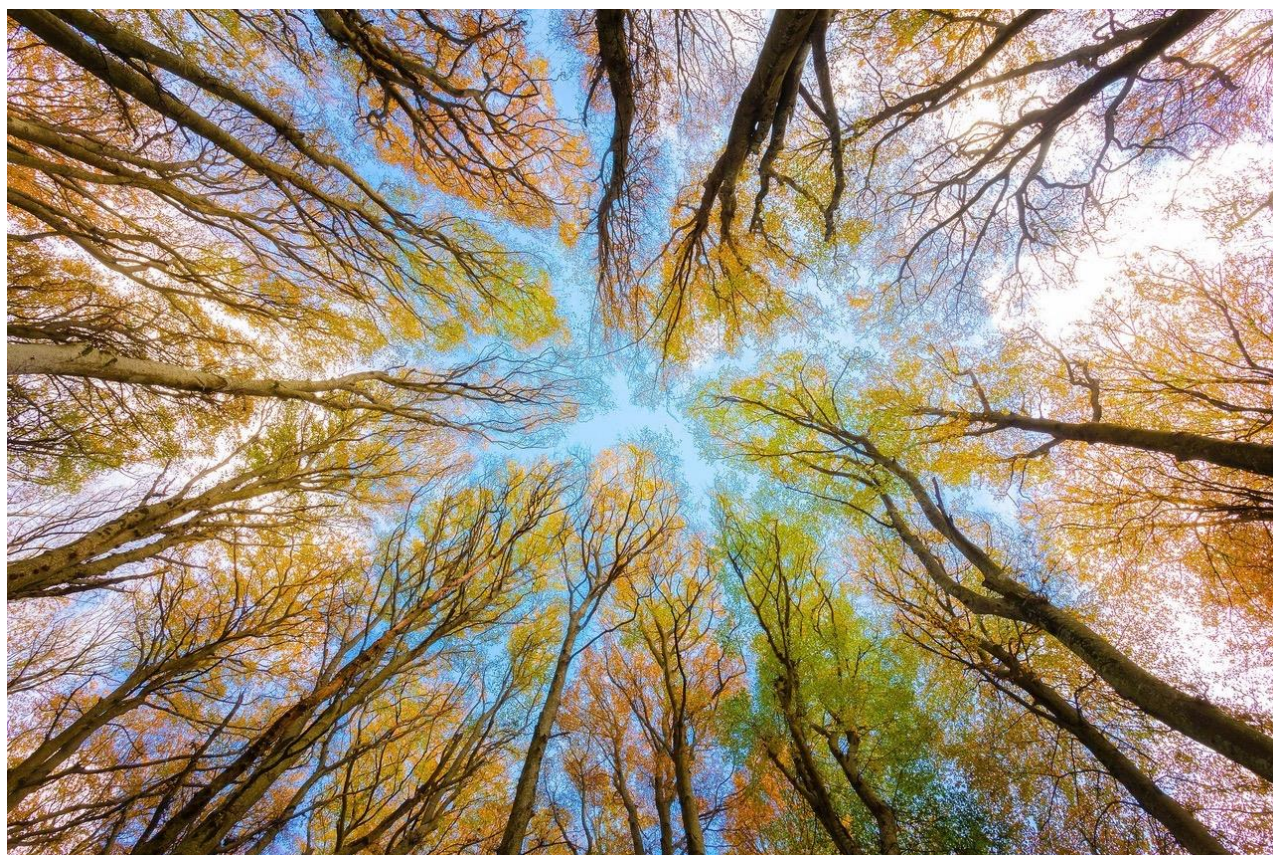


**First Sunday of Advent
December 1, 2024
10:00 am**



*In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David;
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.
Jeremiah 3:15*

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Welcome to Emmanuel!

We are a welcoming community where the dignity of every human being is respected, and we are so very happy you are here. Everything you need to participate in today's service can be found in this bulletin – the people's parts appear in **bold type face**.

A special welcome to our visitors! Please consider filling out a visitor card found on the table behind the back pew, or in the vestibule; your completed card can be placed in the offering basket or handed to an usher. Our clergy look forward to personally welcoming you.

