



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

We are so happy that you visited!



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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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Great and Leader: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

People: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart,

Leader: and you will find rest for your souls.

People: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

~Matthew 11:28-29

ESTABLISH THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

If You don't build it, we labor in vain
Without Your Spirit we stand with no strength
I know my life is passing away
But the works of Your hands are what will remain

Let the favor of the Lord rest upon us

Chorus

O Lord, establish the work of our hands
O Lord, establish the work of our hands

Teach us to number the length of our days
Pour out Your power, we'll pour out Your praise
Teach us to run to finish the race
For only what's done in love will remain

Alleluia alleluia alleluia
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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 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.

"¹⁰...As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

~1 Peter 4:10-11

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

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

STEWARDED GOD'S VARIED GRACE

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

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

PSALM 23: SURELY GOODNESS SURELY MERCY

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want
In green pastures He makes me lie down
He restores my soul and leads me on
For His name, for His great name

Chorus

Surely goodness, surely mercy
Right beside me all my days
And I will dwell in Your house forever
And bless Your holy name

You prepare a table right before me
In the presence of my enemies
Though the arrow flies and the terror of night
Is at my door I'll trust You Lord

And even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death I will fear no evil
(And) even though I walk through the valley
Of the shadow of death You are on my side

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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.

"None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God....For there is no distinction: all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God..."

~Romans 3:11, 22-23

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."

~1 Corinthians 5:7-8

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.

REVELATION SONG
Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus
Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder, awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus, Your name is power, breath, and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Sunday and Congregational Meeting - Today!

Today is our annual service dedicated to looking at what God is calling us to in the upcoming ministry year. The service will be followed by a brief congregational meeting. Childcare will be provided during the meeting.

Men's Sexual Integrity Group - September 8

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 for more information.

Youth Retreat - September 12-14

Youth who are registered for the retreat at North Bay will depart Friday at 6 PM from the Emmanuel office (5545 Langston Blvd). If you have questions, please contact Marissa Diaz at mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org.

Children's Ministry Welcome Back Lunch - September 14

Families with students in Children's Ministry (nursery to 5th grade) are invited to grab lunch and fellowship in the courtyard after service.

Sparks Capture the Flag - September 14

Kids in 3rd-5th grade are invited to join in a game of Capture the Flag after eating at the Welcome Back Lunch. Sign up and find more information on Church Center.

Singles Community Building Event - October 4

Join us on Saturday, October 4 from 4-7pm in Steph and Lenny Jiang's beautiful home in Arlington. Food and drinks will be provided. Registration is open in Church Center, or you can let the office know if you'd like to attend.

Support the Johnsons

Find ways to support Emmanuel members Evan and Mollie Johnson and their daughters Amaris, Noelle, and Thea on their Support Now page. Volunteer to organize medical supplies, be a mother's helper, or provide household support as you are able. Needs are posted regularly on their support registry: <https://www.supportnow.org/the-johnson-family>

Take a Meal - The Kims

James and Ruth Kim welcomed their baby Margaret Haeun Kim last month. To take a meal to them and big siblings Theo and Eleanor, sign up here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/gz0gvo>