



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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The word Emmanuel means *God With Us*, the extraordinary promise that there is no person, place or context beyond the presence of God. “Emmanuel” also has the same meaning and pronunciation in virtually every language on earth—a beautiful indication that the gospel is for all of us, equally. Regardless of who we are, where we come from, or what we’ve done, we are all freely invited to experience the nearness of God in our life and worship.

### WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to Emmanuel, we’d like to stay in touch!

Fill out our Keeping Connected form to let us know you visited and to receive information about our church. You can use the QR code below, use this link ([bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected](https://bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected)), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby.

We are so happy that you visited!



## ORDINARY TIME

*During Ordinary Time, we are shaped by the story of God's faithfulness in every ordinary and extraordinary moment of our lives.*

### GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky  
The heavens are Your tabernacle, glory to the Lord on high

#### *Chorus*

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy  
Lord of heaven and earth, Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light  
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) (3x)  
You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy, You are holy, holy  
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me, Father hold me, hold me  
The universe declares Your majesty, You are holy, holy, holy, holy

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## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath

**People: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High**

Leader: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night

**People: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**  
~Psalm 92:1-4

### GREAT IS OUR GOD

Come let us praise Him  
Let us kneel at the throne of our God  
Through His Son  
Our salvation was bought with mercy and grace  
Come let us bow down  
In His hands are the depths of the earth  
With one voice  
We proclaim His great worth Lord our God

#### *Chorus*

And we will seek Him, our Rock of Salvation  
Morning by morning with thanksgiving we come  
And we will bow down with creation we cry out  
In daylight and darkness we sing to the Lord

Great is our God  
Great is our God  
Great is our God

Lord of all nations  
We will stand at the end of our days  
In Your courts and declare Your great ways  
In Spirit and Truth  
We long for Your Kingdom  
Bring Your thunder and gather the earth  
All who tremble will tell of Your worth, Lord our God

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### OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: <sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army for the king of Aram, was a man important to his master and highly regarded because through him, the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man was a valiant warrior, but he had a skin disease. <sup>2</sup>Aram had gone on raids and brought back from the land of Israel a young girl who served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, 'If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria, he would cure him of his skin disease'... <sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and asked, 'Am I God, killing and giving life, that this man expects me to cure a man of his skin disease? Recognize that he is only picking a fight with me.' <sup>8</sup>When Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king: 'Why have you torn your clothes? Have him come to me, and he will know there is a prophet in Israel.' <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and stood at the door of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Then Elisha sent him a messenger, who said, 'Go wash seven times in the Jordan and your skin will be restored and you will be clean.' <sup>11</sup> But Naaman got angry and left, saying, 'I was telling myself: He will surely come out, stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the skin disease. <sup>12</sup>Aren't Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be clean?' So he turned and left in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, 'My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more should you do it when he only tells you, 'Wash and be clean'?"

**People:** <sup>14</sup>So Naaman went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, according to the command of the man of God. Then his skin was restored and became like the skin of a small boy, and he was clean. <sup>15</sup>Then Naaman and his whole company went back to the man of God, stood before him, and declared, 'I know there's no God in the whole world except in Israel. Therefore, please accept a gift from your servant.' (2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### BAPTISMS

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Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so  
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschool and 4th-5th graders will head directly to their classroom upstairs. First-time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

### 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>1</sup>"The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long are you going to mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem because I have selected for myself a king from his sons.' <sup>2</sup>Samuel asked, 'How can I go? Saul will hear about it and kill me!' The Lord answered, 'Take a young cow with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' <sup>3</sup>Then invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let you know what you are to do. You are to anoint for me the one I indicate to you.' <sup>4</sup> Samuel did what the Lord directed and went to Bethlehem. When the elders of the town met him, they trembled and asked, 'Do you come in peace?' <sup>5</sup>'In peace,' he replied. 'I've come to sacrifice to the Lord. Consecrate yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' Then he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. <sup>6</sup>When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and said, 'Certainly the Lord's anointed one is here before him.' <sup>7</sup>But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or his stature because I have rejected him. Humans do not see what the Lord sees, for humans see what is visible, but the Lord sees the heart.' <sup>8</sup>Jesse called Abinadab and presented him to Samuel. 'The Lord hasn't chosen this one either,' Samuel said. <sup>9</sup>Then Jesse presented Shammah, but Samuel said, 'The Lord hasn't chosen this one either.' <sup>10</sup>After Jesse presented seven of his sons to him, Samuel told Jesse, 'The Lord hasn't chosen any of these.' <sup>11</sup>Samuel asked him, 'Are these all the sons you have?' 'There is still the youngest,' he answered, 'but right now he's tending the sheep.' Samuel told Jesse, 'Send for him. We won't sit down to eat until he gets here.' <sup>12</sup>So Jesse sent for him. He had beautiful eyes and a healthy, handsome appearance. Then the Lord said, 'Anoint him, for he is the one.' <sup>13</sup>So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully on David from that day forward. Then Samuel set out and went to Ramah.'" (~1 Samuel 16:1-13)

## 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

*Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-justification.*

LISTENING AND SPEAKING

REV. STEPHEN BATES

## OFFERING

*Offering is a grateful acknowledgement of trust and worship of our God who owns everything and withholds nothing.*

### THE HEART OF WORSHIP

When the music fades all is stripped away  
And I simply come  
Longing just to bring something that's of worth  
That will bless Your heart

