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), or complete a physical form found at our Welcoming Table in the lobby. We are so happy that you visited!

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
Jesus, Savior, is our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer
Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus knows our every weakness, take it to the Lord in prayer

Oh, what a friend! Oh, what a friend in Jesus (2x)

Blessed Savior, You have promised, all our burdens You will bear
May we ever, Lord, be bringing all to you in earnest prayer
Soon, in glory bright unclouded, face to face will be our prayer
Joyful praise and endless worship will be our sweet portion there

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

Leader: "A Psalm. A Song for the Sabbath.

People: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High

Leader: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night

People: For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy."
(Psalm 92:1-4)

10,000 Reasons

Bless the Lord O my soul
O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before
O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

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New Testament Reading

Leader: "[34]When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they came together. [35]And one of them, an expert in the law, asked a question to test him: [36]'Teacher, which command in the law is the greatest?'

People: [37]He said to him, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. [38]This is the greatest and most important command. [39]The second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. [40]All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commands.'" *(Matthew 22:34–40)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Partnership Presentation: Arlington Bridge Builders

Congregational Prayer

The 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.

Padre nuestro, que estás en el cielo. Santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino. Hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día. Perdona nuestras ofensas, como también nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal. Amén.

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers and 5th graders, please head directly to your classrooms upstairs. Other children, meet your teachers in the lobby to walk upstairs together. 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.
"[1]First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, [2]for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. [3]This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, [4]who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. [5]For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, [6]who gave himself as a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time." *(1 Timothy 2:1-6)*

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

Congregational Prayer — Rev. Young Lee

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

MI ROCA (CORNERSTONE)

Mi esperanza está en Jesús
En su justicia y en la cruz
De nadie más dependeré
Solo en su nombre confiaré

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus
En Jesús, Fuerte soy, solo Él mi Roca es
Sobre la Tempestad, Él es Rey

Christ alone, cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Savior's love
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all

Cuando no puedo ver su faz
Sé que su gracia es siempre igual
A la tormenta venceré
Mi ancla firme está en Él

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

Un día Él regresará
En su presencia voy a estar
Sin mancha ante Él vendré
Justificado por la fe

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

Edward Mote | Eric Liljero | Jonas Myrin | Reuben Morgan | William Batchelder Bradbury

CONFESSION OF SIN
Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.
"Love is kind," but we confess that we are often unconcerned with others. For the ways we turn a blind eye to the broken-hearted, forgive us. For the ways we fail to mirror your kind heart to our neighbors, forgive us. Kind Father, have mercy on us. *(Based on 1 Corinthians 13:4)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
We are forgiven in Christ and our assurance is based on God's promises.
"I will leave a meek and humble people among you, and they will take refuge in the name of the Lord.... Sing for joy, Daughter Zion; shout loudly, Israel! Be glad and celebrate with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has removed your punishment; he has turned back your enemy. The King of Israel, the Lord, is among you; you need no longer fear harm." *(Zephaniah 3:12, 14–15)*

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)

PARTNERSHIP OFFERING: ARLINGTON BRIDGE BUILDERS

ARISE MY SOUL ARISE

Arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears
The bleeding sacrifice
On my behalf appears
Before the throne my surety stands
Before the throne my surety stands
My name is written on His hands

Chorus
Arise (arise) arise (arise)
Arise arise my soul arise
Arise (arise) arise (arise)
Arise arise my soul arise
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

He ever lives above
For me to intercede
His all-redeeming love
His precious blood to plead
His blood atoned for every race
His blood atoned for every race
And sprinkles now the throne of grace

Five bleeding wounds He bears
Received on Calvary
They pour effectual prayers
They strongly plead for me
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Forgive him O forgive they cry
Don't let that ransomed sinner die

My God is reconciled
His pard'ning voice I hear
He owns me for His child
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh
With confidence I now draw nigh
And Father Abba Father cry

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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

October Partnership Offering: Arlington Bridge Builders - Today
Each month, we take a special offering for one of our ministry partners. This month, our focus is on Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB), an interdenominational network of churches working with each other, individuals, nonprofits, businesses, and civic agencies to seek the flourishing of our community. Consider giving to ABB during the final song or on our website.

Spanish Conversations Class - Today
ABB is offering a free Spanish class for Emmanuel attendees who want to improve their Spanish conversation skills. All skill levels are welcome. Classes are held at Rivendell on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 and will run from now through December 13 (no class November 29). Sign ups are limited but still open and can be found on Church Center.

Sparks Picnic and Putt Putt - Today
Third through fifth graders and your families, you're invited to go to Upton Hill Regional Park after the service for a picnic and mini golf. Friends and neighbors are welcome! Bring your own lunch, and the church will pay for all the kids who play.

Middle School Boys D Group Hangout - Today
Middle school boys, come hang out with your discipleship group at the Jiangs' house for a fun afternoon with your mentors watching a football game and eating food!

Fellowship Event Sign ups
Get to know others from Emmanuel at our annual fellowship month events! To view the full lineup and register, see the QR codes in the lobby or sign up on Church Center.

Youth Study Club - October 20
All middle and high schoolers are welcome to come out to the church office (5545 Langston Blvd) on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. Come this Tuesday, October 20 between 7-9 pm for a study and homework session. Snacks and adult supervision provided!

Seminar - Engaging Our Community in a Polarized World - October 25
Stay after the service to hear from Doug Weber, Navigators representative on Capitol Hill, as he discusses how to navigate the challenges of talking about Jesus when faith feels political. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

Virtual Prayer Meeting - October 26
You're invited to pray together wherever you are on Monday, October 26 at 7 PM. Bonnie will email the Zoom link to the congregation on Monday morning.

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid Update - October 28
Caring for our immigrant neighbors is more important than ever. Join us on Zoom at 8PM to learn why. RILA's legal staff will give an update how immigration policy and enforcement are continuing to rapidly change and how RILA is responding. There will be a time for Q&A at the end. RSVP to johanna@restorationimmigration.org for the link.

Bridges to Success Career Day - November 7
ABB's Bridges to Success teen program is hosting a career day event on November 7th from 1-3pm, and they're looking for presenters from various career fields to inspire our teens by sharing their career journeys. Please see the table in the lobby after the service to volunteer and learn more about it.

Introduction to Emmanuel - November 8
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. Sign up using the QR code in the lobby.