



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.

WELCOME TO EMMANUEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

If you are new to Emmanuel, we’d like to stay in touch!

Use the QR code to fill out our Keeping Connected form (physical forms are available in the lobby) to receive information about our church. You can also use Church Center for general purposes such as registering for events.



Church Center



EASTER

The resurrection of Jesus is a reality so glorious, it requires fifty days to sink in. Christ is Risen!

OUR GOD

Water You turned into wine
Opened the eyes of the blind
There's no one like You
None like You

Into the darkness You shine
Out of the ashes we rise
There's no one like You
None like You

Chorus

Our God is greater
Our God is stronger
God You are higher than any other
Our God is healer
Awesome in power our God our God

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against
(Then) what could stand against

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Let the beloved of the Lord rest secure in him,

People: for he shields him all day long,

Leader: and the one the Lord loves rests between his shoulders.

People: Praise the Lord!

(Deuteronomy 33:12)

HIS GLORY MY GOOD

I have seen my Father's glory revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward for His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn
So, in faith, I follow Jesus on the road not understood
For I know that He is working, for His glory and my good

Chorus

To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone, the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord, my God
For I know His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness, deserves my every praise

For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood
Yes, I know that He has saved me, for His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing that Christ would be made more?
Would I seek the only kingdom that far outweighs them all?
I will stand before my Father where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy, my heart shall praise Him for His glory and my good
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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹³Now that same day two of them were on their way to a village called Emmaus, which was about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴Together they were discussing everything that had taken place. ¹⁵And while they were discussing and arguing, Jesus himself came near and began to walk along with them. ¹⁶But they were prevented from recognizing him. ¹⁷Then he asked them, 'What is this dispute that you're having with each other as you are walking?' And they stopped walking and looked discouraged. ¹⁸The one named Cleopas answered him, 'Are you the only visitor in Jerusalem who doesn't know the things that happened there in these days?' ¹⁹'What things?' he asked them. So they said to him, 'The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet powerful in action and speech before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him. ²¹But we were hoping that he was the one who was about to redeem Israel. Besides all this, it's the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women from our group astounded us. They arrived early at the tomb, ²³and when they didn't find his body, they came and reported that they had seen a vision of angels who said he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they didn't see him.' ²⁵He said to them, 'How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Wasn't it necessary for the Messiah to suffer these things and enter into his glory?' ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted for them the things concerning himself in all the Scriptures. ²⁸They came near the village where they were going, and he gave the impression that he was going farther. ²⁹But they urged him, 'Stay with us, because it's almost evening, and now the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them.

People: ³⁰It was as he reclined at the table with them that he took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, but he disappeared from their sight. ³²They said to each other, 'Weren't our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?' ³³That very hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem. They found the Eleven and those with them gathered together, ³⁴who said, 'The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!' ³⁵Then they began to describe what had happened on the road and how he was made known to them in the breaking of the bread. *(Luke 24:13-36)*

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

People: Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT AND CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers and 4th-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.

¹David spoke the words of this song to the Lord on the day the Lord rescued him from the grasp of all his enemies and from the grasp of Saul. ²He said: 'The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, ³my God, my rock where I seek refuge. My shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold, my refuge, and my Savior, you save me from violence. ⁴I called to the Lord, who is worthy of praise, and I was saved from my enemies. ⁵For the waves of death engulfed me; the torrents of destruction terrified me. ⁶The ropes of Sheol entangled me; the snares of death confronted me. ⁷I called to the Lord in my distress; I called to my God. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry for help reached his ears. ⁸Then the earth shook and quaked; the foundations of the heavens trembled; they shook because he burned with anger. ⁹Smoke rose from his nostrils, and consuming fire came from his mouth; coals were set ablaze by it. ¹⁰He bent the heavens and came down, total darkness beneath his feet. ¹¹He rode on a cherub and flew, soaring on the wings of the wind. ¹²He made darkness a canopy around him, a gathering of water and thick clouds. ¹³From the radiance of his presence, blazing coals were ignited. ¹⁴The Lord thundered from heaven; the Most High made his voice heard. ¹⁵He shot arrows and scattered them; he hurled lightning bolts and routed them. ¹⁶The depths of the sea became visible, the foundations of the world were exposed at the rebuke of the Lord, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils. ¹⁷He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he pulled me out of deep water. ¹⁸He rescued me from my powerful enemy and from those who hated me, for they were too strong for me. ¹⁹They confronted me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my support. ²⁰He brought me out to a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me....²⁸You rescue a humbled people, but your eyes are set against the proud—you humble them....³⁶You have given me the shield of your salvation, and your gentleness made me great." (2 Samuel 22:1-20, 28, 36)

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.

Rescue from Pride

Rev. Stephen Bates

OFFERING

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

MADE ME GLAD

I will bless the Lord forever
And I will trust Him at all times
He has delivered me from all sin
And He has set my feet upon a rock

And I will not be moved
And I'll say of the Lord

Chorus

You are my shield, my strength, My portion, Deliverer
My shelter, strong tower
My very present help in time of need.
Whom have I in Heaven but You?
There's none I desire beside You
For You have made me glad and I'll say of the Lord

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

“Lord, we know that you hate ‘pride and arrogance and the way of evil’ but we confess that we have been consumed with ourselves. Forgive us, change us, and lift our eyes to you.” (Based on Proverbs 8:13)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

“I am sure of this, that he who started a good work for you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”~Philippians 1:6

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 - Project Belong

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

Chorus

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

Project Belong Partnership Offering - Today

We will collect a partnership offering for Project Belong during the closing song today. Project Belong inspires, recruits, and resources the local church to care for vulnerable children with the love of Christ. Please designate this partner when giving in-person or [online](#).

Youth Worker Interest Meeting - Today

Today we will have a brief meeting after the service for any youth, aged 15 and up, who are interested in working with the setup crew, childcare or other miscellaneous work. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting with their teens. Please go up to the conference room right after the service.

Welcome, Baby Fox!

Mireille, Elliott, and big brother Gabriel welcomed baby Sebastian last week. Sign up to bring them a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/v6ld86>

Men's Day Away - April 25

Join the men from Emmanuel as we fellowship, play corn hole, and hear from speaker Robbie Brown. He serves as the program director for the The Center for Faith & Work, the cultural renewal arm of Redeemer Presbyterian Church, in NYC. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Women's Day Away - May 2

Join the women of Emmanuel for a day of fellowship, prayer, singing and teaching centering on faith and work. Our speaker will be Missy Wallace, who believes deeply in the role of all work, not just nonprofit and church work, as part of God's unfolding story. Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Restoring Justice: Law as a Redemptive Force for Communities - May 3

Emmanuel continues its vocational series on May 3 as we focus on the gospel displayed in law and politics. Stay after the service for a seminar led by Emmanuel's own Pablo Villeda, attorney and Executive Director of Christian Legal Aid of D.C., who will share about their work with criminal record sealing. Lunch and childcare will be provided.