



EMMANUEL
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE
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REFLECTION

"The message of Easter is that God's new world has been unveiled in Jesus Christ and that you're now invited to belong to it."
~N. T. Wright

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

The hope of the Resurrection is for people from every nation, tribe, people and language (Revelation 7:9). Some of those languages are spoken here at Emmanuel, including Arabic, Bangla, Banjara, Creole, English, French, German, Goan Konkani, Hindi, Korean, Spanish, Latin, Mandarin, Malay, Russian, Serbian, Tamil, Telugu, Ukrainian, and Urdu. "Emmanuel" has the same meaning and pronunciation in all of them.

"The Lord has risen indeed . . . and they shall call his name Emmanuel."

~Luke 24:34 & Matthew 1:23

CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY (HE IS NOT DEAD)

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

Charles Wesley | Kurtis Parks | Samuel Arnold
CCLI Song #7019316

CHRIST IS RISEN

Let no one caught in sin remain
Inside the lie of inward shame
But fix our eyes upon the cross
And run to Him who showed great love
And bled for us
Freely You've bled for us

Chorus:

Christ is risen from the dead
Trampling over death by death
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave
Christ is risen from the dead
We are one with Him again
Come awake come awake
Come and rise up from the grave

Beneath the weight of all our sin
You bowed to none but heaven's will
No scheme of hell no scoffer's crown
No burden great can hold You down
In strength You reign
Forever let Your church proclaim

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Bridge:

O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
The glory of God has defeated the night
Singing O death where is your sting
O hell where is your victory
O church come stand in the light
Our God is not dead He's alive He's alive

Matt Maher | Mia Fielder

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING

DOXOLOGY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

The public reading of the Scriptures reminds us of the truth that can only be found in God's Word.

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ²according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you. ³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

~1 Peter 1:1-9

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

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 HOPE OF EASTER

REV. SCOTT SEATON

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.

HOPE OF THE AGES

The gospel of Jesus
It's the hope of the ages
Burning brighter and brighter
And standing forever

The Church He is building
Nothing can stop it
It's a city that's shining
A light in the darkness

Chorus:

Though Christ was dead
Now surely He's risen
Yeah He's coming back again

And Christ will reign
In triumph forever
Yeah all praise belongs to Him
Yeah all praise belongs to Jesus

His Word is the answer
For all generations
It will never be tainted
It will never be broken

This is our confession
This is our conviction
We believe what is written
We believe what You've spoken

Bridge:

Sing hallelujah
Christ is our redeemer
Sing hallelujah
Jesus holds our future

Cody Carnes | Reuben Morgan
CCLI Song #7179458

CONFESSION OF SIN

Since we are forgiven in Christ, confession is an honest word of grace and not an exercise in shame.

Lord Jesus, we confess we haven't fully grasped the wonder of this head-spinning resurrection news. Our lives do not reflect the reality of your resurrected life; our hearts do not reflect the transforming hope of Easter. With all who doubt and struggle, we pray that you would capture our hearts with the glory of your resurrection.

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.

"Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?" "O death, where is your sting?" The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

~1 Corinthians 15

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.

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Keith Getty | Stuart Townend
CCLI Song #3350395

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

After the service, a male and female leader of Emmanuel will be available by the stage to pray for any concerns you have.

Unless noted, all Scripture is English Standard Version (ESV).

EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a denomination committed to the historic truths of Scripture & the relevance of the gospel in everyday life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Keeping Connected

If you're new to Emmanuel, we'd like to stay in touch, so please fill out a Keeping Connected card through our church app. Click "Get Connected" and then "Get Connected".

The Case For Easter

Want to learn about historical evidence for the Resurrection? In the foyer, be sure to pick up a complimentary copy of "The Case for Easter" by legal journalist Lee Strobel.

Intro to Emmanuel - May 15

Are you new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church? If so, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar at Rivendell from 12:30pm-2:00pm. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. [Please RSVP to Karen Adjei.](#)

Creation Care: Clean Up at Bon Air Park - April 23

Emmanuel is invited to an Earth Day Clean Up on April 23 from 10:30am to 12pm with Arlington Bridge Builders! ABB is looking for a few families who can volunteer with those being served by the ABB food pantry, so if you're able to participate, please contact [Judy Kauer](#) or [Carlos Dimas](#).

English/Spanish Potluck - April 24

English and Spanish Learners - join us for a potluck lunch on 4/24 after service in the Art Room for a chance to practice our language skills! [Please RSVP to Mel Chang.](#)

Sparks Meeting - April 24

Emmanuel's third through fifth graders are invited to our monthly Sparks meeting from 12:30pm to 2:00pm where we will have lunch, play a game, and learn about Paul's Letters in the New Testament.

Sparks Girls Basketball Clinic - April 24

Immediately after our Sparks meeting on April 24, third through fifth grade girls will get to participate in a basketball clinic from 2:00pm - 3:00pm.

Compassion Sunday - April 24

April 24 is Compassion Sunday! Please consider sponsoring a vulnerable child through our partnership with Compassion International. [You can learn more about our partner on our website.](#)

Women's Prayer Breakfast - April 30

Ladies! Spring is a time for Soul Sister connection! Will you join us at Pam Dourado's home for a refreshing morning of prayer together? Save the date for April 30th from 9:30-11:30 - we will gather, have a bite, and practice praying together. Because... "When two or three of you are together because of me, you can be sure that I'll be there." [Please sign up at this link.](#)

Congregational Lunch - May 15

Emmanuel is invited to a congregational lunch at Rivendell immediately after worship service on May 15th! Indoor seating will be available, and we ask that everyone bring a side to share!

Coffee and Conversations

Join Arlington Bridge Builders (ABB) every Friday from 6:30 to 8pm at Arlington Mill Community Center to practice speaking English with our neighbors! Please sign up for at least one Friday under "Get Connected" on the Emmanuel App or [at this link.](#)

Monday Night Prayer Meeting

Join us on Mondays from 7:30-8pm for our weekly prayer meetings! This week we will be praying for mothers, mothers to be, and those wanting to be a mother. A reminder will be sent to those on our mailing list.

COVID Precautions

As a friendly reminder, in compliance with the CDC's and Arlington County's guidelines for COVID protocols, we recommend that you wear a mask during service.

Offering

We highly encourage everyone to give online through our website (click "Give" on the upper right corner) or our app (click "Give" on the bottom of the homepage). If this is not possible, then please mail checks to our office (5545 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22207).

Parking at Rivendell

Please remember not to park in front of a residence when parking at Rivendell. Parking is available surrounding the Lee Community Center and park as well as the Little Ambassadors Academy parking lot.