



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!



HIS MERCY IS MORE

Chorus:

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: This God—his way is perfect;

People: The word of the LORD proves true;

Leader: He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

People: For who is God, but the LORD? And who is a rock, except our God?

~Psalm 18:30-31

INSTRUMENT OF PEACE

Chorus:

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace (2X)

Where is there hatred let me sow love
Where there is darkness let me sow light
For in the giving we shall receive
And in the dying we're given life

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace (2X)

Where there is sorrow let me sow hope
Where there is doubt let me sow faith
Where is injury your pardon give
Your consolation to those in pain

Lord make me
An instrument of peace
An instrument of peace (2X)

Amen

Isaac Wardell | Jessica Fox | Liz Vice | Orlando Palmer | Paul Zach

NICENE CREED, PART FOUR

Leader: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, Of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; he third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

People and Leader: And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschool will head up to their class; and elementary children will meet outside in the lobby. 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.

¹¹He said to me, "Daniel, you are a man treasured by God. Understand the words that I'm saying to you. Stand on your feet, for I have now been sent to you." After he said this to me, I stood trembling. ¹²"Don't be afraid, Daniel," he said to me, "for from the first day that you purposed to understand and to humble yourself before your God, your prayers were heard. I have come because of your prayers. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia opposed me for twenty-one days. Then Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me after I had been left there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴Now I have come to help you understand what will happen to your people in the last days, for the vision refers to those days"....^{11:2}"Three more kings will arise in Persia, and the fourth will be far richer than the others. By the power he gains through his riches, he will stir up everyone against the kingdom of Greece. ³Then a warrior king will arise; he will rule a vast realm and do whatever he wants....¹³The king of the North will again raise a multitude larger than the first. After some years he will advance with a great army and many supplies. ¹⁴"In those times many will rise up against the king of the South. Violent ones among your own people will assert themselves to fulfill a vision, but they will fail....³¹His forces will rise up and desecrate the temple fortress. They will abolish the regular sacrifice and set up the abomination of desolation. ³²With flattery he will corrupt those who act wickedly toward the covenant, but the people who know their God will be strong and take action. ³³Those who have insight among the people will give understanding to many, yet they will fall by the sword and flame, and they will be captured and plundered for a time. ³⁴When they fall, they will be helped by some, but many others will join them insincerely. ³⁵Some of those who have insight will fall so that they may be refined, purified, and cleansed until the time of the end, for it will still come at the appointed time. ³⁶"Then the king will do whatever he wants. He will exalt and magnify himself above every god, and he will say outrageous things against the God of gods. He will be successful until the time of wrath is completed, because what has been decreed will be accomplished....^{12:6b}..."How long until the end of these wondrous things?" ⁷Then I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the water of the river. He raised both his hands toward heaven and swore by him who lives eternally that it would be for a time, times, and half a time. When the power of the holy people is shattered, all these things will be completed....¹¹From the time the daily sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days. ¹²Happy is the one who waits for and reaches 1,335 days. ¹³ But as for you, go on your way to the end; you will rest, and then you will rise to receive your allotted inheritance at the end of the days."

~Daniel 10:11-14, 11:2-3, 13-14, 31-36, 12:6b-7, 11-13, CSB

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

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.

THE BATTLE IS WON

REV. YOUNG LEE

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.

LORD I NEED YOU
Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

Chorus 1:
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Bridges:
So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus 2:
Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

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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

"Ah, Lord—the great and awe-inspiring God who keeps his gracious covenant with those who love him and keep his commands— we have sinned, done wrong, acted wickedly, rebelled, and turned away from your commands and ordinances.

~ Daniel 9:4-5

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.

Listen closely, my God, and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations and the city that bears your name. For we are not presenting our petitions before you based on our righteous acts, but based on your abundant compassion. Lord, hear! Lord, forgive! Lord, listen and act! My God, for your own sake, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your name.

~ Daniel 9:18-19

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. Gluten free wafers available at communion table.

LORD JESUS CHRIST
Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy on me
Have mercy, Lord Jesus Christ
Have mercy on me, A sinner (x2)

Chorus:
Lord Jes- us Christ
Señor Jesús!

Señor Jesús, ten piedad de mí
Ten piedad, Señor Jesús
ten piedad de mí, Pecador.

Lord Jesus Christ, Have mercy on me
Have mercy.

Stephen Bates

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.

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

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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Small Group Registration - Today

Registration for men's, women's, and co-ed small groups is open! Small groups are basic Christian communities that invite us into communion with God and with one another. They are places for the care of souls: to be known by others, prayed for by others, and fed by scripture. If you would like to sign up for any of these groups or need to switch groups, please fill out the insert and drop it in the offering basket or fill out a form on Church Center or our website. For any questions, reach out to Stephen Bates at sbates@emmanuelarlington.org.

Small Group Leaders Training - Today

Small Group leader training is taking place today here in the sanctuary from 12:30-1:30pm. Lunch and childcare are provided.

Intro to Emmanuel - Today

There is an Intro to Emmanuel class today for those who are interested in learning more about our church or are interested in membership. Lunch and childcare are provided. Meet upstairs in the art room after service, all are welcome, even if you did not register.

Youth Group Family Cookout - Today

Please join us this afternoon if you have a youth group aged kid! We'll meet out in the courtyard for dinner at 4:30, followed by a short meeting for the parents and hangout time for the kids. This is for families with kids from grades 6-12.

Take a Meal - The Dysons

Support Cassin, Ayako, and big sister Charlotte as they welcome their new baby home! Sign up to take a meal here: <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/lv0d2r/>

Take a Meal - The Wishards

Grant and Sarah welcomed their son Owen Beck Wishard into the world last week. Consider taking them and Big Brother Liam a meal; sign up for a date here: <https://mealtrain.com/33mzv0>

Welcome, Baby Kim!

James and Ruth Kim welcomed their baby Margaret Haeun Kim this week. Be on the lookout for a meal signup soon.

Youth Retreat -September 12-14

Youth Retreat is around the corner! Signups for this fun event end this Wednesday, 8/27. Have a look on Church Center to sign up.

Arlington Bridge Builders - Job Opening

Arlington Bridge Builders, is seeking a part-time after-school director for their 5 days a week elementary after-school program and summer morning camps called Bridge Kids. If you are interested in the position, please email info@bridgebuildersva.org.

Vision Sunday - September 7

Please mark your calendars for our annual Vision Sunday, September 7, when we'll look at what God is calling us to in the upcoming ministry year. The service will be followed by a brief congregational meeting.

New Chairs

Take note that there are some new chairs here in our auditorium. We want to take care of what we are able to use and share with Rivendell School. Parents of young children, please take care to keep your kids from standing and jumping on the chairs.