



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

“I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’
And he replied:
‘Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.’
So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.
And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.”
~“The Gate of the Year” by Minnie Louise Haskins

WHO YOU SAY I AM

Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus:

Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus:

In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Bridge:

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

***People:* My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD**

Leader: My heart and flesh sing for joy

***People:* To you, the living God.**

~Psalm 84:1-2

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

NEW CITY CATECHISM

Question 39: With what attitude should we pray?

Answer: With love, perseverance, and gratefulness; in humble submission to God's will, knowing that, for the sake of Christ, he always hears our prayers.

Question 40: What should we pray?

Answer: The whole Word of God directs and inspires us in what we should pray, including the prayer Jesus himself taught us.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please meet your teacher in the lobby.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Gloria, al Padre, al Hijo, y al Espíritu; como en el principio, ahora es y será, mundo sin fin. Amén.

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.

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid, and he arose and ran for his life and came to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. ⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he asked that he might die, saying, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my fathers." ⁵And he lay down and slept under a broom tree. And behold, an angel touched him and said to him, "Arise and eat." ⁶And he looked, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. And he ate and drank and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the Lord came again a second time and touched him and said, "Arise and eat, for the journey is too great for you." ⁸And he arose and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb, the mount of God. ⁹There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

~1 Kings 19:1-10

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through 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.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

REV. SCOTT SEATON

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.

ROCK OF AGES

Rock of Ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee
Let the water and the blood
From thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure
Cleanse me from its guilt and power

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill thy law's demands
Could my zeal no respite know
Could my tears forever flow
All for sin could not atone
Thou must save and thou alone

Nothing in my hand I bring
Simply to the cross I cling
Naked come to thee for dress
Helpless look to thee for grace
Foul I to the fountain fly
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath
When my eyelids close in death
When I soar to worlds unknown
See thee on thy judgment throne
Rock of ages cleft for me
Let me hide myself in thee

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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 love but we confess that we are often love-deficient. For the ways we have dealt harshly with our neighbors, have mercy on us. For the ways we have dealt harshly with ourselves, have mercy on us. For the ways we have dealt harshly with you, have mercy on us. Bring us back to the well of your love that it might overflow into the corners of our heart.

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.

May the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

~1 Timothy 5:23-24

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.

GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
Pilgrim through this barren land
I am weak but thou art mighty
Hold me with thy powerful hand
Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore
Bread of heaven
Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing waters flow
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through
Strong deliverer
Be thou still my strength and shield
Strong deliverer

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside
Death of death and hell's destruction
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee
Songs of praises
I will ever give to thee

Oh to finally say goodbye
Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears
Land me safe on Canaan's side

Bid my anxious fears
Bid my anxious fears goodbye
Jeremy Casella | John Hughes

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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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

After the service, a male and female leader of Emmanuel will be available to pray for any concerns you have, through the door on the right of the stage.

Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV). ■ CCLI #3184477

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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch! Please fill out a Keeping Connected card in the bulletin or on our church app. On the app, click on "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

Newcomers Lunch - TODAY

If you're relatively new to Emmanuel, or would just like to get to know others, you are invited to a newcomer's lunch with vegetarian-friendly food hosted by Mary and Ronald Wang. The time and address (within walking distance of the church) are available on the invitation cards in the lobby.

Planning Seminar for Aging Parents - January 21

One of the most practical ways we can honor our aging parents is helping them prepare necessary legal documents and fostering communication about last wishes. Emmanuel member Matt DeGioia is an estate attorney, who will share his insights into how to have these difficult conversations with parents, in a way that honors and values them. Parents are welcome to attend. Lunch will be provided, so please [sign up at this link](#) if interested.

Theological Foundations - Begins January 28

You're invited to join Scott Seaton for our Theological Foundations course, using John Frame's Salvation Belongs To The Lord. Classes will meet every two weeks, and a Spanish version handbook is also available. If you are interested in joining, [please email Karen to RSVP](#).

Artificial Intelligence Luncheon - February 4

The increasing use of artificial intelligence technology offers tremendous benefits to society, but also raises many questions—including, "what does it mean to be human?" Join us, and invite a friend, for a luncheon presentation entitled "Imago AI: Artificial Intelligence and the Image of God" after the service on February 4. The presentation will feature Chris Sibben, Headmaster of Rivendell School, who has studied and taught on this topic.

Hospitality Month in March

During the month of March, we'd like to offer various fellowship events to gather with other members of Emmanuel and invite friends. If you would like to suggest an event you can host, [please email Karen](#).

Office Administrator Position for Emmanuel Presbyterian Church

Emmanuel is accepting applications for the full-time staff position of Office Administrator. This position is eligible for full employee benefits. If you or someone you know is interested in applying to the position, please [contact Scott Seaton](#) for more details.