



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

PENTECOST

Pentecost celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church: God's presence unleashed into every tongue, tribe, and nation.

HOLY HOLY HOLY

Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning, our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy!
merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
Blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
All the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim
Falling down before Thee
Who was and is and
Evermore shall be

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful men
Thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy
There is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, love and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord God Almighty
All Thy Works shall praise Thy name
In earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons
Blessed Trinity

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: ¹Come, let's shout joyfully to the Lord, shout triumphantly to the rock of our salvation! ²Let's enter his presence with thanksgiving; let's shout triumphantly to him in song.

People: ³**For the Lord is a great God, a great King above all gods. ⁴The depths of the earth are in his hand, and the mountain peaks are his.**

Leader: ⁵The sea is his; he made it. His hands formed the dry land. ⁶Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the Lord our Maker.

People: ⁷**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep under his care**
(Psalm 95:1-7)

AMAZING GRACE (ALWAYS)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see
'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Chorus

Always, been your grace
Always, been your grace
Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
This grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home
When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright, shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. ³They saw tongues like flames of fire that separated and rested on each one of them. ⁴Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them. ⁵Now there were Jews staying in Jerusalem, devout people from every nation under heaven. ⁶When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. ⁷They were astounded and amazed, saying, 'Look, aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?' ⁸How is it that each of us can hear them in our own native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts), ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the magnificent acts of God in our own tongues.' ¹²They were all astounded and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' ¹³But some sneered and said, 'They're drunk on new wine.'

People: ¹⁴Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed to them, 'Fellow Jews and all you residents of Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and pay attention to my words. ¹⁵For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it's only nine in the morning. ¹⁶On the contrary, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷'And it will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all people; then your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. ¹⁸I will even pour out my Spirit on my servants in those days, both men and women and they will prophesy. ¹⁹I will display wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below: blood and fire and a cloud of smoke. ²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the great and glorious day of the Lord comes. ²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Acts 2:1-21)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT - SAVE THEM

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers, please head directly to your classrooms upstairs. Other children, meet your teachers in the lobby to walk upstairs together. Fourth and fifth graders are invited to stay in the service every fourth Sunday. 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.

¹"The word of the Lord that came to Hosea son of Beeri during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and of Jeroboam son of Jehoash, king of Israel. ²When the Lord first spoke to Hosea, he said this to him: 'Go and marry a woman of promiscuity, and have children of promiscuity, for the land is committing blatant acts of promiscuity by abandoning the Lord...' ⁶Therefore, this is what I will do: I will block her way with thorns; I will enclose her with a wall, so that she cannot find her paths. ⁷She will pursue her lovers but not catch them; she will look for them but not find them. Then she will think, 'I will go back to my former husband, for then it was better for me than now.' ⁸She does not recognize that it is I who gave her the grain, the new wine, and the fresh oil. I lavished silver and gold on her, which they used for Baal....¹⁴ Therefore, I am going to persuade her, lead her to the wilderness, and speak tenderly to her. ¹⁵There I will give her vineyards back to her and make the Valley of Achor into a gateway of hope. There she will respond as she did in the days of her youth, as in the day she came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁶In that day—this is the Lord's declaration—you will call me 'My husband' and no longer call me 'My Baal.' ¹⁷For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth; they will no longer be remembered by their names. ¹⁸On that day I will make a covenant for them with the wild animals, the birds of the sky, and the creatures that crawl on the ground. I will shatter bow, sword, and weapons of war in the land and will enable the people to rest securely. ¹⁹I will take you to be my wife forever. I will take you to be my wife in righteousness, justice, love, and compassion. ²⁰I will take you to be my wife in faithfulness, and you will know the Lord. ²¹On that day I will respond—this is the Lord's declaration. I will respond to the sky, and it will respond to the earth. ²²The earth will respond to the grain, the new wine, and the fresh oil, and they will respond to Jezreel. ²³I will sow her in the land for myself, and I will have compassion on Lo-ruhamah; I will say to Lo-ammi: You are my people, and he will say, 'You are my God.'" (*Hosea 1:1-2; 2:6-8, 14-23*)

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.

Love That Will Not Let Me Go

Rev. Young Lee

OFFERING

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

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

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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.

"¹What should we say then? Should we continue in sin so that grace may multiply? ²Absolutely not! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" (Romans 6:1–2)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"¹⁰For the death he died, he died to sin once for all time; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So, you too consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:10–11)

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.)

PSALM 126

Our mouths they were filled, filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord

Chorus

Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom
For the day You will reap them

Your sheaves we will carry
Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy

The nations will say He has done great things
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord

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PARTNERSHIP OFFERING - SAVE THEM

LET YOUR KINGDOM COME

Your glorious cause O God
Engages our hearts
May Jesus Christ be known
Wherever we are
We ask not for ourselves
But for Your renown
The cross has saved us so we pray
Your kingdom come

Chorus

Let Your kingdom come
Let Your will be done
So that everyone might know Your Name
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth
Till Your sovereign work on earth is done
Let Your kingdom come

Give us Your strength, O God
And courage to speak
Perform Your wondrous deeds
Through those who are weak
Lord use us as You want
Whatever the test
By grace we'll preach Your Gospel till
Our dying breath

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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

Partnership Offering: Save Them-Today

Please consider giving to support this organization's work to combat trafficking in South Africa and the US. You may give during the final song or [online](#).

Collaborative Worship Service - Today

Arlington Bridge Builders is orchestrating a joint worship service with several local churches at Cherrydale Baptist Church from 5-6pm. You're invited to come worship with our congregation and other local believers tonight.

Rock Recovery Follow Up

As a follow up to last week's presentation on healthy body image and eating disorders, we want to remind everyone of mental health resources and financial assistance available through our deacon's fund. [Rock Recovery](#) provides affordable eating disorder therapy and accepts most insurance providers in VA, DC, and MD. If you are interested in a list of other vetted mental health resources, please contact a staff member or email deacons@emmanuelarlington.org.

Men's Sexual Integrity Group Meeting-May 25

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.

International Congregational Lunch-May 31

Don't miss our annual international lunch to celebrate Pentecost. Bring a dish from your home culture or heritage to share and feast together.

June Saturday Prayer Meetings

Join us for time of prayer and intercession on Saturdays in June (6, 13, 20 and 27) from 8:30-9:30 am at the church office (5545 Langston Boulevard in Arlington). We will be praying for our community, the nation, the world, and individual requests. This is a wonderful opportunity to seek the Lord together as a congregation.

Emmanuel Summer Basketball League

Signups for Emmanuel's summer basketball league are live on Church Center. Everyone who is a rising 6th grader and older is invited to participate. Registration will close on May 24th. Once registration is complete, teams will be created and the schedule will be announced. Contact the ESL Commissioners with any questions (sanghlee1@gmail.com or aj.allenjoel@gmail.com).

Session Retreat Prayer Cards

On June 5-6, the Session (elders) will be going on their annual retreat to plan for the upcoming ministry year and spend time in prayer. Everyone is encouraged to share prayer requests so that they can pray specifically for each person. You may submit a prayer request by using the card in the lobby or by emailing Young (ylee@emmanuelarlington.org) by the end of May. All prayer requests will remain confidential.

Church Picnic-July 19

Mark your calendars now for our annual summer picnic! Note that the date has been changed from what was previously announced. Come eat and play with us from 4-7 PM at Bluemont Park. More details will be announced soon.