



EMMANUEL  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE  
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**REFLECTION**

“Until the will and the affections are brought under the authority of Christ, we have not begun to understand, let alone accept,  
His Lordship.”  
~Elizabeth Elliot

FATHER LONG BEFORE CREATION (SING HIS LOVE)

Father, long before creation  
Thou hadst chosen us in love,  
And that love so deep, so moving,  
Draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us  
Firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion,  
Yet our God is e'er the same;  
His compassion and His covenant  
Through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children  
Must forever praise His name.

*Chorus:*

And the world will sing His love,  
Yes, the world will sing His love,  
And we'll all join hands  
every woman, every man  
To sing His love, To sing His love.

God's compassion is my story,  
Is my boasting all the day;  
Mercy free and never failing  
Moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us  
That His only Son He gave.

Loving Father now before Thee  
We will ever praise Thy love,  
And our songs will sound unceasing  
'Til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory  
To our God and to the Lamb.

Francis P. Jones|Andrew Osenga

**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

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

*Leader:* Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,

***People: to whom belong wisdom and might.***

*Leader:* His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

***People: and his dominion endures from generation to generation.***

*~Daniel 2:20, 4:3*

O COME TO THE ALTAR

Are you hurting and broken within  
Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin  
Jesus is calling  
Have you come to the end of yourself  
Do you thirst for a drink from the well  
Jesus is calling

*Chorus:*

O come to the altar  
The Father's arms are open wide  
Forgiveness was bought with  
The precious blood of Jesus Christ  
Leave behind your regrets and mistakes  
Come today there's no reason to wait  
Jesus is calling  
Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy  
From the ashes a new life is born  
Jesus is calling

Oh what a Savior  
Isn't he wonderful  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen  
Bow down before him  
For he is Lord of all  
Sing alleluia Christ is risen

## NEW CITY CATECHISM

*Question 49: Where is Christ now?*

**Answer: Christ rose bodily from the grave on the third day after his death and is seated at the right hand of the Father, ruling his kingdom and interceding for us, until he returns to judge and renew the whole world.**

*Question 50: What does Christ's resurrection mean for us?*

**Answer: Christ triumphed over sin and death by being physically resurrected, so that all who trust in him are raised to new life in this world and to everlasting life in the world to come. Just as we will one day be resurrected, so this world will one day be restored. But those who do not trust in Christ will be raised to everlasting death.**

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

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

### 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.*

<sup>28</sup>And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. <sup>22</sup>And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. <sup>23</sup>And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, <sup>24</sup>"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." <sup>25</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" <sup>26</sup>And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. <sup>27</sup>And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." <sup>28</sup>And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee. <sup>29</sup>And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

~Mark 1:21-34

### 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.*

### JESUS'S AUTHORITY

REV. NATHAN BOYETTE

### 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

*Bridge:*

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

Ben Fielding, Brian Johnson, Ed Cash  
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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.*

Most holy and merciful Father; We confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven. Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit. Have mercy on us, Lord.

### **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.*

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

*~Psalm 103:8-12*

### **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.*

*Leader:* The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you.

*Leader:* Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord.

*Leader:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

**People:** It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

*Leader:* Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**People:** Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

*Leader:* Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us. Hallelujah!

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast.

*Leader:* The gifts of God for the people of God.

MY FAITH HAS FOUND A RESTING PLACE

My faith has found a resting place  
From guilt my soul is free  
I trust the Ever-living One  
His wounds shall plead for me.

*Chorus:*

I need no other argument  
I need no other plea  
It is enough that Jesus died  
And that He died for me

My heart is leaning on the Word  
The written Word of God  
Salvation by my Savior's name  
Salvation through His blood

My great physician heals the sick  
The lost He came to save  
For me His precious blood He shed  
For me His life He gave

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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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\*In the event of an emergency, call 911. Rivendell School's address is:  
2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205\*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are grateful to have Judah Dorsey, a worship fellow from Mclean Presbyterian Church, join us in helping leading worship this Sunday. Capital Fellows is a leadership and discipleship program for recent college graduates. Judah graduated from Covenant College where he studied music, sociology, and biblical & theological studies.

### **Lunar New Year Karaoke Party - TODAY**

Emmanuel will be hosting a Lunar New Year Karaoke Party at Rivendell from 2-4pm. We hope that many families and Emmanuel attendees will join! Please bring food!

### **Pupusa Party for Young Adults and Young Couples - TODAY**

Carlos Dimas is hosting a pupusa making party for young adults and young couples at Rivendell after the Lunar New Year Party, at 5pm. Please stop by and invite friends for a fun time of getting to know others and delicious food!

### **Caring for Aging Parents and Men's Sexual Integrity Groups - TODAY**

The Caring for Aging Parents (CAP) and sexual integrity group (men only) will meet after service for a time of sharing and prayer. CAPS will meet in the second floor art room and the men's group will meet at our office (5545 Langston Blvd).

### **Restoration Immigration Legal Aid Clinic - February 21**

Emmanuel will be hosting the meal at Restoration Immigration Legal Aid's clinic on Wednesday, 2/21. If you can provide a dish, [sign up here](#).

### **Intro to Emmanuel - February 25**

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar 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. [Please RSVP to Karen Adjei](#).

### **Get to Know CRU-Marymount Ministry at Emmanuel - February 25**

Enjoy a homecooked lunch with us on February 25 right after Sunday service! Meet the Marymount University students and hear about Emmanuel's local missions effort: the Campus Crusade (CRU) college ministry. If you have questions, please contact [Matt Caspero](#) or [Kristine Leiphart](#).

### **Roundtable Discussions in March**

Below is a list of options to choose from. When signing up, please note to order and read the book prior to the discussion date.. [Sign up here](#).

- 10 Select Poems by TS Eliot (Stephen Bates) - Tuesday, March 12 at 7:30pm
- Cry, the Beloved Country, Alan Paton (Jacksons) - Friday, March 15 at 7pm
- Severe Mercy, Sheldon Vanauken (Young Lee) - Monday, March 18 at 7:30pm
- Common Rule, Justin Earley (Abrahams) - Thursday, March 21 at 7pm
- Losing our Religion, Russell Moore (Scott Seaton) - Thursday, March 21 at 7:30pm
- Anxiety Opportunity, Curtis Chang (Mel Chang) - Friday, March 22 at 7pm

### **Fellowship Month in March**

During the month of March, we've scheduled several fun opportunities to get to know others at Emmanuel. Please bring your friends! [Sign up for one soon](#).

- Hooju Choi & Casperos - Billy Goat Trail Hiking - March 2, 9am
- Couslers & Jordan Banegas - Exercise Tips for Back/Knee Pain - March 3, after church
- David Seaton - Port City Brewery Tour - March 8, 6pm
- Andrea Backes & Amy Fong - Women's Bike Ride - March 9, 1pm
- Mike Chung - Fountainhead Regional Park Hiking - March 16, 9am
- Hyun Jung Kim-Chung - Torpedo Factory Tour - March 17, after church
- Thomas and Hyewon Kraemer - Potluck Dinner - March 23, 5:30pm
- Nolan Peters - Cooking 101: Common Kitchen Mistakes - March 24, 1pm

### **Coffee and Conversations**

Join us for Coffee & Conversation starting on Friday, February 9 from 7-8:30 pm for 10 weeks at the Greenbrier Coracle location, 5401 7th Rd. S (3rd floor). This program enables our neighbors to practice their English and learn valuable life skills, with food provided. In addition, a Citizenship Class is also being offered from 6 to 7pm. Please contact Judy Kauer if you have any questions. Sign up to volunteer for just one night or several [using this link](#).