



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!

BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name in the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name when I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, blessed be Your name
Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name when the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, blessed be Your name
Blessed be Your name on the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, blessed be Your name

You give and take away, You give and take away
My heart will choose to say, Lord blessed be Your name

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

People: who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy (~*Psalms*
103:1-4)

CHRIST IS MINE FOREVERMORE

Mine are days that God has numbered
I was made to walk with Him
Yet I look for worldly treasure
And forsake the King of kings

But mine is hope in my Redeemer
Though I fall His love is sure
For Christ has paid for every failing
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow
Darkness not yet understood
Through the valley I must travel
Where I see no earthly good

But mine is peace that flows from heaven
And the strength in times of need
I know my pain will not be wasted
Christ completes His work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger
Pilgrim on a narrow way
One with Christ I will encounter
Harm and hatred for His name

But mine is armor for this battle
Strong enough to last the war
And He has said He will deliver
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city
Where beside the King I walk
For there my heart has found its treasure
Christ is mine forevermore

Come rejoice now O my soul
For His love is my reward
Fear is gone and hope is sure
Christ is mine forevermore
Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹The pronouncement that the prophet Habakkuk saw. ²How long, Lord, must I call for help and you do not listen or cry out to you about violence and you do not save? ³Why do you force me to look at injustice? Why do you tolerate wrongdoing? Oppression and violence are right in front of me. Strife is ongoing, and conflict escalates. ⁴This is why the law is ineffective and justice never emerges. For the wicked restrict the righteous; therefore, justice comes out perverted.

People: ¹I will stand at my guard post and station myself on the lookout tower. I will watch to see what he will say to me and what I should reply about my complaint. ²The Lord answered me: Write down this vision; clearly inscribe it on tablets so one may easily read it. ³For the vision is yet for the appointed time; it testifies about the end and will not lie. Though it delays, wait for it, since it will certainly come and not be late. ⁴Look, his ego is inflated; he is without integrity. But the righteous one will live by his faith.”
(Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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.

ROCK RECOVERY PRESENTATION

Christie Bettwy

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.

¹Protect me, God, for I take refuge in you. ²I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have nothing good besides you." ³As for the holy people who are in the land, they are the noble ones. All my delight is in them. ⁴The sorrows of those who take another god for themselves will multiply; I will not pour out their drink offerings of blood, and I will not speak their names with my lips. ⁵Lord, you are my portion and my cup of blessing; you hold my future. ⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. ⁷I will bless the Lord who counsels me—even at night when my thoughts trouble me. ⁸I always let the Lord guide me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ⁹Therefore my heart is glad and my whole being rejoices; my body also rests securely. ¹⁰For you will not abandon me to Sheol; you will not allow your faithful one to see decay. ¹¹You reveal the path of life to me; in your presence is abundant joy; at your right hand are eternal pleasures. (*Psalms 16*)

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.

My Portion

Rev. Stephen Bates

OFFERING

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

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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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Lord of truth and mercy, we pray for you to take away our selfishness and give us your holiness; take away our indifference and give us your zeal; take away our thirst for recognition and make us thirst for righteousness.

-A prayer of the United Church of North India

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (*Colossians 1:13-14*)

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.)

THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Chorus

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
The King of Glory the King above all kings

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain

Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
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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

Eating Disorder & Body Image Seminar - Today

After the service, we will host a presentation on healthy body image and eating disorders in conjunction with Arlington Bridge Builders' Extra Mile and Rock Recovery Program. This is a great opportunity to invite friends. Lunch will be available.

Youth Group - Today

All students in 6th-12th grade are invited to Large Group from 12:15-1:30pm. Meet upstairs on the second floor outside the gym after service for lunch, games, and a lesson.

Sparks - Today

Kids in grades 3-5, come upstairs to eat lunch, play games, and learn about the Kingdom of God together immediately after the service until 2 PM.

Women's Sexual Integrity Group - Today

The women's sexual integrity group will meet for a time of sharing and prayer. Please email womensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

Call for Volunteers

The Youth and Children's ministries need volunteers for the 2025-26 year! To learn more about ways to get involved, contact mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org for youth, ana@emmanuelarlington.org for children's ministry, and mstone@emmanuelarlington.org for Sparks.

Collaborative Worship Service - May 24

Arlington Bridge Builders is orchestrating a joint worship service with several local churches at Cherrydale Baptist Church from 5-6pm. In addition to our regular morning service at Emmanuel, you're invited to come worship with our congregation and other local believers that evening.

International Congregational Lunch - May 31

Don't miss our annual international lunch to celebrate Pentecost. Bring a dish from your home culture or heritage to share and feast together.

Congregational Meeting - June 7

Plan to stay after the service on June 7 for a congregational meeting. Children will be invited to play outside with youth supervision.

Emmanuel Summer Basketball League

Signups for Emmanuel's summer basketball league are live on Church Center. Everyone who is a rising 6th grader and older is invited to participate. Registration will close on May 24th. Once registration is complete, teams will be created and the schedule will be announced. Contact the ESL Commissioners with any questions (sanghlee1@gmail.com or aj.allenjoel@gmail.com).

Sponsor a Graduating Senior

We are launching a new program this year for individuals, families, or couples to sponsor a graduating senior for the year after they leave high school to support them in their new stage of life! This would mainly entail praying for the student and reaching out with encouragement, letters, a package, etc. Find out more and sign up on [Church Center](#).

Church Picnic - July 19

Mark your calendars now for our annual summer picnic! Note that the date has been changed from what was previously announced. Come eat and play with us from 4-7 PM at Bluemont Park. More details will be announced soon.