



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



LENT

Lent is a 40-day season leading up to Easter focusing on renewal, repentance, and our identification with Christ in his suffering.

THE LION AND THE LAMB

He's coming on the clouds
Kings and kingdoms will bow down
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Chorus

Our God is the Lion
The Lion of Judah
He's roaring with power
And fighting our battles
And every knee will bow before Him
Our God is the Lamb
The Lamb that was slain
For the sins of the world
His blood breaks the chains
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb
Every knee will bow before Him

So open up the gates
Make way before the King of kings
The God who comes to save
Is here to set the captives free
For who can stop the Lord Almighty

Who can stop the Lord Almighty
Who can stop the Lord (Almighty)

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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, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: **For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has seen 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

PSALM 126

Our mouths they were filled filled with laughter
Our tongues they were loosed loosed with joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord

Chorus

Although we are weeping
Lord help us keep sowing
The seeds of Your kingdom
For the day You will reap them
Your sheaves we will carry
Lord please do not tarry
All those who sow weeping
Will go out with songs of joy
The nations will say He has done great things
The nations will sing songs of joy
Restore us O Lord
Restore us O Lord

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹As he was passing by, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' ³'Neither this man nor his parents sinned,' Jesus answered. 'This came about so that God's works might be displayed in him. ⁴We must do the works of him who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.' ⁶After he said these things he spit on the ground, made some mud from the saliva, and spread the mud on his eyes. ⁷'Go,' he told him, 'wash in the pool of Siloam' (which means 'Sent'). So he left, washed, and came back seeing.

People: ⁸His neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar said, 'Isn't this the one who used to sit begging?' ⁹Some said, 'He's the one.' Others were saying, 'No, but he looks like him.' He kept saying, 'I'm the one.' ¹⁰So they asked him, 'Then how were your eyes opened?' ¹¹He answered, 'The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So when I went and washed I received my sight.'"

(John 9:1-11)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

A prayer written for and by those working in media and technology

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. All children will meet in the conference room on the second floor to sing together before dividing into their age groups. 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.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the governor's headquarters. It was early morning. They did not enter the headquarters themselves; otherwise they would be defiled and unable to eat the Passover. ²⁹So Pilate came out to them and said, 'What charge do you bring against this man?' ³⁰They answered him, 'If this man weren't a criminal, we wouldn't have handed him over to you.' ³¹Pilate told them, 'You take him and judge him according to your law.' 'It's not legal for us to put anyone to death,' the Jews declared. ³²They said this so that Jesus's words might be fulfilled indicating what kind of death he was going to die. ³³Then Pilate went back into the headquarters, summoned Jesus, and said to him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' ³⁴Jesus answered, 'Are you asking this on your own, or have others told you about me?' ³⁵'I'm not a Jew, am I?' Pilate replied. 'Your own nation and the chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶'My kingdom is not of this world,' said Jesus. 'If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would fight, so that I wouldn't be handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷'You are a king then?' Pilate asked. 'You say that I'm a king,' Jesus replied. 'I was born for this, and I have come into the world for this: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.' ³⁸'What is truth?' said Pilate."

~John 18:28-38

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.

Vocational Series: Media & Technology

Rev. Young Lee

VOCATIONAL TESTIMONY

Mollie Johnson

OFFERING

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

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three-in-One
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

All the redeemed washed by His blood
Come and rejoice in His great love
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Christ has defeated every sin
Cast all your burdens now on Him
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

He shall return in pow'r to reign
Heaven and earth will join to say
Oh praise Him
Alleluia
Then who shall fall on bended knee
All creatures of our God and King
Oh praise Him Oh praise Him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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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.

"O source of every good and perfect gift, shed the cheering light of your abundant grace over our hearts. Spirit of love and gentleness, we humbly implore your assistance. We confess our faults, our failings, and the waywardness of our affections. We ask that you change our affections, correct our wandering, and pardon our sins.

~Anselm

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"As for you, O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!"

~Psalm 40:11

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.)

