



# 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.*

### BETTER IS ONE DAY

How lovely is Your dwelling place  
O Lord almighty  
For my soul longs and even faints for You  
For here my heart is satisfied  
Within Your presence  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings

#### *Chorus*

Better is one day in Your courts  
Better is one day in Your house  
Better is one day in Your courts  
Than thousands elsewhere  
(Than thousands elsewhere)

One thing I ask and I would seek  
To see Your beauty  
To find You in the place  
Your glory dwells

My heart and flesh cry out  
For You the living God  
Your Spirit's water to my soul  
I've tasted and I've seen  
Come once again to me  
I will draw near to You  
I will draw near to You to You

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## INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

**Leader:** Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**People:** For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. **Leader:** God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**People:** Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

~Psalm 47:1-2, 5-6

### 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

In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled  
In the hour of darkness Your light was revealed  
In the presence of death Your life was affirmed  
In the absence of holiness You are still God

Sandra McCracken | Joshua Silverberg | Leslie Jordan

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Leader:** <sup>17</sup>When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem (less than two miles away). <sup>19</sup>Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother...<sup>32</sup>As soon as Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and told him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died!' <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her crying, and the Jews who had come with her crying, he was deeply moved in his spirit and troubled. <sup>34</sup>Where have you put him?' he asked. 'Lord,' they told him, 'come and see.' <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, 'Couldn't he who opened the blind man's eyes also have kept this man from dying?'

**People:** <sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>'Remove the stone,' Jesus said. Martha, the dead man's sister, told him, 'Lord, there is already a stench because he has been dead four days.' <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, 'Didn't I tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?' <sup>41</sup>So they removed the stone. Then Jesus raised his eyes and said, 'Father, I thank you that you heard me. <sup>42</sup>I know that you always hear me, but because of the crowd standing here I said this, so that they may believe you sent me.' <sup>43</sup> After he said this, he shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out bound hand and foot with linen strips and with his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unwrap him and let him go." (John 11:17-22, 32-44)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

## MINISTRY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT: COMPASSION INTERNATIONAL

### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Please send children to the conference room upstairs to practice singing and find them in their grade-sorted classroom after service. 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.*

<sup>1</sup>In the spring when kings march out to war, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel. They destroyed the Ammonites and besieged Rabbah, but David remained in Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>One evening David got up from his bed and strolled around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing—a very beautiful woman. <sup>3</sup>So David sent someone to inquire about her, and he said, 'Isn't this Bathsheba, daughter of Eliam and wife of Uriah the Hethite?' David sent messengers to get her, and when she came to him, he slept with her. Now she had just been purifying herself from her uncleanness. Afterward, she returned home. <sup>5</sup>The woman conceived and sent word to inform David, 'I am pregnant.' <sup>6</sup>David sent orders to Joab: 'Send me Uriah the Hethite.' So Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup>When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the troops were doing and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup>Then he said to Uriah, 'Go down to your house and wash your feet.' So Uriah left the palace, and a gift from the king followed him. <sup>9</sup>But Uriah slept at the door of the palace with all his master's servants; he did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup>When it was reported to David, Uriah didn't go home,' David questioned Uriah, 'Haven't you just come from a journey?' 'Why didn't you go home?' <sup>11</sup>Uriah answered David, 'The ark, Israel, and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my master Joab and his soldiers are camping in the open field. How can I enter my house to eat and drink and sleep with my wife? As surely as you live and by your life, I will not do this!' <sup>12</sup>'Stay here today also,' David said to Uriah, 'and tomorrow I will send you back.' So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next. <sup>13</sup>Then David invited Uriah to eat and drink with him, and David got him drunk. He went out in the evening to lie down on his cot with his master's servants, but he did not go home. The next morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it with Uriah. <sup>15</sup>In the letter he wrote: 'Put Uriah at the front of the fiercest fighting, then withdraw from him so that he is struck down and dies. <sup>16</sup>When Joab was besieging the city, he put Uriah in the place where he knew the best enemy soldiers were. <sup>17</sup>Then the men of the city came out and attacked Joab, and some of the men from David's soldiers fell in battle; Uriah the Hethite also died. <sup>18</sup>Joab sent someone to report to David all the details of the battle. <sup>19</sup>He commanded the messenger, 'When you've finished telling the king all the details of the battle— <sup>20</sup>if the king's anger gets stirred up and he asks you, 'Why did you get so close to the city to fight? Didn't you realize they would shoot from the top of the wall?' <sup>21</sup>At Thebez, who struck Abimelech son of Jerubbesheth? Didn't a woman drop an upper millstone on him from the top of the wall so that he died? Why did you get so close to the wall?'—then say, 'Your servant Uriah the Hethite is dead also.' <sup>22</sup>Then the messenger left. When he arrived, he reported to David all that Joab had sent him to tell. <sup>23</sup>The messenger reported to David, 'The men gained the advantage over us and came out against us in the field, but we counterattacked right up to the entrance of the city gate. <sup>24</sup>However, the archers shot down on your servants from the top of the wall, and some of the king's servants died. Your servant Uriah the Hethite is also dead.' <sup>25</sup>David told the messenger, 'Say this to Joab: 'Don't let this matter upset you because the sword devours all alike. Intensify your fight against the city and demolish it.' Encourage him.' When Uriah's wife heard that her husband, Uriah, had died, she mourned for him. <sup>27</sup>When the time of mourning ended, David had her brought to his house. She became his wife and bore him a son. However, the Lord considered what David had done to be evil."