Do you require accommodations during your time at Emmanuel? *Magnifying Lenses* are available to help with what may be considered small print in the bulletin and *ear plugs* for those sensitive to the crowd or music volume. A *Sensory Basket* can be found in the narthex containing noise cancelling headphones, a picture schedule for Holy Eucharist, as well as other sensory items. If you need use of our *Quiet Space*, please let an usher know. *If you require other specific accommodations, please let us know – we are happy to help make your worship experience more comfortable.*

If you are curious about what it means to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition, we invite you to contact our Associate Rector, Rev. Joan L. Peacock, who would love to chat with you and answer any questions you might have (associaterector@emmanuelonhigh.org).

For families:

Please visit our *Children's Corner* – located in the corner of the narthex – for items your child might need throughout the service. Children's bulletins, worship bags, and laminated children's worship schedules are available; please return these items at the conclusion of the service for reuse.

Nursery service is available for children up to 4 years of age every Sunday from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Please see an usher for directions to the nursery. The nursery is closed July, August, and occasional church holidays.

Godly Play, EEC's children's formation curriculum, is offered for children ages pre-K through 5th grade during the 10:00 am worship service (academic year only). Following the Collect of the Day, participating children may follow the crucifer carrying the cross to the parish hall for formation; they will return at The Peace.

2024-25 Program Calendars

Children's Faith Ministry *CHAOS*



Emmanuel Episcopal Church records sounds, images, and video at its services and events. If you and your child(ren) are in attendance, you will be part of these recordings and videos. These recorded images may be used in church publications, marketing, and promotional material, and on web and social media sites operated by the Emmanuel Episcopal Church.

*For more information about Emmanuel's people and/or programs,
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First Sunday of Advent

Prelude

Processional Hymn 57

Lo! He Comes, with Clouds Descending

Helmsley



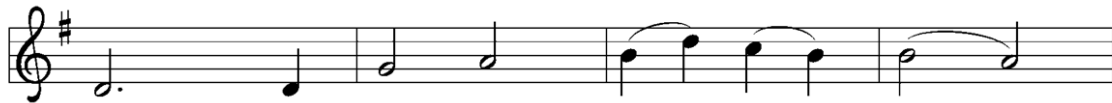
1 Lo! he comes with clouds de - scend - ing,
2 Now re - demp - tion, long - ex - pect - ed,
3 Yea, a - men, let all a - dore thee,



once for our sal - va - tion slain;
comes in sol - emn splen - dor near;
high on thine e - ter - nal throne;



thou - sand thou - sand saints at - tend - ing
all the saints this world re - ject - ed
Sav - ior, take the pow'r and glo - ry,



join to sing the glad re - frain:
thrill the trum - pet sound to hear:
claim the king - dom as thine own.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia! Christ the Lord re - turns to reign.
lu - ia! See the day of God ap - pear!
lu - ia! Thou shalt reign, and thou a - lone!

The Holy Eucharist

The Word of God

Book of Common Prayer p. 355

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Light of the world, in grace and beauty, mirror of God's eternal face, transparent flame of love's free duty, You bring salvation to our human race.

Sacred Mystery, we light the first candle of Advent for hope and truth.

Celebrant Blessed be God, holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ Be Our Light Vs. 1



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

The Collect

Celebrant God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

At this time children ages pre-K through 5th grade are invited to follow the crucifer into the Parish Hall for Godly Play. They will return at the peace.

The Lessons

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah

Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

Ad te, Domine, levavi

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

Show me your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

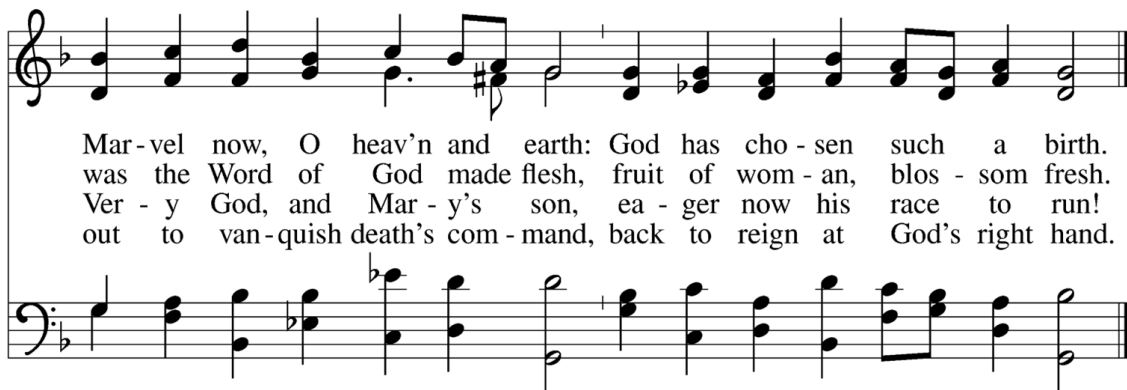
Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; vir - gin's son, make here your home.
 2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, but the mys - tic Breath of God,
 3 Won - drous birth—oh, won - drous child— from his throne, a vir - gin mild!
 4 From God's heart the Sav - ior speeds, back to God his path - way leads;



Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth: God has cho - sen such a birth.
 was the Word of God made flesh, fruit of wom - an, blos - som fresh.
 Ver - y God, and Mar - y's son, ea - ger now his race to run!
 out to van - quish death's com - mand, back to reign at God's right hand.

5 Now your manger, shining bright,
 hallows night with newborn light.
 Night cannot this light subdue;
 let our faith shine ever new.

6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord,
 virgin's son, incarnate Word!
 To the holy Trinity
 praise we sing eternally!

The Gospel

Luke 21:25-36

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Reader The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Homily

The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr.

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

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**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

(Adapted from re: Worship, Rick Morley)

In the hushed anticipation of your coming, O Lord, kindle in us the desire to remain awake; that we might be ready for your coming, and eager to pray.

O God, in days to come the mountain of your house will be established, and your joy shall reign. We pray for God's children throughout the world, that you might teach us your ways and that we might walk in your paths. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Out of Zion shall go forth wisdom, and you, O God, shall judge between the nations. We pray for our nation, and all nations, that your peace would be manifest in every corner of the earth. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, wolves lie down with lambs and children play with serpents without fear. We pray for the sick, the suffering, and those in distress of any kind especially Randy, Steve, Igor, Kathy, Laurence, Richard, Susan, Emmy, Erin, Jack, Diane, Jane, James, Gilroy, Tom, Hayden, Will, Tony, Nancy, Leslie, Maryann, Chad, Cindy, Tim, Lora, Will, Bridgette, Fred, Mark, George, Kellie, Mary Anne, Hayes, Cassie, Eileen, John, John, Mareya, Nicole, and Paul; that you would heal all injuries, comfort all grief, and settle all wrongs. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In your Kingdom, O Lord, even the wilderness and dry land are glad and rejoice. We pray for those who rejoice this week as they celebrate life's passages, that they might obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing might flee away. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

In the fulness of time, O God, you sent your son, to be born of our sister Mary.

And his name was Emmanuel: God with Us. We thank you for your Presence with us, and we pray that you might be always present with those whom we love but see no longer. Come Lord Jesus, **and hear our prayer.**

Come among us O God, and hear our prayers; so that when your Son Jesus comes among us with great might, and in manger mild, we might recognize his face and his voice, and come to adore him. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Most 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 our Savior 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.

Celebrant May almighty God have mercy on you, forgive all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

BCP p. 377

Celebrant Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name.



Thank you to all who support our church and ministry to our parish members and broader community. If you do not already support Emmanuel's efforts, we invite you to please place your contribution in the offertory collection basket passed by the ushers during the service, go to Emmanuel's website to give electronically, www.emmaneulonhigh.org, or mail your contribution to the church office. You may also scan the QR code with your smart phone to be taken straight to Emmanuel's online giving site.

Offertory

"Welcome to Our World"
Cindy Shen, Soprano & Ben Miller, Piano

Chris Rice

Please stand as you are able and remain standing for The Great Thanksgiving.

The Presentation of Offerings

Greensleeves

E Minor: Em D G D B⁷ Em Am/C

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures

B Em D G D B⁷

here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise

Em Am B Em Bm G

Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. This, this is

D B⁷ Em Am/C B

Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;

Bm G D B⁷ Em Am B Em (or E Major)

haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A, BCP p. 361

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says

Celebrant God be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus WLP 851

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are
6
full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na - in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
12
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the maker and preserver of all people. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Then the Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior: By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem S164

Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

The Invitation

Celebrant Come to this altar, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often, and you who have not been here for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him, here. **Amen.**

All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome to Holy Communion. At the 8:00 am service, please kneel at the communion rail to receive Holy Communion. At the 10:00 am service please follow usher instructions and stand in two lines in front of the sanctuary to receive.

