



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!



ALABARÉ AL SEÑOR

CHORUS:

ALABARÉ (ALABARÉ)

ALABARÉ (ALABARÉ)

ALABARÉ A MI SEÑOR (x2)

OH, I WILL PRAISE (OH, I WILL PRAISE)

OH, I WILL PRAISE (OH I WILL PRAISE)

OH, I WILL PRAISE YOU, MY DEAR LORD

JUAN VIO EL NUMERO DE LOS ELEGIDOS, Y TODOS ALABABAN AL SEÑOR

UNOS REZABAN OTROS CANTABAN, Y TODOS ALABABAN AL SEÑOR

JOHN SAW THE MULTITUDE OF GOD'S PEOPLE, ALL GIVING GLORY TO THE LORD
THEY WERE PRAYING, THEY WERE SINGING, AND EVERYONE WAS GIVING PRAISE TO GOD

SOMOS TUS HIJOS, DIOS PADRE ETERNO, TU NOS HAS CREADO POR AMOR

TE ALABAMOS, TE BENDECIMOS, Y TODOS CANTAMOS EN TU HONOR

WE ARE YOUR CHILDREN, GOD ETERNAL ONE, YOU CREATED ALL OF US FROM LOVE.
OH, WE WILL PRAISE YOU, OH, WE WILL BLESS YOU, AND WE ALL SING HONOR TO YOUR NAME.

TODOS UNIDOS, JUNTOS CANTEMOS GLORIAS, Y ALABANZAS AL SEÑOR

GLORIA AL PADRE, GLORIA AL HIJO, Y GLORIA AL ESPIRITU DE AMOR

SINGING UNIFIED, WE ALL RAISE OUR VOICE, GLORY AND PRAISE TO THE LORD
GLORY TO THE FATHER, GLORY TO THE SON, AND GLORY TO THE SPIRIT OF LOVE.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Sing a new song to the Lord; let the whole earth sing to the Lord. Sing to the Lord, bless his name; proclaim his salvation from day to day.

People: Declare his glory among the nations, his wondrous works among all peoples. For the Lord is great and is highly praised; he is feared above all gods.

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

People: Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name; bring an offering and enter his courts. Worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.

~Psalm 96

TAKE MY LIFE

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
At the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King;
Always, only, for my King.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne;
It shall be Thy royal throne.

NICENE CREED, PART FOUR

Leader: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried

People and Leader: the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschool will head up to their class; and elementary children will meet outside in the lobby. 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.

⁵What then is Apollos? What is Paul? They are servants through whom you believed, and each has the role the Lord has given. ⁶I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷So, then, neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For we are God's coworkers. You are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰According to God's grace that was given to me, I have laid a foundation as a skilled master builder, and another builds on it. But each one is to be careful how he builds on it. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than what has been laid down. That foundation is Jesus Christ. ¹²If anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, or straw, ¹³each one's work will become obvious. For the day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire; the fire will test the quality of each one's work. ¹⁴If anyone's work that he has built survives, he will receive a reward. ¹⁵If anyone's work is burned up, he will experience loss, but he himself will be saved—but only as through fire. ¹⁶Don't you yourselves know that you are God's temple and that the Spirit of God lives in you? ¹⁷If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him; for God's temple is holy, and that is what you are.

~1 Corinthians 3:5-17, 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

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.

Y'ALL ARE GOD'S TEMPLE

REV. CHRIS SICKS

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.

GOODNESS OF GOD

I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus:

All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridges:

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

CCLI Song # 7117726 — Ed Cash and Jenn Johnson

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Grant us your peace.

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.

All the prophets testify about Christ that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

~Acts 10:43

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. Gluten free wafers available at communion table.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE YOU

Joyful, joyful, we adore You,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You,
Op'ning to the sun above.
[Repeat]

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

All Your works with joy surround You,
Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,

Stars and angels sing around You
Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Praising You eternally!

Always giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean-depth of happy rest!
Loving Father, Christ our Brother,
Let Your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

CCLI #2647951 | Henry Van Dyke

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

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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Registration - Today

Registration for men's, women's, and co-ed small groups begin today. Small groups are basic Christian communities that invite us into communion with God and with one another. They are places for the care of souls: to be known by others, prayed for by others, and fed by scripture. If you would like to sign up for any of these groups or need to switch groups, you can through sign up in Church Center or our website. For any questions, reach out to Stephen Bates at sbates@emmanuelarlington.org.

Songs & S'mores - Today

Join us in the courtyard for our annual sing-along to herald the beginning of school, where kids of all ages sing camp-style songs and eat all the s'mores they can handle. The event is set for Sunday, August 17 from 4:30-6 PM; please RSVP on Church Center and email ana@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Arlington Bridge Builders Backpack Drive - Today

Arlington Bridge Builders' annual Backpack Drive will distribute over 500 backpacks to help disadvantaged children start the school year strong. Sponsor a backpack in the church lobby today.

Take a Meal - The Dysons

Support Cassin, Ayako, and big sister Charlotte as they welcome their new baby home! Sign up to take a meal here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/lv0d2r/>

Take a Meal - The Wishards

Grant and Sarah welcomed their son Owen Beck Wishard into the world last week. Consider taking them and Big Brother Liam a meal; sign up for a date here: <https://mealtrain.com/33mzv0>

Welcome, Baby Kim!

James and Ruth Kim welcomed their baby Margaret Haeun Kim this week. Be on the lookout for a meal signup soon.

Arlington Bridge Builders Back to School Festival - August 23

Volunteers are needed to help with this annual community event featuring games, food, and activities. We also need volunteers to greet neighbors at the Emmanuel table and share more about our church. There are two sign-ups on Church Center: one for youth and one for adults and kids.

Intro to Emmanuel - August 24

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar on August 24 from 12:30pm-2:00pm. Handbooks are available in both English and Spanish. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. Email office@emmanuelarlington.org or sign-up through Church Center to RSVP.

Youth Group Family Cookout - August 24

All Youth families are invited to a cookout to kickoff the school year at 4:30pm at the Rivendell Courtyard! We will eat and have a time of fellowship together followed by a short parent meeting to go over vision for this year of youth group. We will provide the main dish, please consider bringing a side dish, dessert or drink to share! Sign up on Church Center if you plan to attend.

Arlington Bridge Builders - Job Opening

Arlington Bridge Builders, is seeking a part-time after-school director for their 5 days a week elementary after-school program and summer morning camps called Bridge Kids. If you are interested in the position, please email info@bridgebuildersva.org.

Run Club - August 23

Join fellow Emmanuel runners for a casual 3-4 mile run on August 23rd at 8AM. Meet at the top level of the Kaiser Permanente Garage (Free parking, 109 Park Ave, Falls Church). All levels welcome, bagels and juice to follow. Please email Ron, rjwang@gmail.com for questions or to RSVP.