



# 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!



ANCIENT OF DAYS / OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART

Blessing and honor glory and power be unto the Ancient of Days  
From ev'ry nation all of creation bow before the Ancient of Days

*Chorus*

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory  
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship  
You will be exalted, O God,  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
O Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare to Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You  
Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart  
I want to see You, I want to see You (2x)

*Chorus*

To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love

As we sing holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy holy, holy, holy, holy  
You are holy, holy, holy, I want to see You  
Holy, holy holy, I want to see You

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**INVITATION TO WORSHIP**

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

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**People: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

~Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

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 tings  
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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## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Leader:** <sup>12</sup>Dear friends, don't be surprised when the fiery ordeal comes among you to test you, as if something unusual were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>Instead, rejoice as you share in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may also rejoice with great joy when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are ridiculed for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. <sup>15</sup>Let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or a meddler.

**People:** <sup>16</sup>But if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed but let him glorify God in having that name. <sup>17</sup>For the time has come for judgment to begin with God's household, and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who disobey the gospel of God? <sup>18</sup>And if a righteous person is saved with difficulty, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner? <sup>19</sup>So then, let those who suffer according to God's will entrust themselves to a faithful Creator while doing what is good. (~1 Peter 4:12-19)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## PARTNERSHIP PRESENTATION

Sarrans, church planters in Lyon, France

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children are invited to attend Children's Church. K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Preschool & 4th-5th will head directly to their classroom upstairs. First time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

### 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>8</sup>Some Chaldeans took this occasion to come forward and maliciously accuse the Jews. <sup>9</sup>They said to King Nebuchadnezzar, 'May the king live forever. <sup>10</sup>You as king have issued a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, drum, and every kind of music must fall down and worship the gold statue. <sup>11</sup>Whoever does not fall down and worship will be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. <sup>12</sup>There are some Jews you have appointed to manage the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men have ignored you, the king; they do not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.' <sup>13</sup>Then in a furious rage Nebuchadnezzar gave orders to bring in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king. <sup>14</sup>Nebuchadnezzar asked them, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, is it true that you don't serve my gods or worship the gold statue I have set up? <sup>15</sup>Now if you're ready, when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, drum, and every kind of music, fall down and worship the statue I made. But if you don't worship it, you will immediately be thrown into a furnace of blazing fire — and who is the god who can rescue you from my power?' <sup>16</sup>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied to the king, 'Nebuchadnezzar, we don't need to give you an answer to this question. <sup>17</sup>If the God we serve exists, then he can rescue us from the furnace of blazing fire, and he can rescue us from the power of you, the king. <sup>18</sup>But even if he does not rescue us, we want you as king to know that we will not serve your gods or worship the gold statue you set up.' <sup>19</sup>Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with rage, and the expression on his face changed toward Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He gave orders to heat the furnace seven times more than was customary, <sup>20</sup>and he commanded some of the best soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego and throw them into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>21</sup>So these men, in their trousers, robes, head coverings, and other clothes, were tied up and thrown into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>22</sup>Since the king's command was so urgent and the furnace extremely hot, the raging flames killed those men who carried up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. <sup>23</sup>And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego fell, bound, into the furnace of blazing fire. <sup>24</sup>Then King Nebuchadnezzar jumped up in alarm. He said to his advisers, 'Didn't we throw three men, bound, into the fire?' 'Yes, of course, Your Majesty,' they replied to the king. <sup>25</sup>He exclaimed, 'Look! I see four men, not tied, walking around in the fire unharmed; and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.' <sup>26</sup>Nebuchadnezzar then approached the door of the furnace of blazing fire and called, 'Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, you servants of the Most High God—come out!' So Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out of the fire. <sup>27</sup>When the satraps, prefects, governors, and the king's advisers gathered around, they saw that the fire had no effect on the bodies of these men: not a hair of their heads was singed, their robes were unaffected, and there was no smell of fire on them. <sup>28</sup>Nebuchadnezzar exclaimed, 'Praise to the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel and rescued his

servants who trusted in him. They violated the king's command and risked their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God. <sup>29</sup>Therefore I issue a decree that anyone of any people, nation, or language who says anything offensive against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego will be torn limb from limb and his house made a garbage dump. For there is no other god who is able to deliver like this.' <sup>30</sup>Then the king rewarded Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

~Daniel 3:8-30 (CSB)

#### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

Almighty God, in you are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Open our eyes that we may see the wonders of your Word. Give us grace not only to hear and understand how you would speak to us today, but also the grace to trust and follow you, through Christ our Lord, Amen.

