



# EMMANUEL

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### WORSHIP SERVICE SEPTEMBER 28, 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](https://bit.ly/EPCkeepingconnected)), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby.

We are so happy that you visited!



## ORDINARY TIME

*During Ordinary Time, we are shaped by the story of God's faithfulness in every ordinary and extraordinary moment of our lives.*

SEEN, KNOWN, LOVED  
Where can I run from Your presence  
Where can I hide from Your heart  
Even through hardship and sorrow  
Your goodness remains through it all

*Chorus*  
I am seen, known, loved by the Father  
I'm heard, held, never forgotten  
My hope, strength, light in the darkness  
Now and forever, forever amen

Day after day You've been faithful  
Night after night You've been near  
Closer than I could imagine  
You open my heart to believe

Heaven knows who I am  
I am loved by the Father  
And if the worlds in his hands  
I've got nothing to fear

One day I'll see You in glory  
And see what's been true all along  
That all of my life You've sustained me  
And now for eternity more

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## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

**People: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Leader: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! People: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! ~Psalm 150**

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!

Kirk Ward

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: <sup>18</sup>"My joy has flown away; grief has settled on me. My heart is sick. <sup>19</sup>Listen—the cry of my dear people from a faraway land, 'Is the Lord no longer in Zion, her King not within her?' Why have they angered me with their carved images, with their worthless foreign idols? <sup>20</sup>Harvest has passed, summer has ended, but we have not been saved.

**People:** <sup>21</sup>**I am broken by the brokenness of my dear people. I mourn; horror has taken hold of me. <sup>22</sup>Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? So why has the healing of my dear people not come about?** (Jeremiah 8:18–22)

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

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## KENYA TRIP SLIDESHOW

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

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

<sup>14</sup>For it is just like a man about to go on a journey. He called his own servants and entrusted his possessions to them. <sup>15</sup>To one he gave five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, depending on each one's ability. Then he went on a journey. Immediately <sup>16</sup>the man who had received five talents went, put them to work, and earned five more. <sup>17</sup>In the same way the man with two earned two more. <sup>18</sup>But the man who had received one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground, and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>The man who had received five talents approached, presented five more talents, and said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I've earned five more talents.' <sup>21</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy.' <sup>22</sup>The man with two talents also approached. He said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I've earned two more talents.' <sup>23</sup>His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You were faithful over a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Share your master's joy.' <sup>24</sup>The man who had received one talent also approached and said, 'Master, I know you. You're a harsh man, reaping where you haven't sown and gathering where you haven't scattered seed. <sup>25</sup>So I was afraid and went off and hid your talent in the ground. See, you have what is yours.' <sup>26</sup>His master replied to him, 'You evil, lazy servant! If you knew that I reap where I haven't sown and gather where I haven't scattered, <sup>27</sup>then you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and I would have received my money back with interest when I returned.'

~Matthew 25:14-27 (CSB)

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, quiet our hearts that we may know and hear you today. Where our hearts are hard, soften them; where they are broken, bind them up; where we are anxious, give us peace; where we doubt, give us trust. For you alone are the One who is making all things new, even us today. Amen.

## SERMON

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

## RETURN ON INVESTMENT

REV. YOUNG LEE

## TESTIMONY FROM KENYA TRIP

Saulo and Alena Sauza

## OFFERING

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

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME  
What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Jonny Robinson | Rich Thompson | Michael Farren | CCLI #7121852

### CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**“Lord, you taught us: ‘Blessed are the poor in spirit for the kingdom of heaven is theirs.’ We confess that we have forgotten our desperate need for you. Father, help us remember our spiritual bankruptcy apart from your grace to us in Jesus. Amen.”**  
(Based on Matthew 5:3)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

“The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.” (Zephaniah 3:17)

### 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.) ALL FOR JESUS

ALL FOR JESUS  
All for Jesus, all for Jesus!  
All my being's ransomed pow'rs:  
All my thoughts and words and doings,  
All my days and all my hours.

Let my hands perform His bidding,  
Let my feet run in His ways;  
Let my eyes see Jesus only,  
Let my lips speak forth His praise.

Worldlings prize their gems of beauty,  
Cling to gilded toys of dust,  
Boast of wealth and fame and pleasure;  
Only Jesus will I trust.

Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,  
I've lost sight of all beside;  
So enchained my spirit's vision,  
Looking at the Crucified.