I'll bring You more than a song  
For a song in itself is not what You have required  
You search much deeper within  
Through the way things appear  
You're looking into my heart

### Chorus

I'm coming back to the heart of worship  
And it's all about You all about You Jesus  
I'm sorry Lord for the thing I've made it  
When it's all about You all about You Jesus

King of endless worth no one could express  
How much You deserve  
Though I'm weak and poor all I have is Yours  
Ev'ry single breath

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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.*

**Lord, you taught us: "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." We confess that we have failed to rightly mourn the brokenness in our lives and in our world. We have chosen to distract ourselves instead of weeping with those who weep. Restore to us a holy sadness and give us comfort only you bring. Amen.**

*(Based on Matthew 5:4)*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*We are forgiven in Christ and our assurance is based on God's promises.*

<sup>1</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort. <sup>4</sup>He comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any kind of affliction, through the comfort we ourselves receive from God....<sup>9</sup>We will not trust in ourselves but in God who raises the dead." (2 Corinthians 1:3-4, 9)

## COMMUNION

*The Lord's table is open to all who have faith in Jesus and have joined themselves to the visible body of Christ. (Gluten free wafers are available.)*

### ALL THE POOR AND POWERLESS

All the poor and powerless  
And all the lost and lonely  
And all the thieves will come confess  
And know that You are holy  
And know that You are holy

#### *Chorus*

And all will sing out hallelujah  
And we will cry out hallelujah

All the hearts who are content  
And all who feel unworthy  
And all who hurt with nothin' left  
Will know that You are holy

Shout it  
Go on and scream it from the mountains  
Go on and tell it to the masses  
That He is God

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### YOUR LOVE IS ALIVE

The whole earth is filled, the whole earth is filled  
Filled with Your glory, filled with Your glory

My whole life is filled, my whole life is filled  
Filled with Your glory, filled with Your glory

#### *Chorus*

Your love is alive  
Your love is alive  
Your love is beating inside of  
My heart and my soul and my mind  
Your love is alive  
Your love is alive  
Your love is leading me into  
The Way and the Truth and the Life

When blinded by darkness or lost out at sea  
Even in death You're always with me  
When I am fearful I won't be afraid  
O Spirit, remind me Your presence remains

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## BENEDICTION

*Benediction means "good word" and is a pronouncement of grace and blessing.*

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.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group - Today**

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to Youth Group for games & discussion. Come up to the Art Room for lunch right after service.

**Men's Sexual Integrity Group - October 13**

The men's group will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact [mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org) for more information.

**Youth Group High School Pumpkin Carving - October 17**

High school students are invited to a pumpkin carving hangout at the Jiangs' house. Join for fun, snacks & bonfire. Please sign up so we can get a headcount — <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3150569>

**Sparks Pumpkin Decorating and Movie - October 17**

Third through fifth graders, come decorate pumpkins and watch *Coco* from 6-8 PM at the Stones' house. Fall snacks and apple cider will be served. RSVP on Church Center.- <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3194754>

**Emmanuel Officer Installation - October 19**

During the worship service, we will install two new elders, Lonni Jackson and Jeff Lindeman. Stay after service for cake to celebrate and get to know our new leaders.

**Project Belong- Social Worker Appreciation Lunch - October 22**

Say thank you to Arlington County social workers by helping with this lunch, sponsored by Emmanuel through our partner organization Project Belong. Contact Marianna Stone at [mstone@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mstone@emmanuelarlington.org) for more information.

**RILA Immigration Policy Seminar - October 23**

RILA is hosting a webinar at 8 PM to give an update on how immigration policies are impacting immigrants in our area and how churches can care for our neighbors. RSVP to [johanna@restorationimmigration.org](mailto:johanna@restorationimmigration.org) for the Zoom link.

**Assist Fundraising Dinner - October 24**

Assist Pregnancy Center's annual vision dinner provides an opportunity to learn more about their life-affirming medical, counseling, and educational services which are provided at no-cost to families in our community. If interested, please contact Pete Kauer ([pjkauer7@gmail.com](mailto:pjkauer7@gmail.com)) for additional information, and register by Sunday, October 19.

**Parenting Seminar - October 26**

We are excited for our Fall Parenting Seminar from 12:30PM to 2:00PM. Our speaker, Jessica Wright, will be leading a discussion on how to steward our resources, specifically our time, as families. Lunch and childcare will be provided. This seminar takes place at the same time as our Sparks meeting and youth meeting, so we hope parents of older children will stay after service along with their children. Please register on Church Center so we can make sure to have enough food and caregivers: <https://emmanuelarlington.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3123096>

**October Fellowship Month Events**

October is Fellowship Month at Emmanuel. These events are a fun part of the life of our church each year. Sign up with QR codes or email the church office.

Fall Potluck - October 12  
Running Club - October 13  
Poetry Reading - October 16  
Pickling - October 17  
Favorite Foods Potluck - October 18  
Tour de Mount Vernon bike ride - October 18  
Ethiopian Coffee Tasting - October 19  
A "Spudtacular Evening" - October 24  
Star Wars Themed Dinner and Discussion - October 25  
Swing Dancing - October 25  
GWU/VCU Women's Volleyball Match - November 1

**Arlington Turkey Trot - Run or Volunteer**

Emmanuel's partner Arlington Bridge Builders now oversees the annual Turkey Trot 5k on Thanksgiving morning to benefit local charities. Consider signing up now for your chance to participate in the race, or sign up to volunteer at the race on behalf of Emmanuel.