Hold out your hands to receive the sacrament. The common cup is offered to those wishing to receive in both forms. You may drink from the cup or intinct the host in the chalice. If you choose not to receive the cup, simply pass by the chalice bearer and return to your pew. To receive in one kind only is still full communion with Christ.

Gluten free wafers are available; please say "gluten free" when you are offered the sacrament. Grape juice is available for those who prefer it to wine. When you approach the chalice bearer, please say "juice".

If you wish to receive a blessing instead of Holy Communion, please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would prefer a blessing instead.

If you wish to receive Holy Communion in your seat, please notify an usher.

Communion Hymn 73

The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

St. Stephen



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
and left the lone - some place of death, de - spite the rage of foes.
the day when Christ in splen - dor comes, and we shall see his face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Communion Hymn 640

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

Aberstwyth



1 Watch-man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom-ise are.
2 Watch-man, tell us of the night; high-er yet that star a-scends.
3 Watch-man, tell us of the night, for the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav-'ler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, see that glo-ry- beam-ing star.
Trav-'ler, bless-ed-ness and light, peace and truth its course por-tends.
Trav-'ler, dark-ness takes its flight, doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray aught of joy or hope fore-tell?
Watch-man, will its beams a-lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
Watch-man, let thy wan-derings cease; hie thee to thy qui-et home.



Trav-'ler, yes; it brings the day, prom-ised day of Is-ra-el.
Trav-'ler, a-ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
Trav-'ler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

Please stand as you are able.

The Post-Communion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food, in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Celebrant May the Sun of Righteous shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Our Sunday service here has ended: our service in the world has just begun.

*Today's altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by the Smith family
in memory of Patricia A. Rogers, beloved grandmother*

Ministry of Worship for December 1

Advent 1

10:00 AM

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Charles C. McCoart, Jr.

Guest Organist: Ben Miller

Cantor: Cindy Shen

Advent Wreath: TBD

Acolyte: Birdie Massey

Bell Ringer: TBD

Reader: Meredith Martino

Prayers & Chalice: TBD

Chalice: Sandy Esquivel

Ushers: Frank Esquivel, Jack Esquivel

Counters: TBD, TBD

Altar Guild: Peggy Conner, Kim Scott, Susan Cruz, Rachael Cruz, Sarah Hastings

Vestry Greeter: TBD

Coffee Hour Host: Joanie Rodano

Ministry of Worship for December 8

Youth Sunday

Advent 2

10:00 AM

Celebrant & Homilist: The Rev. Jennie M. Leahey

Music Director: Ryan Fitch

Music: Adult Choir

Advent Wreath: TBD

Acolyte: Norah Hastings

Bell Ringer: Quinten Smith

Youth Readers: Thomas Cruz, McKenna Flaaen, Ben Flaaen

Chalice: Susan Cruz, Jennifer Jones

Usher: TBD

Counters: TBD

Altar Flower Dedication: Gail & Ron Eger and Beth Tuttle & Bob Carragher

Altar Guild: Nancy Dupree, Sharon Thompson, Mary Tinsley, Sue Kenny, Louise Potter

Vestry Greeter: Anne Reinke

Breakfast with St. Nick Host: Susan Cruz

We Are Here for You

Emmanuel Church is a community of faith which seeks to nurture and support individuals and families in every stage of life and circumstances. If you or a member or your family are in need of prayer or letters of encouragement, assistance with meals or transportation, or any other kind of support, please contact Nancy Dupree, Chair of the Compassionate Care Team at nsdupree@live.com.

Announcements

Giving Tree Update Thank you to those who took home a gift tag from Eagle Scout Anthony Yianilos' project in support of children in need in the City of Alexandria. *Please return your purchased items unwrapped and labeled to the box with any receipts to the Giving Tree in the vestibule by December 1.*

Moving forward our efforts shift to raising funds to support our parish Outreach Ministries. Please stop by the Giving Tree this Sunday and throughout Advent to pick up a tag. This ongoing project is intergenerational and we welcome the participation of all of our young people too.

Spiritual Social – Make a Teeny Sketch Book Have you ever wanted to keep a sketchbook or journal and never got it started? Come join Margaret Wohler for a Spiritual Social on making a teeny sketchbook/journal on **December 3** in the Memorial Room at 7:00 pm. We will make these to use in the upcoming journaling club series, "Winter Reflections" in January. Refreshments and all materials will be provided. Please RSVP to Margaret so she can know how many materials to bring: wohler4@verizon.net.

