



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"A mature faith adds its tears to the sadness in our world. Jesus says 'Blessed are those who mourn,' all the while not losing confidence in how that sadness will eventually be overcome."

~Chad Scruggs, Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church, in a recent sermon

BUILD MY LIFE

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus:

Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me

Bridge:

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

Ben Cooper | Isaac Wardell | Latifah Alattas | Liz Vice Music LLC
| Madison Cunningham | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach
CCLI Song #7070345

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: May the name of God be praised forever and ever, for wisdom and power belong to him.

People: for wisdom and power belong to him.

Leader: His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

People: and his dominion endures from generation to generation.

~Daniel 2:20, 4:3

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Re-deem -er, King
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring

You are the King of Israel, O, Da - vid's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest, the King and Blessed one.

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high
And mortal men and all things
Created make reply

The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present

To Thee before Thy passion
They sang their hymns of praise
To Thee now high exalted
Our melody we raise

All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Re-deem -er, King
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring

SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter.

People: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

Leader: the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

People: Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you..

Leader: The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

People: You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

~Psalm 118:19-29

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.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

~Romans 5:1-11

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.

WHAT'S GOOD ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY?

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.

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

LAMENT

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

O Spirit who enters out every grief, intercede now for this hurting people in this broken land. Be merciful to those now wounded. Be present with those now bereaved. Arrest the hearts and stay the hands of any who even now might be plotting further evil and violence against others, O Christ. Turn their hearts to you. You alone have compassion enough to enter our widespread grief and turn it to hope. Be merciful, O Christ!

~Every Moment Holy

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.

¹⁴"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me—¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.

~John 10:14-15

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.

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

Joshua Moore | Sandra McCracken
CCLI Song #7041364

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".

Books of the Bible Class - TODAY - Exodus Part 2 - 2nd Floor Art Room

Using The Bible Project, we will provide an overview of each book of the Bible and how they fit in the Gospel narrative. These 45 minute classes, starting at 12:15pm, will meet every other Sunday. Childcare and lunch will not be provided.

Nursing Room

The conference room, located on the second floor, will be used as a nursing room for mothers during service on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions, please talk to Angela Na.

Birth Announcement

John Mark and Ella Filcik welcomed Milan Herbert on March 24! Please sign up to bring them a meal using the link in the Friday email.

Help Needed for Project Belong's Care Community

Emmanuel has been supporting a family in the middle of their adoption journey with their 8 year old daughter. We need a few more volunteers who would be willing to do yard/house and cleaning tasks, small house repairs, hang out with a delightful 8 year old, and build a relationship with an Arlington family. If you're interested in volunteering, [contact Jessica Niemeyer](#), and plan on joining us for a lunch on Sunday, April 2. Please RSVP to [Chris Seaton](#) by Friday, March 31.

Brunch and Easter Egg Hunt with Apartment Life, Ages 0-13 - April 8

Emmanuel's Easter Egg Hunt will be at the Ballston Park Apartments in partnership with Apartment Life Ministries. It will be at 11am and brunch will be served. There are many opportunities to serve, including bringing food, hiding eggs, and manning activity stations. Please volunteer using the link in the Friday email.

Recruiting for Call to Worship during Easter Services

We will start Easter service with a call to worship in languages spoken at Emmanuel as a way to remember that Christ rose for all peoples. If you can converse or just "get by" in a language and are willing to read a short verse we'll supply you with, please [email Karen](#) with the language(s) you can speak.

In Memoriam Tribute for Easter Service

During both Easter services, we will have lilies displayed on the stage in honor of loved ones, in memoriam, along with names and an optional message printed in the bulletin. If you would like to have a loved one's name and optional message as part of the tribute, [please email Karen Adjei](#).

Good Friday and Easter Sunday Services

We're excited to host a Good Friday and two Easter services this year at Rivendell! Please consider inviting a friend or family member to one of the following services:

Good Friday Service: Friday, April 7 @ 7-8pm

Easter Sunday, April 9

First Service @ 8:30am (nursery provided)

Second Service @ 10:30am (nursery and Sunday school provided)

Theological Foundations - Begins April 16

You're invited to join Scott Seaton for our Theological Foundations course, using John Frame's *Salvation Belongs To The Lord*. Classes will meet every two weeks. If you are interested in joining, [please email Karen](#) to RSVP.

April Mercy Offering - Assist Pregnancy Center

We will collect an offering for Assist Pregnancy Center on April 30 during the closing song. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

Coffee and Conversations

Join us to teach conversational English in a relaxing setting at the Arlington Mill Community Center on Fridays from 6:30-8:00pm on March 3 to May 12. Students are from Central/Latin America, Africa and Asia. Use the Friday email link to sign up.