



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE JULY 27, 2025

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!



EVERLASTING GOD

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God, You reign forever
Our Hope, our strong Deliv'rer

Chorus

Your are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint, You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

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Brenton Brown | Ken Riley

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Leader: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

People: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever

~Romans 11:33-36

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabbath his name, from age to age the same;
And he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever!

Martin Luther | Luke Salik | Matthew Westerholm

NICENE CREED, PART ONE

Leader and People: "We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible."

LAMENT

Leader: "Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled. My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long? Turn, O LORD, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love."
~Psalm 6:9

People: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayers of lament.

Brief silence kept.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

NEW MEMBERS AND COMMUNICANTS INTRODUCTION

Dan and Annie Lin, Avery Josephine Lin

GREETING

There is no Sunday school this Sunday. Nursery is provided for children 2 years old and younger; preschoolers and elementary aged children can stop by the Children's Ministry table to pick up activities.

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.

⁴¹King Belshazzar held a great feast for a thousand of his nobles and drank wine in their presence. ²Under the influence of the wine, Belshazzar gave orders to bring in the gold and silver vessels that his predecessor Nebuchadnezzar had taken from the temple in Jerusalem, so that the king and his nobles, wives, and concubines could drink from them... ⁵At that moment the fingers of a man's hand appeared and began writing on the plaster of the king's palace wall next to the lampstand. As the king watched the hand that was writing, ⁶his face turned pale, and his thoughts so terrified him that he soiled himself and his knees knocked together... ¹⁰Because of the outcry of the king and his nobles, the queen came to the banquet hall. 'May the king live forever,' she said. 'Don't let your thoughts terrify you or your face be pale. ¹¹There is a man in your kingdom who has a spirit of the holy gods in him. In the days of your predecessor he was found to have insight, intelligence, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your predecessor, King Nebuchadnezzar, appointed him chief of the magicians, mediums, Chaldeans, and diviners... ¹⁷Then Daniel answered the king, 'You may keep your gifts and give your rewards to someone else; however, I will read the inscription for the king and make the interpretation known to him. ¹⁸Your Majesty, the Most High God gave sovereignty, greatness, glory, and majesty to your predecessor Nebuchadnezzar. ¹⁹ Because of the greatness he gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages were terrified and fearful of him. He killed anyone he wanted and kept alive anyone he wanted; he exalted anyone he wanted and humbled anyone he wanted. ²⁰But when his heart was exalted and his spirit became arrogant, he was deposed from his royal throne and his glory was taken from him. ²¹He was driven away from people, his mind was like an animal's, he lived with the wild donkeys, he was fed grass like cattle, and his body was drenched with dew from the sky until he acknowledged that the Most High God is ruler over human kingdoms and sets anyone he wants over them. ²²But you his successor, Belshazzar, have not humbled your heart, even though you knew all this....²⁵This is the writing that was inscribed: MENE, MENE, TEKEL, and PARSIN. ²⁶This is the interpretation of the message: 'Mene' means that God has numbered the days of your kingdom and brought it to an end. ²⁷'Tekel' means that you have been weighed on the balance and found deficient. ²⁸'Peres' means that your kingdom has been divided and given to the Medes and Persians...' ³⁰That very night Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans was killed."

~Daniel 5:1-2, 5-6, 10-11a, 17-22, 25-28, 30 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

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

WRITING ON THE WALL

REV. YOUNG LEE

OFFERING

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

WE ARE NOT OVERCOME

Flesh will fail and bones will break
Thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, light will fade
The Lord will give and take away

Put no trust in the earth
In the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us.

Chorus

Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome

Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke, love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath

Isaac Wardell | Robert Hieskill

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 faithfulness, but we confess that we wander from you. For the ways we've wandered away from your word, forgive us. For the ways we've wandered from your wisdom, forgive us. For the ways we've failed to befriend faithfulness, forgive us. Faithful Father, pour out new mercies on us this morning.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"If we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself."
~2 Timothy 2:12-14

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.)

CLOSE ENOUGH
I come close
Close enough to hear You whisper
Close enough to hear you breathe
Close enough to taste and see

Chorus
That there is peace
Peace like a river
And healing in Your eyes
I will lay my head on Your shoulder
For all the days of my life

I come close
Close enough to see You weeping
Close enough to see You bleed
Close enough to taste and see

John Van Deusen

CHRISTUS VICTOR
O most High, King of the ages,
Great I Am, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through
Mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Chorus 1
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won,
Hallelujah, amen

O most High, dwelling among us,
Son of man, sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us,
Spotless Lamb, Mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, Who rose victorious

Chorus 2
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won,
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son,
Hallelujah, amen

O most High, King of the nations
Robed in praise, crowned in splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When You stand Christ the victor
Who was and is, and is forever

Amen, amen, amen

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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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2410 N Kensington St, Arlington, VA 22205*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kenya Mission Trip Fundraiser - Today

After the service, Kenya team members will have a bake sale to raise support for their upcoming trip to Kibera from August 8-17. Please make a donation for the food and provide extra financial support as you are able. Tax deductible donations can be made by check designated to Kenya, on Emmanuel's website, or via QR code; anonymous donations can be paid directly through Square.

No Children's Sunday School Today

Nursery is still provided for children 2 years old and younger; preschoolers and elementary aged children can stop by the Children's Ministry table to pick up activities for the service. We give our volunteers two Sundays off every year, and this also gives families the opportunity to worship together!

Men's Sexual Integrity Group - July 28

The men's group will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Women's Summer Book Club - July 29

Join us Tuesdays in July 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. Come once, come weekly—you're welcome anytime!

All-Youth Hangout - July 30

All youth students (rising 6th and up) are invited to hang out for dinner and games at Westover Park (1001 N Kennebec Street, Arlington, VA 22205) at 7pm. Sign up on Church Center so we can get a headcount for food. Email Marissa with any questions!

Partnership Offering - Assist Pregnancy Center - August 3

Our August partnership offering will go to Assist Pregnancy Center, a local organization that serves the needs of families with unwanted or at-risk pregnancies. Consider giving to support them and their work next week during the closing song.

All Youth Girl Hangout - August 3

All youth girls are invited to stay after service for lunch, games, and an activity at Rivendell. Meet in the kitchen at 12:15pm. Email Marissa 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.