Advent Devotional on Emmanuel Voices So much waiting and so little time. During the four short weeks of Advent, Christians anticipate both a baby being born and the end of time. God takes an enormous leap of faith to be born as an infant in the manger. The more nebulous Second Coming seems like a fairy tale to us. But in a single tick of the clock, God infuses the fullness of time. Life is what happens while we are waiting, right? Waiting on faith, hope, and love. Waiting for the Child and waiting for God. This online devotional marks each of the 24 days of Advent with art, literature, and links to the Daily Office readings. Go to www.emmanuelvoices.org to explore.

Praying with Poetry with Dr. Kathleen Staudt Explore ways that reading and writing poetry can become contemplative practices. On **Tuesday, December 10**, in the Memorial Room at 7:00 pm, we will listen together to the words of poets and observe how poetry can enhance and challenge our own favorite images and words about Advent. The words we experience together may reveal how practicing our creativity brings us closer to the God. Dr. Staudt has worked as a teacher, poet and spiritual director at several institutions in the Washington, DC area, including Virginia Theological Seminary and Wesley Theological Seminary. Her classes focus on writing, poetry, spirituality and explorations of vocation. She offers retreats and workshops at many area churches and retreat centers, including the Washington National Cathedral, and has written four books of poetry as well as scholarly studies. You can find her website at kathleenstaudtpoet.com

Christmas Flowers The Altar Guild is looking forward to the Christmas Season, and a fun time decorating the church with extras greens and flowers. Christmas flowers are funded by donations given to designate a memorial, honorarium, or thanksgiving for the season. If you would like to make a donation, and have your designation printed in the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day bulletin, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the back of the church or go to the church website and click "Give", choose "Altar Flowers" and select "Christmas Flowers" from the subfund list **by Wednesday, December 18**. We recommend a minimum of \$60 but would graciously accept any amount. Please make a note that your donation is for Christmas Flowers.

Advent & Christmas Services

Advent II: December 8

St. Nicholas Youth Sunday & Breakfast with St. Nick Kids will read and sing, carry the cross and ring bells. Jolly Old St. Nick will make a visit during the 10:00 am service followed by Breakfast with St. Nick in the Parish Hall. It's a pajama breakfast! Everyone please wear your PJs. (Yes, even the adults can wear their jammies!) If you would like to make a casserole, help with set up or clean up, please see the SignUp Genius link in the weekly e-news or contact Susan Cruz – slcruz57@gmail.com.

CHAOS Christmas Movie Night Let's kick off the holiday season right with a cozy movie night and dinner as a group in the parish hall from 5:30 – 8:30 pm. *Please note that we are starting an hour early to accommodate the timing of the movie.*

Advent III: December 15

Bells Choir Concert & Cocoa Coffee Hour Following the 10:00 am service, the Bell Choir will ring in the season. We'll sing the likes of *Joy to the World* and *Rudolf, the Red Nose Reindeer*. Wear your craziest Christmas attire and enjoy some cocoa and cookies!

Christmas Card Writing Calling all parishioners, ages 6 to 96! Don't you love getting Christmas cards? Take some time at coffee hour to write a couple of Christmas cards to members of our Emmanuel family who are living at Goodwin House, are house-bound, have moved away, or otherwise cannot make it to church in person to worship and socialize with us, but want to stay connected. What could be more in keeping with the Christmas spirit than reminding our extended church family how much we remember and treasure them?

Advent IV: December 22

On the fourth Sunday of Advent, we celebrate God's faithfulness in sending Jesus, and we remember that faithfulness as we look forward to Christ's second coming during Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:00 am.

Sensory Friendly Christmas Service: December 24 1:00 pm

If a traditional Christmas Eve worship service is overwhelming for you or your loved one, please join us for Emmanuel's Sensory Friendly Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist and No practice pageant. Come as you are, be yourself, and celebrate the Greatest Story Ever Told on this joyful, holy day. low lighting + soft music + floor mat/yoga ball/chair seating, sensory objects available for use + vocalizations, devices, movement encouraged and welcomed.

Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist: December 24 4:00 pm

The BIGGEST CAN'T MISS SERVICE OF THE YEAR! No rehearsal required, festive, fun, and unique pageant organized by Rev. Jen. Christmas carols will be sung throughout!

Christmas Eve Vigil & Holy Eucharist: December 24 9:00 pm

Candlelit traditional Holy Eucharist with full choir and festive music.

