



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WORSHIP SERVICE OCTOBER 25, 2025

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!



WHO YOU SAY I AM
Who am I that the highest King
Would welcome me
I was lost but He brought me in
Oh His love for me
Oh His love for me

Chorus
Who the Son sets free
Oh is free indeed
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

Free at last
He has ransomed me
His grace runs deep
While I was a slave to sin
Jesus died for me
Yes He died for me

Chorus 2
In my Father's house
There's a place for me
I'm a child of God
Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken
I am who You say I am
You are for me not against me
I am who You say I am

(Oh) (Yes) I am who You say I am

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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)

I WILL WAIT FOR YOU (PSALM 130)

Out of the depths I cry to You
In darkest places I will call
Incline Your ear to me anew
And hear my cry for mercy Lord

Were You to count my sinful ways
How could I come before Your throne
Yet full forgiveness meets my gaze
I stand redeemed by grace alone

Chorus
I will wait for You I will wait for You
On Your word I will rely

I will wait for You surely wait for You
Till my soul is satisfied

So put Your hope in God alone
Take courage in His power to save
Completely and forever won
By Christ emerging from the grave

His steadfast love has made a way
And God Himself has paid the price
That all who trust in Him today
Find healing in His sacrifice

Chorus 2

I will wait for You I will wait for You
Through the storm and through the night
I will wait for You surely wait for You
For Your love is my delight

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples: ²The scribes and the Pharisees are seated in the chair of Moses. ³Therefore do whatever they tell you, and observe it. But don't do what they do, because they don't practice what they teach. ⁴They tie up heavy loads that are hard to carry and put them on people's shoulders, but they themselves aren't willing to lift a finger to move them. ⁵They do everything to be seen by others: They enlarge their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels, ⁶They love the place of honor at banquets, the front seats in the synagogues, ⁷greetings in the marketplaces, and to be called 'Rabbi' by people.

People: ⁸But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' because you have one Teacher, and you are all brothers and sisters. ⁹Do not call anyone on earth your father, because you have one Father, who is in heaven. ¹⁰You are not to be called instructors either, because you have one Instructor, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you will be your servant. ¹²Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:1-12)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

BAPTISMS

Margaret Haeun Kim
Elizabeth Lynn Miller

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 4th grade are invited to attend Children's Church. On the fourth Sunday, 5th graders remain in the service. Preschoolers, 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.

"All the brothers and sisters send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss." (1 Corinthians 16:20)

"Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers who are with me send you greetings." (Philippians 4:21)

"Therefore welcome one another, just as Christ also welcomed you, to the glory of God." (Romans 15:7)

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.

The Kiss, the Hug, the Handshake

Rev. Young Lee

OFFERING

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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Chorus

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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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 does not envy" but we confess that we often do. For the ways we envy the lives of others, forgive us. For the ways we envy the possessions of others, forgive us. Teach us again the secret of contentment only found in your presence.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

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.)

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

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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

Seminar: Engaging Our Community in a Polarized World - Today

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 and childcare are provided.

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, continue our series for the year, and meet with discipleship groups until 1:30 PM.

Sparks - Today

Kids in third through fifth grade, head outside after the service to eat lunch, play games, paint pumpkins, and learn about worship. We'll finish up around 1:30.

Virtual Prayer Meeting - October 26

You're invited to pray together wherever you are on Monday, October 26 at 7 PM. Bonnie will email the Zoom link to the congregation on Monday morning.

Men's Sexual Integrity Group - October 26

The men's group will meet every 2nd and 4th Monday for a time of sharing and prayer at 7:30pm. Contact mensintegrity@emmanuelarlington.org for more information.

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](#).

Restoration Immigration Legal Aid Update - October 28

Caring for our immigrant neighbors is more important than ever. Join us on Zoom at 8PM to learn why. RILA's legal staff will give an update how immigration policy and enforcement are continuing to rapidly change and how RILA is responding. There will be a time for Q&A at the end. RSVP to johanna@restorationimmigration.org for the link.

Meet the New Pastoral Candidate - November 1

Come back to Rivendell at 4 PM to meet the new pastoral candidate and his family and stay for a Q&A. Families are welcome, but no childcare will be provided.

Sparks Serving at ABB Food Pantry - November 7

Third through fifth graders, you're invited to serve with our church's ministry partner Arlington Bridge Builders at their Saturday morning food pantry. Come get to know some of our neighbors, learn about the food pantry, greet shoppers at the hospitality tent, and assist with food distribution. Sign up on [Church Center](#) and contact Marianna for more information.

Bridges to Success Career Day - November 7

ABB's Bridges to Success teen program is hosting a career day event on November 7th from 1-3pm, and they're looking for presenters from various career fields to inspire our teens by sharing their career journeys. Please contact amartinezcardoza@bridgebuildersva.org for more information or to volunteer.

Intro to Emmanuel - November 8

If you're relatively new to Emmanuel or interested in pursuing membership, please join us for our Intro to Emmanuel seminar and lunch. This also serves as our membership class, but you are not obligated to become a member by joining. Childcare is provided. Sign up using the QR code in the lobby.

Thanksgiving on a Bun - November 21

Youth and Families are invited to join our annual Thanksgiving on a Bun service opportunity. This year we will be preparing and distributing sandwiches for our partner ministry, Apartment Life at Ballston Park with Sarah & Grant Wishard. We will make sandwiches at the Wishards' apartment and then hand out to members of the Ballston Park community. Email Marissa with any questions at mdiaz@emmanuelarlington.org.

Officer Nominations Open

We are accepting officer nominations for the next three weeks. Links are in the newsletter, and QR codes are in the lobby.