Oh, what wonder! How amazing!  
Jesus, glorious King of kings,  
Deigns to call me His beloved,  
Let me rest beneath His wings.

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Let me rest beneath His wings.

### PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

Imbumi and Martha Makuku

JESUS I AM RESTING RESTING

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon Thee,  
And Thy beauty fills my soul  
For by Thy transforming power  
Thou has made me whole

*Chorus*

Jesus I am resting resting  
In the joy of what Thou art  
I am finding out the greatness  
Of Thy loving heart  
Oh how great Thy loving kindness,  
Vaster, broader than the sea  
Oh how marvelous Thy goodness  
Lavished all on me  
Yes I rest in Thee, Beloved,  
Know what wealth of grace is Thine  
Know Thy certainty of promise  
And have made it mine

Simply trusting Thee Lord Jesus,  
I behold Thee as Thou art  
And Thy love so pure, so changeless,  
Satisfies my heart  
Satisfies its deepest longings,  
Meets, supplies its ev'ry need  
Compasseth me 'round with blessings,  
Thine is love indeed

Ever lift Thy face upon me,  
As I work and wait for Thee  
Resting 'neath Thy smile, Lord Jesus,  
Earth's dark shadows flee  
Brightness of my Father's glory,  
Sunshine of my Father's face  
Keep me ever trusting, resting,  
Fill me with Thy grace

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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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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Partnership Offering** - Today Our September partnership offering will go to our partners Pastor Imbumi and Martha Makuku in Kenya. Consider giving to support them and their work during the closing song.

### **Congregational Lunch - Today**

Stay after the service to enjoy eating lunch together at church. Please consider staying to help clean up and reset Rivendell.

### **Kenya Interest Meeting - Today**

For anyone interested in next year's Kenya trip (8/7-16), we will have tables set aside during lunch for you to sit with this year's team members to ask questions. High school students and adults are welcome to sign up to participate or learn more about the trip.

### **Youth Group - Today**

After the congregational lunch, youth in 6th-12th grades are invited to meet at the gym for games and small groups from 12:30-1:30pm.

### **Sparks - Today**

Kids in 3rd - 5th grade are invited to gather after the service from 12-2pm. Pick up a plate from the congregational lunch and head upstairs to the conference room to eat together, play games, and have Bible study.

### **October Fellowship Month Events**

October is Fellowship Month at Emmanuel. These events are a fun part of the life of our church each year. Sign up with QR codes or email the church office.

Pickleball - October 4  
Singles Event - October 4  
Clothing Swap and Snack Potluck - October 5  
Allergy-friendly lunch - October 11  
Hike with Mike - October 11  
Fall Potluck - October 12  
Running Club - October 13  
Poetry Reading - October 16  
Pickling - October 17  
Favorite Foods Potluck - October 18  
Tour de Mount Vernon bike ride - October 18  
Ethiopian Coffee Tasting - October 19  
A "Spudtacular Evening" - October 24  
Star Wars Themed Dinner and Discussion - October 25  
Swing Dancing at Glen Echo - October 25  
GWU/VCU Women's Volleyball Match - November 1  
Sake Tasting - November 7

### **Fall Singles Community Building Event - October 4**

Get excited for this fun singles event on October 4 from 4-7pm at Steph and Lenny Jiang's home in Arlington. Share some laughter over free dinner and s'mores. Register for the event on Church Center.

### **Youth Mooncake Making Event - October 5**

All youth students (6-12th) are invited to celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival by making non-bake mooncakes after service in the kitchen! Come learn how to make these fun desserts to share with friends and family. Meet at 12:15pm in the kitchen.

### **Take a Meal - The Parks**

Daniel and Micah Park recently welcomed their new daughter Shiloh! Consider supporting them by taking or sending a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/n95810>

### **Arlington Turkey Trot - Run or Volunteer**

Emmanuel's partner Arlington Bridge Builders now oversees the annual Turkey Trot 5k. Consider signing up now for your chance to participate in the race, or sign up to volunteer at the race on behalf of Emmanuel.

### **Alpha Groups Core Team Sign Up**

As introduced on Vision Sunday, Emmanuel will start hosting Alpha Groups in the coming year. These dinners for our curious friends, neighbors, and coworkers will lovingly explore questions about Jesus and Christianity. Those interested in training to join the Alpha Group core team (in English or Spanish) can sign up on Church Center.