chorus  
That hailed the Savior's birth

Down in a lowly manger  
The humble Christ was born  
And God sent us salvation  
That blessed Christmas morn

John W. Work Jr.

**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! 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".

### **Christmas Partner Drive - TODAY**

Stop by the Giving Tree in the lobby to donate to our neighbors in need this holiday season! Donations collected will go to Arlington Bridge Builders, Restoration Immigration Legal Aid, Project Belong, Assist Pregnancy Center, and Casa Chirilauga.

### **Women's Sexual Integrity Group - TODAY**

The sexual integrity group (women only) will meet on December 10 after service for a time of sharing and prayer. The group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd) which is a block from the church. If you have any questions or would like to attend [please contact Wendy Cousler](#).

### **Annual Christmas Party and Chili Cook Off Competition - TODAY**

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 bring a side.

### **Christmas Eve Services and New Year's Eve Service**

Please join us for the following services on December 24 and December 31:

December 24: 10:30am with regular childcare provided

December 24: 5pm with nursery only. Children are welcome to attend the service

December 31: 10:30am with nursery only. Children are welcome to attend the service

### **Office Administrator Position for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church**

Emmanuel is accepting applications for the full-time staff position of Office Administrator. This position is eligible for full employee benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in applying to the position, please [contact Scott Seaton](#) for more details.