



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.

THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him

Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,

People: **that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.**

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

People: **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Psalm 67:1-4)**

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, Oh God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness, great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴They replied, 'Some say John the Baptist; others, Elijah; still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵'But you,' he asked them, 'who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷Jesus responded, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, because flesh and blood did not reveal this to you, but my Father in heaven.

People: ¹⁸And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven.' ²⁰Then he gave the disciples orders to tell no one that he was the Messiah."
(Matthew 16:13-20)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: ASSIST PREGNANCY CENTER

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 stay in the service on the fourth Sunday of each month. 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.

"⁹The word of the Lord came to me: ¹⁰Take an offering from the exiles, from Heldai, Tobijah, and Jedaiah, who have arrived from Babylon, and go that same day to the house of Josiah son of Zephaniah. ¹¹Take silver and gold, make a crown, and place it on the head of Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. ¹²You are to tell him: This is what the Lord of Armies says: Here is a man whose name is Branch; he will branch out from his place and build the Lord's temple. ¹³Yes, he will build the Lord's temple; he will bear royal splendor and will sit on his throne and rule. There will be a priest on his throne, and there will be peaceful counsel between the two of them. ¹⁴The crown will reside in the Lord's temple as a memorial to Heldai, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen son of Zephaniah.'" (Zechariah 6:9-14)

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.

The Priest on the Throne

Pastor Young Lee

OFFERING

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

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

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

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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.

From delusion to truth and into your righteous way: Lead us, Father God. From darkness to light and into your gracious will: Lead us, savior Christ. From death to immortality and into your joyful presence: Lead us, powerful Spirit. Triune God, savior and strength of us all: It is you we worship and adore.

(A prayer from the Andhra Christian Theological College in Hyderabad, India)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"God brought to Israel the Savior, Jesus... let it be known to you, brothers and sisters, that through this man forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you. Everyone who believes is justified through him."

(Acts 13:28; 38-39)

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.)

MINISTRY PARTNER OFFERING : ASSIST PREGNANCY CENTER

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain!
For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?

Chorus

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!

He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace!
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own

Charles Wesley | Scott Roley

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: Assist - Today

Each month, Emmanuel gives a special offering for one of our ministry partners. This month, we are highlighting Assist Pregnancy Center. Consider giving to this ministry during our closing song or [online](#).

Small Group Leaders Training - Today

If you are leading a small group this year, please come to the art room after service for a time of training for the year.

Youth Kickoff Family Cookout and Parent Meeting - Today

Let's celebrate the beginning of the school year together with a dinner and a parent meeting to review our plan for the year. We'll meet at the church from 4:30-6:30 PM. All families, please bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share.

Small Group Signups

Small groups are one of the most important ways we care for each other at Emmanuel, and we hope you will join one this year. For the rest of the month, you can sign up for a small group that meets at a time and place that work well for you. Men's, women's, and co-ed groups are all available. Sign up with a QR code in the church lobby or on Church Center. If you plan to stay in the same small group you are currently in, you don't need to take any extra actions.

No Sunday School - August 30

Parents, we will not offer Sunday School on August 30; children stay in the entire service. We will have coloring sheets and sermon notes available in the church lobby. Nursery is still provided for children ages 0-2.

Sparks Summer Scripture Challenge Ice Cream Party- August 30

Kids in 3rd through 5th grade, you are encouraged to memorize Scripture and grow in love for God's Word together this summer! We'll celebrate any progress we make together with ice cream sundaes on August 30 right after service. See the children's ministry table or Marianna for details, and sign up for everyone in your family who wants to eat ice cream on [Church Center](#).

Project Belong Bake Sale - August 30

Who's hungry? Emmanuel's very own baker, Emi Jiang, is hosting a bake sale on August 30 (before and after service) to benefit young adults who've aged out of foster care. The sale will feature items like cookies and mini cakes, so please come hungry and ready to support our partner Project Belong.

Youth Retreat - September 4-6

Youth, you won't want to miss the fall retreat over Labor Day weekend. Enjoy fellowship together with a weekend of fun on the big swing, rock wall, zip line & hanging on the lake with friends. Mack David from Restoration Anglican Church will be our speaker this year. Email Marissa with any questions, and sign up [Church Center](#).

Children's Ministry Welcome Back Luncheon - September 6

All families with children in 5th grade or under are invited to celebrate the new school year and eat lunch together. Get to know other families and encourage each other as you begin a new school year! RSVP [here](#).

Intro to Emmanuel - September 20

If you're relatively new to Emmanuel or interested in pursuing membership, please join us for our Intro to Emmanuel seminar and lunch. This also serves as our membership class, but you are not obligated to become a member by joining. Childcare is provided.