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
If anyone would come after me
Let him deny himself
Take up his cross
Follow me

Chorus
Whoever would save his life
Will lose it
Whoever loses his life for me
Will find it
If anyone claims to worship God
Let him give all away
Take up his cross
Follow me

What would it profit a man
If he gains the whole world
And forfeits his soul
What would it profit a man at all
What would it profit a man
If he dies with a barn full of
silver and gold
What would it profit a man
at all

If anyone would come after me
Let him deny himself
Take up his cross
Follow me

By Jon Guerra

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

Chorus
We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld protected gathered up

In the dark of night before the dawn
My soul be not afraid
For the promised morning oh how long
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together bring shalom

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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.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clicks, Credibility, and Critical Thinking: A Framework for Media Literacy - Today

Stay after the service for a vocational seminar from our own Paul Glader about the challenges of navigating the news in this digital age.

Middle School Discipleship Group Lunches - Today

Middle school students are invited to eat lunch after service with their D group and mentors. Boys will meet in the second floor conference room, and girls will be in the art room

Youth Group Game Night - March 20

All middle and high school students are invited to join us for games from 7–9 PM at Young & Michele Lee's house. Bring your friends and get ready for a night packed with card games (poker for candy), board games, and a Mario Kart tournament. Bring your own game to share with the group if you have one! Food provided. Please sign up on church center.

Nursery & Preschool Family Breakfast - March 22

All nursery and preschool families are invited to eat breakfast together from 9:30-10:30am. This is a great time to catch up with each other or meet someone new while the children play together. Please register so we can plan for food.

Compassion Sunday - March 22

Through child sponsorship with Compassion, you can share the hope of the gospel with a child in desperate need by providing the practical care they need to escape poverty. Learn more about Compassion and consider sponsorship on March 22.

Fellowship Month Event Sign up

Every March, we emphasize fellowship with congregant-led gatherings throughout the month. Visit the lobby or Church Center to sign up for a range of options to get to know others better outside church.

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| March 21 | Dog Park Meetup |
| March 21 | Rock Climbing |
| March 21 | Cocktails: A Year in Four Glasses |
| March 21 | Poker Night |
| March 22 | When God Shows Up: A <i>Woodlawn</i> Movie Event |
| March 28 | Dessert Potluck |
| March 29 | Intro to Sourdough |

In Memoriam Tribute for Easter Services

During both Easter services, we will have lilies displayed on the stage in honor of loved ones, in memoriam. If you would like to have printed a family member or friend's name, please email Bonnie at office@emmanuelarlington.org and include their name and relationship to you.

Emmanuel's Egg Hunt with Apartment Life - April 4

Volunteers are needed for the Egg Hunt with Apartment Life! Sign up on Church Center or using the link in the Friday email. All Emmanuel families are encouraged to participate. Email Sarah Wishard with any questions at BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org.

Easter Call to Worship Languages

We will start our Easter services with a call to worship in languages spoken at Emmanuel as a way to remember that Christ rose for all peoples. If you can converse in a language other than English and are willing to read a short verse we'll supply you with, please email Bonnie with the language(s) you can speak at office@emmanuelarlington.org.

Easter Choir

If you are interested in singing in a choir on Easter Sunday, contact Stephen or sign up on Church Center.

Intro to Emmanuel - April 12

If you want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar after service until 2 PM. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. RSVP through Church Center.

Support Karen Adjei and Missions in Japan

Emmanuel member Karen Adjei is raising support to begin living her missional life in Japan. She will be sharing with us later in the spring. In the meantime, please visit her page to learn about how you can support her: <https://mtw.org/missionaries/karen-adjei/>

Assist Walk Run Ride for Life - May 9

Emmanuel ministry partner Assist Pregnancy Center will host an event for walkers, runners, or bike riders at Occoquan Regional Park. Join in the 5K Run or 1 Mile Family Stroll.

Upcoming Vocational Series

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| May 3 | Law and Politics-"Restoring Justice: Law as a Redemptive Force for Communities" |
| June 21 | Commerce-"Beyond the Pitch: Redefining Marketing through Integrity and Clarity" |