Christmas Day: December 25 10:00 am

A mid-morning celebration of the Savior's birth. Music provided by the Guitar Group.

As God Sustains Us, So Too We Sustain Emmanuel As of November 24, Emmanuel has received 119 pledges (70%) to total \$512,371, which is 82% of our goal. The stewardship committee is confident we can meet the goal. THANK YOU to all who have pledged. If you have not pledged yet, please prayerfully consider doing so for 2025, it enables the finance committee and vestry to prepare a budget that supports all our exciting programs offerings and sustains the churches operating expenses. *We are so grateful for the continued generosity of our parishioners.*

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If you haven't yet completed a pledge card, won't you please do so today? You may also submit your pledge online by using the QR code or going to our website, emmanuelonhigh.org under "Give." Our goal this year is 100% participation and \$625,000 by our congregation. Please help us achieve this by pledging now.

Emmanuel Prayer List

When you pray for your loved ones, you don't really need words. If a loved one is in need of healing, remember the story of the four friends holding up their paralyzed friend on a mat before Jesus. Without words, just imagine holding your loved one before Jesus. It can be very hard work. But they didn't give up. And neither should we. -Br. Geoffrey Tristram

Randy Aumsbaugh – friend of Donna Thompson, battling cancer
Steve Beggs – son of Lola and Ham Beggs, at home rehabilitating from a traumatic brain injury
Igor Bosnjak – parent of EPS family
Kathy Bosse – friend of Doris Rudolph, diagnosed with breast cancer
Laurence Britt – son of Barbara Huffman, requesting prayers for healing
Richard Brown – friend of Doris Rudolph, being treated for a brain tumor
Susan Connolly – friend of Gail Eger, waiting for a liver transplant
Emmy Cresky – friend of Donna Thompson, fighting breast cancer
Erin Dorsk – friend of Jennifer Jones, undergoing treatment for breast cancer
Jack Edsall – husband of Liz, in hospice care
Diane Fetters – friend of Nancy Kuhn, in hospice care
Jane Grigg – recovering from surgery
James Epes Grigg – father of Jane Grigg, battling health issues
Gilroy Gotiangco – friend of Kevin Werthmann, recovering from a stroke and treatment for a terminal disease
Tom Herre – father of Beth Jarvis, recovering from a stroke
Hayden Hopkins – friend of Kate Bartholomay, in need of a heart and kidney transplant
Will Johnson – grandson of a friend of Doris Rudolph, battling drug addiction and other medical issues
Tony Kasik – son of Mary & Phil Kasik, living with chronic heart disease
Nancy Kuhn – multiple myeloma

Leslie Livinghouse – brother of Chic Livinghouse, experiencing serious health issues
Maryann McGarry – friend of Doris Rudolph, cancer recurrence
Chad Schantz – nephew of Nan DeRenzi and Laura Bishop, continuing cancer treatment
Tim Slade – friend of Hayes Willingham, in treatment for cancer
Lora Smolenski – sister of Amy Ernst, suffering with leukemia
Will Stiers – son of Bill & Cappie Stiers recovering from heart surgery
Bridgette Taylor – friend of Pete Chandler, for comfort
Fred Thalmann – brother of Gail Eger
Mark Turner – brother-in-law of Hayes & Jode Willingham, undergoing treatment for cancer
George Tuttle – husband of Barbara Harslem, major health problems
Kellie Valentine – friend of Judi Brush, being treated for breast cancer
Mary Anne Weber – mother of Doug Weber
Hayes Willingham - expecting a baby in May
Cassie – friend of the Wades, in discernment for Episcopal ordination
Eileen
John – son of Donna Thompson
John – friend of Meredith Wade
Mareya – friend of Doris Rudolph, at 16 years old, diagnosed with type 1 diabetes
Nicole – recovering from surgery
Paul – cousin of Armagan Selcik

For our partner parish, we pray for the work of Ste. Croix, Léogâne, Haiti supported by our International Ministry.

For the Hussainzadas family from Afghanistan supported by our Refugee Ministry.

We pray for the ALIVE! family, for all staff, volunteers, supporting congregations, donors, and the individuals and families who receive aid through ALIVE!'s programs.

In the Virginia Cycle of Prayer, we pray in thanksgiving for God's creation and those who care for it.

In the Anglican Communion of Prayer, we pray for The Church of South Sudan.



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