



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
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I will sing to Him a new song

I will praise Him
For He has triumphed victoriously
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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: ¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³Then the tempter approached him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread." ⁴He answered, "It is written: Man must not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city, had him stand on the pinnacle of the temple, ⁶and 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: ⁷Jesus told him, "It is also written: Do not test the Lord your God." ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹And he said to him, "I will give you all these things if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus told him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written: Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him." ¹¹Then 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.

¹How joyful is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! ²How joyful is a person whom the Lord does not charge with iniquity and in whose spirit is no deceit! ³When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from my groaning all day long. ⁴For day and night your hand was heavy on me; my strength was drained as in the summer's heat. *Selah* ⁵Then 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* ⁶Therefore let everyone who is faithful pray to you immediately. When great floodwaters come, they will not reach him. ⁷You are my hiding place; you protect me from trouble. You surround me with joyful shouts of deliverance. *Selah* ⁸I will instruct you and show you the way to go; with my eye on you, I will give counsel. ⁹Do 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. ¹⁰Many pains come to the wicked, but the one who trusts in the Lord will have faithful love surrounding him. ¹¹Be 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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CONFESSION 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 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 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](#).