



# 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.*

### I WILL CELEBRATE

I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord  
I will sing to Him a new song  
I will celebrate, sing unto the Lord  
I will sing to Him a new song

I will praise Him  
For He has triumphed victoriously  
I will praise Him  
For He has triumphed victoriously

### LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

*Chorus*

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

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### INVITATION TO WORSHIP

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

**Leader:** Praise the Lord!

**People: Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!**

**Leader:** Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

**People: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

*~Psalm 113:1-3*

### MIGHTY TO SAVE

Everyone needs compassion  
Love that's never failing  
Let mercy fall on me  
Everyone needs forgiveness  
The kindness of a Saviour  
The hope of nations

*Chorus*

Savior, He can move the mountains  
My God is mighty to save, He is mighty to save  
Forever, Author of salvation  
He rose and conquered the grave, Jesus conquered the grave

So take me as You find me  
All my fears and failures  
Fill my life again  
I give my life to follow  
Everything I believe in  
Now I surrender

Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King  
Jesus  
Shine your light and let the whole world see  
We're singing  
For the glory of the risen King

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#### NEW TESTAMENT READING

**Leader:** <sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup> Then the tempter approached him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." <sup>4</sup> He answered, "It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." <sup>5</sup> Then the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: He will give his angels orders concerning you, and they will support you with their hands so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

**People:** <sup>7</sup>Jesus told him, "It is also written: Do not test the Lord your God.", <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.", <sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and angels came and began to serve him. (Matthew 4:1-11)

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

**People:** Thanks be to God.

#### CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

#### GREETING AND PROCESSIONAL

Children up to 3rd grade are invited to attend Children's Church. Preschoolers will head directly to their classroom upstairs; K-3rd will meet their teacher in the lobby. Fourth and fifth graders will stay in the service for worship. First-time visitors, please visit the Children's Ministry Table for more information.

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above you heavenly host  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Amen

#### 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.*

"Of David. A Maskil.

<sup>1</sup>How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! <sup>2</sup>How joyful is a person whom the Lord does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit! <sup>3</sup>When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from my groaning all day long. <sup>4</sup>For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was drained as in the summer's heat. *Selah* <sup>5</sup>Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not conceal my iniquity. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah* <sup>6</sup>Therefore let everyone who is faithful pray to you immediately. When great floodwaters come, they will not reach him. <sup>7</sup>You are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with joyful shouts of deliverance. *Selah* <sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel. <sup>9</sup>Do not be like a horse or mule, without understanding, that must be controlled with bit and bridle or else it will not come near you. <sup>10</sup>Many pains come to the wicked, but the one who trusts in the Lord will have faithful love surrounding him. <sup>11</sup>Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous ones; shout for joy, all you upright in heart."

~*Psalm 32:1-11*

### 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.*

Hiding Place

Rev. Stephen Bates

### OFFERING

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

### YOU ARE MY HIDING PLACE

You are my hiding place  
You always fill my heart  
With songs of deliverance  
Whenever I am afraid  
I will trust in You

I will trust in You  
Let the weak say I am strong  
In the strength of the Lord

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### CONFESSON OF SIN

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

**"For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.4 Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.**

*~Psalm 51:3-5*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

"He sent from on high, he took me; he drew me out of many waters....He brought me out into a broad place; he rescued me, because he delighted in me." ~Psalm 18:16, 19

### 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.)*

### GLORIOUS

Look inside the mystery  
See the empty cross  
See the risen Savior  
Victorious and strong  
No one else above Him  
None as strong to save  
He alone has conquered  
The power of the grave

#### *Chorus*

Glorious

My eyes have seen the glory of the Lord  
Glorious  
He stands above the rulers of the earth  
Glorious glorious  
Lord You are glorious

Look beyond the tombstone  
See the living God  
See the resurrected  
Ruler of my heart  
No one else above Him  
None to match His worth  
The hope of His returning  
Fills the universe

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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

### **Lenten Materials Available - Today**

Visit the table in the church lobby to find free resources for Lent for adults and kids.

### **Theological Foundations - Today**

Join us for a four-part series on foundations of theology, exploring the mystery of our Christian faith using scripture, the Westminster Confession, and other resources to help us see the living God in His beauty.

### **Lunar New Year Dumpling Making - Today**

All youth are invited to make dumplings before the Lunar New Year party. Come to the kitchen after the service.

### **Sparks - Today**

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

### **Woks & Blocks Lunar New Year Party - Today**

Celebrate the Lunar New Year from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. We will have mahjong and karaoke, and we ask everyone to bring a dish or drink to share.

### **Men's Sexual Integrity Group - February 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.

### **Intro to Emmanuel - March 1**

If you are new to Emmanuel and want to learn more about the church, you're invited to an informal luncheon seminar after service from 12:30pm-2:00pm. Handbooks are available in both English and Spanish. The luncheon also serves as our Membership Seminar, but attending does not obligate you to join the church. Email [office@emmanuelarlington.org](mailto:office@emmanuelarlington.org) or sign up through [Church Center](#) to RSVP.

### **Mongolian Pastor Visit - March 1**

After service next week, stay and hear from pastors from Mongolia who work with our own Robyn Ham at Thirdmill Ministries. These church leaders will share about the church among the Mongolian diaspora in Europe where they serve.

### **March Partnership Offering - RILA - March 1**

Each month, we take a special offering for one of our ministry partners. Consider giving to our partner Restoration Immigration Legal Aid during the final song next week. Celebrating their tenth anniversary this year, RILA supports immigrants in our community by providing excellent *pro bono* legal assistance to those who are most vulnerable and who have the fewest resources.

### **The Porters Gate RILA Benefit Concert - March 1**

The Porters Gate is hosting a benefit concert for Restoration Immigration Legal Aid at 7 PM on Sunday, March 1 at Westover Baptist Church. Free admission; donations welcome. Doors open at 6:30PM.

### **Youth Group Discipleship Group Lunches**

All youth students are invited to eat lunch after service with their discipleship group and mentors on a Sunday in March. Please view [Church Center](#) or the Youth Group weekly email for dates and sign ups.

### **Congregational Lunch - March 8**

Everyone is invited to linger after the service to eat lunch together on March 8. Please bring a large side to share.

### **Fellowship Month Event Sign up**

Every March, we emphasize fellowship with congregant-led gatherings throughout the month. Check Church Center by Wednesday of this week to view a range of options to get to know others better outside church. You can sign up at the service next Sunday or on [Church Center](#).