



# 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, 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.

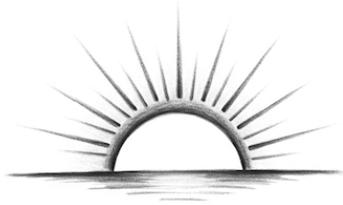
### WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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!





## CHRISTMAS

*In Christmas, we celebrate the mystery of the incarnation, God becoming human.*

### HOSANNA

I see the King of Glory  
Coming on the clouds with fire  
The whole earth shakes,  
The whole earth shakes

I see His love and mercy  
Washing over all our sin  
The people sing  
The people sing

#### *Chorus*

Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna, Hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest

I see a generation  
Rising up to take their place  
With selfless faith  
With selfless faith

I see a near revival  
Stirring as we pray and seek  
We're on our knees  
We're on our knees

Heal my heart and make it clean  
Open up my eyes to the things unseen  
Show me how to love like You have loved me  
Break my heart for what breaks Yours  
Everything I am for Your kingdom's cause  
As I walk from earth into eternity

## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**People:** **Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Leader:** Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**People:** **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*~Psalm 100*

### I HEARD THE SOUND OF VOICES

I heard the sound of voices  
From ev'ry tribe and nation  
As they were walking  
Singing songs of deliverance  
For going on before them  
A little Lamb was leading  
And I could hear Him singing  
Songs of deliverance

Where are the chains that bound me  
The cords of my oppression  
Jesus the Lamb had loosed them  
He's my deliverance  
My heart cries Abba Father  
For He has led me to You  
And I can hear You singing  
Songs of deliverance

*Chorus*  
For out of Egypt You have called Your sons  
Your daughters that they might be a witness  
To Your saving name so Father I am walking  
Lord can You see me walking O my Deliverer  
I am following the Lamb

As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
As for me and my house  
We will serve the Lord  
Always

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## OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Leader:** <sup>7</sup>I will make known the Lord's faithful love and the Lord's praiseworthy acts, because of all the Lord has done for us— even the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, which he did for them based on his compassion and the abundance of his faithful love.

**People:** <sup>8</sup>He said, "They are indeed my people, children who will not be disloyal," and he became their Savior. <sup>9</sup>In all their suffering, he suffered, and the angel of his presence saved them. He redeemed them because of his love and compassion; he lifted them up and carried them all the days of the past.

~Isaiah 63:7-9

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING

No Sunday School; Nursery only.

## 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>1</sup>All the tax collectors and sinners were approaching to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and scribes were complaining, 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.'<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>'What man among you, who has a hundred sheep and loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open field and go after the lost one until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders, <sup>6</sup>and coming home, he calls his friends and neighbors together, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found my lost sheep!' <sup>7</sup>I tell you, in the same way, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who don't need repentance. <sup>8</sup>Or what woman who has ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, because I have found the silver coin I lost!' <sup>10</sup>I tell you, in the same way, there is joy in the presence of God's angels over one sinner who repents.' <sup>11</sup>He also said, 'A man had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the estate I have coming to me.' So he distributed the assets to them. <sup>13</sup>Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all he had and traveled to a distant country, where he squandered his estate in foolish living...<sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father. But while the son was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, threw his arms around his neck, and kissed him...<sup>22</sup>But the father told his servants, 'Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Then bring the fattened calf and slaughter it, and let's celebrate with a feast, <sup>24</sup>because this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' So they began to celebrate."

~Luke 15:1-13, 20, 22-24

## 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.*

Priceless

Rev. Young Lee

## 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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## CONFESSION OF SIN

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

**Saturate us in your love, Lord God, and keep us as the apple of your eye. When we are tempted to fear, give us strength. When we are tempted to anxious thoughts, give us peace. When we are tempted to doubt, strengthen our faith with your own.**  
~Canyon Road

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."  
~Hebrews 12:1-2

## 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.)*

### GLORY TO GOD FOREVER

Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be  
You were the King of kings, yeah You were, yeah You were  
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things  
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing

#### *Chorus*

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God forever  
Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God forever

Creator God You gave me breath so I could praise  
Your great and matchless name all my days all my days  
So let my whole life be a blazing offering  
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King

Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours  
Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory  
Take my life and let it be Yours

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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

### **Testimony Sharing Service - January 4**

At the beginning of every new year, we set aside time during the service to share testimonies (stories) of God's work in our lives. As you reflect on the past year, consider sharing a short version of your story with our church family during this service.

### **Women's Epiphany Brunch - January 10**

Join the women of Emmanuel to celebrate Epiphany on Saturday morning, January 10. Sign up on Church Center if you plan to attend.

### **Malaria Matters: Combating a Global Health Challenge - January 11**

As part of our series on vocation, we will learn about health and human services during the service and focus on the topic of malaria after church in a seminar led by Dr. Ian Drobish. Plan to join us to learn more about God's glory through Ian's work in this field.

### **Singing at the Lees' - January 17**

Calling all singers! Stephen Bates, Eleanore Lee, and Christina Rawls invite you to a vocalists' get-together/jam session at 7:30pm at the Lees' home. This will be an environment perfect for both new and experienced singers, with easy to pick up songs as well as opportunities for four-part harmony. Contact Stephen at [sbates@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:sbates@emmanuelarlington.org) if you're interested.