



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.

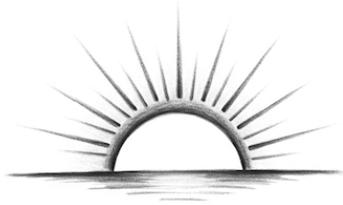
WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Use the QR code to fill out our Keeping Connected form (physical forms are available in the lobby) to receive information about our church. You can also use Church Center for general purposes such as registering for events.



Church Center



EPIPHANY

Epiphany celebrates Jesus, the light of the world, in his ministry on earth.

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Leader: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

People: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

~Psalm 105:1-4

HEAR MY CRY

Hear my cry, O Lord, at the gates of death;
My body is weak and I've lost all my breath.
For You, O Lord, are the Righteous Judge
Be my stronghold, my refuge, my solid rock, Hear my cry!

Hear my cry, O Lord, when I'm lost in sin
Search deep in my heart and restore me within
For You, O Lord, are the Worthy Lamb
Be my savior, redeemer, my living word, Hear my cry!

Chorus

Oh, I love you Lord
For you have heard my voice
When in my deepest need,
You turn to me, And hear my cry.

Hear my cry, O Lord, make your church a light
A city that stands to defend what is right
For You, O Lord, are the Glorious King
Be my shepherd, my master, my morning star Hear my cry!

Hear my cry, O Lord, when we face discord
Send patience until fellowship is restored
For You, O Lord, are the Faithful Friend
Be my comfort, my healer, my Prince of Peace Hear my cry!

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, 'Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I told you about: 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me, because he existed before me.' I didn't know him, but I came baptizing with water so that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and he rested on him. I didn't know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The one you see the Spirit descending and resting on—he is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day, John was standing with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, 'Look, the Lamb of God!'"

People: "The two disciples heard him say this and followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and noticed them following him, he asked them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which means 'Teacher'), 'where are you staying?' 'Come and you'll see,' he replied. So they went and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard John and followed him. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, 'We have found the Messiah,' (which is translated 'the Christ'), and he brought Simon to Jesus. When Jesus saw him, he said, 'You are Simon, son of John. You will be called Cephas' (which is translated 'Peter')."

~John 1:29-42

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschoolers 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.

"¹⁰David fled that day from Saul's presence and went to King Achish of Gath. ¹¹But Achish's servants said to him, 'Isn't this David, the king of the land? Don't they sing about him during their dances: Saul has killed his thousands, but David his tens of thousands?' ¹²David took this to heart and became very afraid of King Achish of Gath, ¹³so he pretended to be insane in their presence. He acted like a madman around them, scribbling on the doors of the city gate and letting saliva run down his beard. ¹⁴'Look! You can see the man is crazy,' Achish said to his servants. 'Why did you bring him to me? ¹⁵Do I have such a shortage of crazy people that you brought this one to act crazy around me? Is this one going to come into my house?'" ~1 Samuel 21:10-15

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

God of mercy, you are the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amid all the changing words of our generation, speak your eternal Word that does not change. Give us the grace to live out your promises with faithful and obedient lives; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SERMON

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

A Long Road Ahead

Rev. Young Lee

OFFERING

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

BE STILL MY SOUL

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain
Leave to your God to order and provide
In every change, He, faithful will remain
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake
All now mysterious shall be bright at last
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below

And all is darkened in the veil of tears
Then shall you better know His love, His heart
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears
Be still, my soul, your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness, all He takes away

Jean Sibelius | Kathrina Amalia von Schlegel
Arr. by Sandra McCracken

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

O Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, and what our hearts can no longer bear. Grant us grace to grow more and more in Your likeness, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

~Book of Common Worship

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

When the righteous cry for help, the Lord hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.... The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

~Psalm 34:17-18, 22

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.)

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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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

Cookie Fundraiser for RILA - Today

Emi Jiang is heading up a fundraiser for RILA by taking cookie orders before and after the service in the lobby. Please sign up for some delicious treats and support the work of our ministry partner, RILA. She will deliver the cookie orders on January 25 at church.

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - Today

The women's sexual integrity group will meet for a time of sharing and prayer. Please email womensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Project Belong Partnership Offering - January 25

Next Sunday, we will collect a partnership offering for Project Belong during the closing song. Project Belong inspires, recruits, and resources the local church to care for vulnerable children with the love of Christ. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or online.

Board Games - January 24

Join the quarterly board game night at the church office (5545 Langston Blvd) at 7pm. Contact Stephen Stone with any questions (stephendstone@gmail.com).

Youth Group - January 25

All students in 6th-12th grade are invited to Large Group from 12:15-1:30pm. Meet upstairs on the second floor outside of the gym after service for lunch, games and a lesson.

Sparks - January 25

Kids in grades 3-5, come eat lunch, play games, and learn about the Kingdom of God together immediately after the service until 2 PM. Sign up on [Church Center](#)

Communicants Class

This spring, we will offer a course for children whose parents have seen evidence of their faith in Christ and believe that they are ready to receive communion. Contact Angela for more information and to sign up by January 25. Materials will be distributed on February 8 and 15, and the class will meet monthly through May.

Children's Ministry Serving at RILA - January 26

Families, help provide a meal to RILA's free clinic. This is a great way for us to be involved with one of our supported partners and for our kids to learn about God's heart for justice and mercy. You can register on [Church Center](#) to bring food or to help serve dinner; please just make sure to register each member of your family who plans to come serve.

Theological Foundations - February 8

Join us for a four-part series on foundations of theology, exploring the mystery of our Christian faith using scripture, the Westminster Confession, and other resources to help us see the living God in His beauty. Sign up for the class on [Church Center](#).

High School Breakaway Retreat - February 13-16

High School students are invited to join Breakaway Retreat at Rockbridge Alum Springs Camp in Goshen, VA. This long weekend retreat is hosted by the Falls Church Anglican and will include other youth groups in the area. Find more information on [Church Center](#), or email Marissa with questions.

Sparks Galentine's Party - February 14

Girls in grades 3-5, come celebrate God's love and friendship together with a Galentine's party. We'll do a craft, decorate cupcakes, play games, and have a devotional from 6-7:30 PM. Come and invite friends! Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Prayer Partners

Women of Emmanuel, you are invited to connect with a prayer partner in the season leading up to Easter. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know another woman at Emmanuel and cover one another in prayer. Please sign up to participate on [Church Center](#) by January 25.

Men's and Women's Days Away

Save the date for the Men's Day Away on April 25 and the Women's Day Away on May 2.

Women's Conference

The Gospel Coalition is hosting its annual women's conference June 11-13 in Indianapolis. If you are interested in attending in person or virtually, please contact Lisa Lee (lisaminlee@gmail.com). More information can be found at <https://www.tgcw26.com/event/45cdc8e9-e0ab-4967-83cb-624ce8ec3f32/home>