~2 Samuel 11

## 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.*

David and Bathsheba

Rev. Stephen Bates

## OFFERING

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

### COME YE SINNERS

Come ye sinners poor and wretched  
Weak and wounded sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you  
Full of pity joined with power  
He is able He is able  
He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy come and welcome  
God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance  
Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money without money  
Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden  
Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better  
You will never come at all  
Not the righteous not the righteous  
Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger  
Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires  
Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you this He gives you  
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended  
Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him venture wholly  
Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus none but Jesus  
Can do helpless sinners good

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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.*

**"God, You ask for our courage to protect the powerless but we prefer to remain safe, preserving ourselves for future challenges. You ask us to speak out for justice but we whisper, in case we are heard. Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to follow You, only when it is convenient to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so, only with those who make it easy to do so. God forgive us and renew us. Amen."** ~A prayer from Kairos South Africa

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"Come, let's settle this," says the Lord. "Though your sins are scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are crimson red, they will be like wool."

~Isaiah 1:18

## 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.)*

### REVELATION SONG

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain  
Holy holy is He  
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on  
Heaven's mercy seat

*Chorus*  
Holy holy holy  
Is the Lord God Almighty  
Who was and is and is to come  
With all creation I sing  
Praise to the King of kings

You are my ev'rything  
And I will adore You

Clothed in rainbows of living color  
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder  
Blessing and honor strength and glory  
And power be to You the only wise King

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder  
At the mention of Your name  
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water  
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Compassion Sunday - Today**

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. Please visit the table in the lobby after the service today to sign up to sponsor a child.

### **Youth Group - Today**

Students in grades 6-12, head upstairs to the gym immediately after the service for youth group. We'll eat lunch together, hear from Sonali Joel, and meet with your discipleship groups until 1:30 PM.

### **Sparks - Today**

Kids in third through fifth grade, come eat lunch, play games, and learn about the Kingdom of God together. We will meet in the conference room upstairs after the service until 2 PM.

### **Easter Choir Practice - Today**

If you are interested in singing in a choir on Easter Sunday, stay after service today to practice.

### **Men's Sexual Integrity Group Meeting - March 23**

The men's group meets every second and fourth Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact [mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org) for more information.

### **Fellowship Month Events**

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.

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 by tomorrow, March 23 at [office@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto: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. We are looking for volunteers to work from 9:00-11:00 am. The egg hunt will begin at 10:00 am. Email Sarah Wishard with any questions at [BallstonPark@apartmentlife.org](mailto: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](mailto:office@emmanuelarlington.org).

### **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. Learn more [here](#).