



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE JULY 20, 2025

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), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby.

We are so happy that you visited!



TO GOD ALL PRAISE AND GLORY

Sing praise to God who reigns above
The God of all creation
The God of power, the God of love
The God of our salvation
He fills my soul with sweet relief
And makes my faithless murmurs cease

Chorus

To God all praise and glory
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The Lord is never far away
But through all grief distressing
An ever present help and stay
Our peace and joy and blessing
In my Father's tender care
His love eclipses my despair

When life is hard, and days are long
I'll sing aloud His praises
That men may hear the grateful song
My joyful spirit raises
My heart revived, my soul restored
My heart rejoices in the Lord

Let all who claim Christ's holy name
Give God all praise and glory
Let all who lean on the Spirit's strength
Declare the wondrous story
Cast every idol from its throne
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone.

Frances Elizabeth Cox | Johann Jakob Schutz | Brian Eichelberger

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God,

People: let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

Leader: Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence

People: so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

~Hebrews 4:14, 16

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature
O, thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior, Lord of all nations
Son of God and Son of man
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
Now and forevermore be Thine

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ⁶"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, ⁷casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. ⁸Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world."

People and Leader: ¹⁰"The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. ¹¹To him be dominion forever. Amen. ¹²Through Silvanus, a faithful brother (as I consider him), I have written to you briefly in order to encourage you and to testify that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it! ¹³She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you greetings, as does Mark, my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ."

~1 Peter 5:6-14

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

People and Leader: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

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

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.

²⁸All this happened to King Nebuchadnezzar. ²⁹At the end of twelve months, as he was walking on the roof of the royal palace in Babylon, ³⁰the king exclaimed, 'Is this not Babylon the Great that I have built to be a royal residence by my vast power and for my majestic glory?' ³¹While the words were still in the king's mouth, a voice came from heaven: 'King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is declared that the kingdom has departed from you. ³²You will be driven away from people to live with the wild animals, and you will feed on grass like cattle for seven periods of time, until you acknowledge that the Most High is ruler over human kingdoms, and he gives them to anyone he wants.' ³³At that moment the message against Nebuchadnezzar was fulfilled. He was driven away from people. He ate grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with dew from the sky, until his hair grew like eagles' feathers and his nails like birds' claws. ³⁴But at the end of those days, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven, and my sanity returned to me. Then I praised the Most High and honored and glorified him who lives forever: For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation. ³⁵All the inhabitants of the earth are counted as nothing, and he does what he wants with the army of heaven and the inhabitants of the earth. There is no one who can block his hand or say to him, 'What have you done?' ³⁶At that time my sanity returned to me, and my majesty and splendor returned to me for the glory of my kingdom. My advisers and my nobles sought me out, I was reestablished over my kingdom, and even more greatness came to me. ³⁷Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise, exalt, and glorify the King of the heavens, because all his works are true and his ways are just. He is able to humble those who walk in pride."

~Daniel 4:28-37 CSB

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.

MAN VS. WILD

REV. YOUNG LEE

TESTIMONY

CHRISTINA RAWLS

OFFERING

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

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
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

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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, the fruit of your spirit is goodness, but we confess that we often grow weary of doing good. For the ways we’ve neglected the good of our neighbor, forgive us. For the ways we’ve neglected the good of our family, forgive us. For the ways we’ve neglected the good of our enemy, forgive us. Father, you promise that your goodness and mercy will follow us all the days of our lives. Help us draw from that wellspring.”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

“⁶Remember, LORD, your compassion and your faithful love, for they have existed from antiquity. ⁷Do not remember the sins of my youth or my acts of rebellion; in keeping with your faithful love, remember me because of your goodness, LORD.”
~Psalm 27:6-7

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 available.)

THE BLESSING
The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you

Chorus
Amen, Amen, Amen

Bridge
May His favor
Be upon you
For a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

May His presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you

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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. ~Numbers 6:24-26

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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sparks Bake and Serve - Today

Love your neighbors by making cookies to share with them! Rising 3rd through 6th graders are all invited to bake together in the kitchen after service until 2 PM. We'll bag up the cookies for you to share with a neighbor on your way home, and of course we'll enjoy eating them, too! Pizza will be served for lunch.

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - Today

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

Integrity Partners Meeting - July 21

A group for spouses of individuals struggling with sexual integrity meets every first and third Monday of the month. All meeting participants and content are kept confidential. For more information, contact integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org.

Volunteer for VBS at Arlington Bridge Builders - July 21-25

Volunteers are needed for our community Vacation Bible School on July 21-25 from 9am-12pm. Sign up for one or more days on bridgebuildersva.org

Women's Summer Book Club - July 22

Join us Tuesdays in July from 7:30-9:00pm at Amy Fong's house in Vienna as we read *Try Softer* by Aundi Kolber. Amy Fong and Christina Pinnell Rawls will lead discussion. RSVP to Amy at amyghudson@gmail.com. Come once, come weekly—you're welcome anytime!

High School Bible Study - July 23

All rising 9th-12th graders, come study God's Word, play games, and eat snacks this Wednesday from 7-9 PM. Ask Marissa if you have questions—mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org

Kenya Mission Trip Fundraiser - July 27

After the service, Kenya team members will host a meal to raise funds and prayer support for their upcoming trip to Kibera, Kenya on August 8-17. Please make a donation for the food and provide extra financial support as you are able. Tax deductible donations can be made by check designated to Kenya, on Emmanuel's website, or via QR code; anonymous donations can be paid directly through Square at lunch.

No Children's Church - July 27

Children will stay in the entire service next week. Nursery will still be provided for children two and under.

Youth Retreat Sign-up

Fall Youth Retreat sign ups are open on Church Center. Rising 6th-12th graders, mark September 12-14 on your calendars and sign up today.