#### **SERMON**

*Sermons at Emmanuel encourage us to depend on the finished work of Christ rather than self-justification.*

ANOTHER IN THE FIRE

REV. STEPHEN BATES

#### **OFFERING**

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

#### **PSALM 23 (I AM NOT ALONE)**

The Lord is my Shepherd

He goes before me

Defender behind me

I won't fear

I'm filled with anointing

my cup's overflowing

No weapon can harm me

I won't fear

*Chorus*

Hallelujah, I am not alone

He's my Comfort, always holds me close

He always guides me

Through mountains and valleys

His joy is refreshing,

Restores my soul

Mercy and goodness

Give me assurance

That I'll see His glory face to face

Your Spirit lives within me so I will walk in Your peace

Your Spirit lives within me, my victory, my victory (4x)

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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 patience, but we confess that our default is often restlessness. For the ways we fail to trust your timing, forgive us. For the ways we dehumanize others by treating them impatiently, forgive us. Root out the hurry in our hearts and replace it with patient trust. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

*“<sup>38</sup>For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,  
<sup>39</sup>nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
~Romans 8:38-39*

## 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 available.)*

## PARTNERSHIP OFFERING

Sarrans, church planters in Lyon, France

### GLORIFY THY NAME

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth  
Glorify Thy name, glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth

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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.

*~Numbers 6:24-26*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Partnership Offering—Sarrans—Today!**

Our July partnership offering will go to church planters Alex and Suzanne Sarran, who serve with their family in Lyon, France. Consider giving to support them and their work during the closing song or on Church Center.

### **Integrity Partners Meeting—July 7**

A group for spouses of individuals struggling with sexual integrity meets every first and third Monday of the month. All meeting participants and content are kept confidential. For more information, contact [integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:integritypartners@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **Women's Summer Book Club—July 8**

Join us Tuesdays in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29) from 7:30-9:00pm at Amy Fong's house in Vienna as we read *Try Softer* by Aundi Kolber. Amy Fong and Christina Pinnell Rawls will lead discussion. RSVP to Amy at [amyghudson@gmail.com](mailto:amyghudson@gmail.com). Come once, come weekly—you're welcome anytime!

### **High School Bible Study—July 9**

All rising 9th-12th graders, come study God's Word, play games, and eat snacks this Wednesday from 7-9 PM. Ask Marissa if you have questions—[mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **Summer Bible Study—July 9**

Join us for a co-ed, 4-week Bible study on the books of Hosea and Amos, starting Wednesday night June 25 at 7:30pm in Rosslyn. Together, we'll explore God's steadfast love, the call to justice and mercy, and His faithful pursuit of a wayward people. Please contact Yelena Urcia ([yelenavu@gmail.com](mailto:yelenavu@gmail.com)) and Wendy You ([wendyyu88@gmail.com](mailto:wendyyu88@gmail.com)) for more details.

### **Church Cookout—July 13**

Enjoy time with our church family and bring a friend to Emmanuel's annual summer cookout at Bon Air Park. The church will provide Central American BBQ; please bring a side to share. If you are able to help grill or volunteer in other ways, please sign up on Church Center.

### **Singles Community Building—July 19**

Come spend a relaxing evening with food and fellowship from 4-8 PM. Main dish will be provided. Bring a salad, dessert, or drinks to share. Location is Jenn and Geoff Chin's backyard, and carpooling is encouraged. Sign up and find out more details on Church Center.

### **High School Boys Paintball—July 19**

High school guys (rising 9th-12th grade) are invited to come and play paintball! We will play at Hogsback Mountain Paintball in Leesburg, Virginia. Cost is around \$50. Please RSVP on Church Center by July 11 as we need exact numbers for the event. Email James Cousler at [jamescousler66@gmail.com](mailto:jamescousler66@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Youth Retreat Sign-up**

Fall Youth Retreat sign ups are open on Church Center. Rising 6th-12th graders, mark September 12-14 on your calendars and sign up today.

### **ABB Volunteer Opportunities—VBS, Coffee & Conversation, and Food Pantry**

Volunteers are needed for our community **Vacation Bible School** on July 21-25 from 9am-12pm. Sign up for one or more days as you're able. Join **Coffee & Conversation**- practice English with learners in a fun, informal setting at 5401 7th Rd S, Arlington on Fridays from 4:30-5:30pm. No sign-up needed—just drop in. Teens can volunteer, too! **Food Pantry Help**-Lend a hand at 790 S Carlin Springs Rd (behind Community Church of God). Most needed: Weds/Thurs, 10 AM–3 PM, or Saturdays, 11 AM–3 PM. Great for families—kids can help stock shelves!