



EMMANUEL

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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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, 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!





PENTECOST

Pentecost celebrates the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church: God's presence unleashed into every tongue, tribe, and nation.

GOD OF WONDERS

Lord of all creation, of water earth and sky
The heavens are Your tabernacle; glory to the Lord on high

Chorus

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy
Lord of heaven and earth
Lord of heaven and earth

Early in the morning, I will celebrate the light
When I stumble in the darkness, I will call Your name by night

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)
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You are holy

God of wonders beyond our galaxy
You are holy, holy
Precious Lord, reveal Your heart to me
Father, hold me, hold me
The universe declares Your majesty
You are holy, holy, holy, holy

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

Leader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Leader: One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

People: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to inquire[in his temple.
(Psalm 27:1,4)

PROMISES

God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant
Of faithful promises
Time and time again, You have proven
You do just what You say

Though the storms may come
And the winds may blow
I'll remain steadfast
And let my heart learn when You speak a word
It will come to pass

Chorus
Great is Your faithfulness to me
Great is Your faithfulness to me
From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name
Great is Your faithfulness to me

Oh
Seasons change
You remain the same

God from age to age
Though the earth may pass away
Your word remains the same yeah
Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do
You're faithful and true

Oh Your faithfulness
It never runs out
It never runs out
Oh Your faithfulness
Oh it never runs out
(Never runs out)
It never runs out
(Never runs out)

I put my faith in Jesus
My anchor to the ground
My hope and firm foundation
He'll never let me down

From the rising sun to the setting same
I will praise Your name

I'll still bless You

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NEW TESTAMENT READING

Leader: ¹After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother John and led them up on a high mountain by themselves. ²He was transfigured in front of them, and his face shone like the sun; his clothes became as white as the light. ³Suddenly, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it's good for us to be here. If you want, I will set up three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'

People: ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased. Listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown and were terrified. ⁷Jesus came up, touched them, and said, 'Get up; don't be afraid.' ⁸When they looked up they saw no one except Jesus alone."
(Matthew 17:1-8)

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

People: Thanks be to God.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

GREETING

There is no children's church today, but the nursery is open for young children. Activities for kids are available at the children's ministry table in the lobby.

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.

"¹A pronouncement: The word of the Lord to Israel through Malachi. ²'I have loved you,' says the Lord. Yet you ask, 'How have you loved us?' 'Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?' This is the Lord's declaration. 'Even so, I loved Jacob...' (Malachi 1:1-2)

¹³"Your words against me are harsh,' says the Lord. Yet you ask, 'What have we spoken against you?' ¹⁴You have said, 'It is useless to serve God. What have we gained by keeping his requirements and walking mournfully before the Lord of Armies? ¹⁵So now we consider the arrogant to be fortunate. Not only do those who commit wickedness prosper, they even test God and escape.' ¹⁶At that time those who feared the Lord spoke to one another. The Lord took notice and listened. So a book of remembrance was written before him for those who feared the Lord and had high regard for his name. ¹⁷'They will be mine,' says the Lord of Armies, 'my own possession on the day I am preparing. I will have compassion on them as a man has compassion on his son who serves him. ¹⁸So you will again see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him. ^{4:1}'For look, the day is coming, burning like a furnace, when all the arrogant and everyone who commits wickedness will become stubble. The coming day will consume them,' says the Lord of Armies, 'not leaving them root or branches. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings, and you will go out and playfully jump like calves from the stall. ³You will trample the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day I am preparing,' says the Lord of Armies. ⁴Remember the instruction of Moses my servant, the statutes and ordinances I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Look, I am going to send you the prophet Elijah before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers. Otherwise, I will come and strike the land with a curse." (Malachi 3:13-4:6)

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.

FORMED BY LOVE

REV. STEPHEN BATES

OFFERING

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

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing

For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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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.

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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 available.)

CHRISTUS VICTOR

O most High, King of the ages, Great I Am, God of wonders
By the blood You have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters
Our strength, our song, our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won,
Hallelujah, amen

O most High, dwelling among us, Son of man, sent for sinners
By Your blood You have redeemed us, Spotless Lamb, Mighty Savior
Who lived, who died, Who rose victorious

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won, Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son,
Hallelujah, amen

O most High, King of the nations, Robed in praise, crowned in splendor
On that day who will not tremble; When You stand Christ the victor
Who was and is, and is forever

Amen, amen, amen

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing, honor, glory, power for the battle You have won, Hallelujah With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son,
Hallelujah, amen Sing the victory of the Lamb,
Hallelujah, amen, Amen

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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. (*Numbers 6:24-26*)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Children's Church Today

This is a chance to give our volunteers a break before we start a new year of Sunday School! Children can stop by the Children's Ministry table to pick up activities to do during the service. Young children are welcome in the nursery.

Small Group Signups

Small groups are one of the most important ways we care for each other at Emmanuel, and we hope you will join one this year. For the rest of the month, you can sign up for a small group that meets at a time and place that work well for you. Men's, women's, and co-ed groups are all available. Sign up with a paper handout, the QR code in the church lobby, or on Church Center. If you plan to stay in the same small group you are currently in, you don't need to take any extra actions.

Sparks Summer Scripture Challenge - Ice Cream Sundae Party - Today

Kids in 3rd through 5th grade, we'll celebrate growing in our love for God's Word this summer with ice cream sundaes right after today's service in the courtyard. See the children's ministry table or Marianna for details.

Project Belong Bake Sale - Today

Who's hungry? Emmanuel's very own baker, Emi Jiang, is hosting a bake sale today after service to benefit young adults who've aged out of foster care. The sale will feature items like cookies and mini cakes, so please come hungry and ready to support our partner Project Belong.

Children's Ministry Welcome Back Luncheon - September 6

All families with children in 5th grade or under are invited to celebrate the new school year and eat lunch together. Get to know other families and encourage each other as you begin a new school year! Sign up on [Church Center](#).

Sparks Capture the Flag - September 6

Third through fifth graders, join us for Capture the Flag after the service next week! Eat lunch at the Children's Ministry Welcome Back Luncheon, then cross the street to the Lee Center with Mrs. Marianna to play Capture the Flag. We'll have a great time! Sign up [here](#).

Vision Sunday and Congregational Meeting - September 13

All members are encouraged to attend our vision Sunday and congregational meeting after the service on September 13. During this meeting, we will hold a vote on our Assistant Pastor Stephen Bates becoming Associate Pastor. We will also discuss the budget for the year. Please feel free to ask staff or elders if you have any questions, and mark your calendar to attend.

Adult Women's Sunday School - September 13

Emmanuel women are invited to join a 6-week Adult Sunday School on 2 Timothy, beginning September 13 at 9:00 a.m. at Rivendell. Lisa Lee and Mona Lindeman will lead us as we explore Paul's exhortations to Timothy to guard, suffer for, continue in, and preach the gospel—and what these instructions mean for us today. No sign up necessary.

Introduction to Emmanuel - September 20

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.