



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY: THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

**January 8, 2023**

### **Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.**

*Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#) (the small red book with a cross).*

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#### **THE WORD OF GOD**

##### **Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

##### **The Collect for Purity**

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##### ***Kyrie eleison***

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*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

##### **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

##### **The First Lesson: Isaiah 42:1-9**

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 29 *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

## The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ--he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew  
People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord  
People: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

**The Sermon:** The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

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## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **The Offertory**

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; and of thine own, have we given thee. p. 343

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer II p. 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And with thy spirit.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

*Sanctus and Benedictus* p. 334

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## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*If you would only like to receive the consecrated Bread please extend one hand. Crossed hands indicate you would like to receive consecrated Wine as well, either intincted (dipped) by you or by drinking from the chalice. The glass chalice is for intinction and the silver one is for drinking. If you are physically unable to receive at the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

### Post Communion Prayer

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*Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.  
Amen.*

### The Blessing

### The Dismissal

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild  
*Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes January 8, 2023

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### IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a pew card — located in display stands at both entrances of the chapel — and give it to an usher, or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website ([www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Rita, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Jim Wise, Margaret Stockton, and Sudie McGahuey.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Connie Smith; and Salih, Zeyneb, and Elif Sayilgan.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Anne Hunger, Tom Shimkin, Jett Bastow, Teresa Skubel, Stephen Friday, Doug John, Norma Jean Lawton, Thomas John, Sudie McGahuey, Colin Swisher, and Karen Walker.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

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We are off to a good start in collecting commitments in our Every Member Pledge Campaign. If you have not yet pledged you may do so easily through a number of options:

- 1) 1) dropping your pledge card in the offering plate,
- 2) 2) mailing it back to the office,
- 3) 3) pledging online through our website, or
- 4) 4) contacting our Treasurer, Tom Hewson, at 703.370.6555 ext. 208, or [thewson@icoh.net](mailto:thewson@icoh.net).

May we be eager to return a measure of the gifts with which we have been blessed towards God's service and for the life and ministry of our beloved Church.

# Announcements

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**MORNING PRAYER January 10 @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel** : All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints of the Church is commemorating.

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Join us for **Holy Eucharist Rite II on Wednesday, January 11, 2023**  
@ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel.

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**Our Weekly Bible Study Returns, Thursday, January 5, 2023 @ 10:30 a.m.**  
***CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION***

**Evening Compline, Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

### **FIRST SUNDAY FORUM HOURS FOR 2023**

*(Dates and locations are tentative, and need to be confirmed.)*

Join us after Holy Eucharist during coffee hour for one or all of our first for forum hours this winter.

- **January 15<sup>th</sup> (tentative): *Faith and Outreach: Parishioners' Experience Engaging In Out Community with Key Outreach Partners***
- **January 22<sup>nd</sup> (tentative): *What the New Climate Change Law Means to You: Voices of Immanuelites Involved in Creation Care Legislation***
- **February 12<sup>th</sup>: *The Role of Faith in Troubling Times* with guest speaker **The Rev. Dr. Frank Wade****

**WE'RE GOING TO RICHMOND, Wednesday January 18<sup>th</sup>**: Join Immanuelites and other concerned citizens for the Virginia Interfaith Center's **Dialogue with Virginia General Assembly** in Richmond, VA on ***Ending Prolonged Solitary Confinement in Virginia's Prisons.***

**Immanuel's Social Justice Committee** invites you to join us — and pray for us — as we journey with the Virginia Interfaith Center to Richmond to make the position of the national Episcopal church and our own parish known to our State Delegates and Senators. After 18 months of study and engagement with local authorities and experts, our Committee feels ready to speak with our legislators directly, and encourage everyone who is interested to participate. For more information, contact David Atwood at [David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)

**ALIVE!** is an interfaith nonprofit organization dedicated to fighting poverty and hunger in the City of Alexandria. Immanuel on-the-Hill is one of the congregations responsible for collecting food in the month of January. ALIVE! provides food for thousands of families throughout Alexandria with sites in high-need neighborhoods.

Please drop-off donations of non-perishable , medium sized, non-expired food items in **the black bin** located in **the narthex of Zabriskie Chapel** — beginning January 8th, you'll be able to drop them off at Immanuel Chapel. Monetary donations are also very helpful because they allow Alive! to purchase fresh meat, eggs and produce. Checks can be brought to the church office or sent to the ALIVE! office at 2723 King St., Alexandria VA 22302. You can also donate online at [www.alive-inc.org](http://www.alive-inc.org)

**Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall  
and online via Zoom**


If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month: virtually on the 1st Tuesday online via Zoom, and host a **hybrid meeting in the Parish Hall (and online) on the 3rd Tuesday** — both days we meet from 7-8 pm.

The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book, currently ***Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God***, by Rachel Srubas.

As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material. If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst ([Dana.Hengst@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.Hengst@gmail.com)), Barbara Fornoff ([cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com)), or David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)).

**SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS**

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of this month, and with that, we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy at [ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net), or Senior Warden Darrell Wilson at [dlwilson729@gmail.com](mailto:dlwilson729@gmail.com).



***Is Your Photo Current?***  
**Let's Update Our Parish Directory!**

If you and your family took photos over the Thanksgiving holiday, we'd love for you to share them with us — especially if your current photo in our parish directory is out of date.

In addition, please review your listing in our online directory to make sure that your data is current — especially telephone numbers and addresses. Thank you all!

**Meals on Wheels (MOW) Volunteers Needed :** The Immanuel MOW ministry has been up and running for the past 4 months. **We are in need of additional volunteers** as some of our veterans have left the rolls of drivers and deliverers.

The mission of MOW is simple: to deliver wholesome meals to seniors and other homebound folks in Alexandria who are otherwise unable to venture out and shop or are resource-limited. The effort is sponsored by the Senior Services Center of Alexandria; the meals are provided by Jeffrey's Catering on Wheeler Avenue.

This ministry requires 2 hours a month; Immanuel participates on the third Friday of every month. Typically, MOW Teams consist of a driver and a deliverer. If you are interested, please contact **Doug Henry** at [ddhenry1@gmail.com](mailto:ddhenry1@gmail.com) or capture his attention after church.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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Darrell Wilson ..... Senior Warden  
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 Shawn Whitman ..... Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees  
 David Atwood ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship, Social Justice  
 Brad Ashton..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry  
 Brooke Roberts..... Communications  
 Phyllis Sims ..... Evangelism and New Members  
 Julie Bruns..... Pastoral Care  
 Gabriella Young-Smith ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke  
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas  
 The Rev. John R. Smucker  
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

**RECTOR EMERITA**

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel, Side Oratory Chapel  
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

**Online**

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)



**MISSION STATEMENT:** Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.

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