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!

You Are Good

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

Chorus
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

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Invitation to Worship

We gather in response to God's gracious invitation, not because worship earns favor with him.
Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
People: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
People: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
(Psalm 95:1-7)

Steadfast

I will build my house
Whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move
I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord
And Your faithfulness will prove

Chorus
You are steadfast steadfast

By the word You spoke
All the starry host
Are called out by name each night
In Your watchful care
I will rest secure
As you lead us with Your light

I will not trust in the strength of kings
On Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice
Hallelujah to the Lamb

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New Testament Reading

Leader: "[1]Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables: [2]"The kingdom of heaven is like a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. [3]He sent his servants to summon those invited to the banquet, but they didn't want to come. [4]Again, he sent out other servants and said, 'Tell those who are invited: See, I've prepared my dinner; my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' [5]"But they paid no attention and went away, one to his own farm, another to his business, [6]while the rest seized his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. [7]The king was enraged, and he sent out his troops, killed those murderers, and burned down their city. [8]"Then he told his servants, 'The banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. [9]Go then to where the roads exit the city and invite everyone you find to the banquet.'

People: [10]So those servants went out on the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding banquet was filled with guests. [11]When the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not dressed for a wedding. [12]So he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. [13] 'Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him up hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' [14]'For many are invited, but few are chosen.'"
(Matthew 22:1-14)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Prayer

Greeting and processional

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers and 4th 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.
"[13]Until I come, give your attention to public reading, exhortation, and teaching. [16]All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, [17]so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."
(1 Timothy 4:13, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

Prayer Of Illumination

O Lord, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, and strength to follow on the path you set before us; through Jesus Christ, Amen.

Sermon

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

Public Scripture Reading — Rev. Young Lee

Offering

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

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

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

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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.
"Love is patient," but we confess that we are often impatient. For the inhuman ways we treat others in our hurry, forgive us. For the ways we try to seize control in our hurry, forgive us. Lord, in your mercy, help us to be still before you as we wait patiently for you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon
We are forgiven in Christ and our assurance is based on God's promises.
"Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth."
(1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

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.)

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Chorus
Create in me a clean heart O Lord my God
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from your presence O Lord
Take not your Holy Spirit from me
Restore to me the joy of your salvation
And renew a right spirit within me

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Your Grace Is Enough

Great is Your faithfulness O God
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart
You lead us by still waters into mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

(So) remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise O God

Chorus
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice God of Jacob
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation

And all Your people sing along

Yeah Your grace is enough
Heaven reaches out to us
Your grace is enough for me
God I sing Your grace is enough
I'm covered in Your love
Your grace is enough for me for me

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Announcements

Congregational Lunch - Today
Everyone is invited to eat together after the service. We ask that people would stay to help us set up and clean up.

Youth Group - Today
All students 6-12th grade are invited to attend youth group today after service. Grab food from the congregational lunch and then head upstairs to the gym once you're done eating.

Apartment Life Event - October 31
Join hosts Grant and Sarah Wishard with Apartment Life Ministry for a farmers market on October 31 at the Ballston Park Apartments. There will be free coffee, and produce, home baked goods and handmade crafts for sale. This is an excellent opportunity to get to know our neighbors in Arlington. See details on Church Center or talk to the Wishards at the table in the lobby after the service today.

October Partnership Offering: Arlington Bridge Builders - October 18
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 service or on our website.

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.

Spanish Conversations Class - Today
ABB is offering a free Spanish class this fall for Emmanuel attendees who are interested in improving their Spanish conversation skills. All skill levels are welcome, but content will be catered toward beginners. Classes are held at Rivendell on Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 10:15 and will run from now through December 13. Sign ups are limited but still open and can be found on church center.

Baptism Sunday - October 25
We plan to have baptisms during the service on October 25. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please fill out the questionnaire on Church Center or email the church office.

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 will be provided.

Support the Johnsons
Find ways to support Emmanuel members Evan and Mollie Johnson and their daughters. Volunteer to organize medical supplies or be a mother's helper. Needs are posted regularly on their support registry: https://www.supportnow.org/the-johnson-family