



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2022

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

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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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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

##### *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.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

##### The First Lesson: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come

the mountain of the Lord's house  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and shall be raised above the hills;



all the nations shall stream to it.  
Many peoples shall come and say,  
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob;  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.'  
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between the nations,  
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;  
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,  
and their spears into pruning-hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,  
come, let us walk  
in the light of the Lord!

The Word of the Lord  
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 122 *Laetatus sum***

- 1 I was glad when they said to me, \*  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
- 2 Now our feet are standing \*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem.
- 3 Jerusalem is built as a city \*  
that is at unity with itself;
- 4 To which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord, \*  
the assembly of Israel,  
to praise the Name of the Lord.
- 5 For there are the thrones of judgment, \*  
the thrones of the house of David.
- 6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: \*  
"May they prosper who love you.
- 7 Peace be within your walls \*  
and quietness within your towers.
- 8 For my brethren and companions' sake, \*  
I pray for your prosperity.
- 9 Because of the house of the Lord our God, \*  
I will seek to do you good."

## **The Epistle: Romans 13:11-14**

You know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

Jesus said to the disciples, "But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will

be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise be to thee. O Christ*

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

**The Nicene Creed**

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**Welcome**

## 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

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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*

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### The Lord's Prayer

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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.*

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*Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing, are offered at the left side of the Altar.*

*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:**    *Reader/Intercessor:* Martha Shimkin  
*Usher:* Tom Brown, Jr.  
*Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild  
*Vestry Greeter/Counter:* David Atwood  
*Celebrant:* The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2022 -- Ingathering Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

Thank you for signing up to help make another family's Christmas happy.

- ♥ To keep children warm and foster their intellectual and emotional development, please give a **new toy or art set or ball or whatever**. If possible, **include some item of warm clothing**; new underwear and socks are a special need, other clothing is welcome (can be used, not wrapped).
- ♥ **Large used items are good gifts** (e.g., bicycle, iPod). Other used toys (not wrapped) are welcome.
- ♥ Please include a **double set of batteries** where needed.
- ♥ Please include a **small gift for the mother and/or father** and any other adults.
- ♥ **What to get.** Generally one nice gift per child. The gift suggestions indicate a child's area of interest or need; **you need not feel bound by them** (especially if very expensive). Consider toys with lasting play value that help the child develop, such as a Fisher-Price playset, a truck, doll, stuffed animal, or art kit, a building set; Lego or Duplo can meet a wish for a car, truck, or pull toy, included in or buildable from Lego/Duplo, and offers more opportunity for creative play. Duplo for ages 1-5, Lego 4-12 (Lego Technic 9-12); avoid Lego for households with children under 3. An educational toy or an art kit may be better than a gift card.
- ♥ Wrap each gift and put a **gift tag with only the child's name** on each package. Put all gifts in a nice-looking bag/box; affix this sheet or a big label with the number of the family on it.
- ♥ Note. **Books.** Connie Kurz, Laura Snow, and team will select books for the children in all families on our list. The books will be added to the bag(s) of gifts for each family on Dec. 11.

**Presents are in-kind contributions to the church and are thus tax-deductible.**

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### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday 12-10 (concert  
is at 2:00pm)

**Joy of Christmas concert by the  
Cathedral Choral Society**

We will go by van to the Cathedral, leaving Zabriskie at 12:30pm, stopping at Goodwin House for pick up, and we will be returning via Goodwin House, arriving at Zabriskie no later than 5:30. Concert tickets are \$20 and there is a \$20 copay to ride on the bus. Reservations are required and there are only 14 tickets for this event. Call or email Karen Besser.

Tuesday 12-20 at noon

**Festive lunch and carol sing  
with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the Parish Hall**

There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Call or email Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com)

Wednesday 12-21 at noon

**Goodwin House lunch and carol sing  
with members of the Immanuel choir**

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

November 27, 2022

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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, Leo, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Zuzanna Wise, Danette (Dani) Gentile Kauffman, Rita, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, James Henry, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, and Connie Kurz.

**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, Ann Shelly, Ryan, John, Alexandra, Hans, Jessica, Joanne, McQuade Milligan, Reagan, Waide Egenger, Betsy and Dave Berry, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, Jimmy Young, Ryan, Scott Allison, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Lydia, Breanné Barnes, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, Dr. Nancy Hardison, Denise Comoli, and Connie Smith.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Anne Ross, Alexander Temoshok, Greta Arnold, Marlene Baxley-Cadmen, Chris von Schoening, Billy Bertles, Kes Shallbetter, Lani Brown, Robert Huffman, Adam Donahue, Lisa Frye, Lisa Clausen, Hannah Compton, and Shannon Gehrs.

**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.

**Those who we recently learned have died:** Nadine Vipperman, aunt of Father Randy Alexander; David T. Yount, father of Lisa Yount and Christina Yount; and the victims of the Club Q shooting in Colorado Springs, CO: Daniel Aston, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, and Raymond Green Vance. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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Find **CHRISTMAS FAMILIES SIGN-UPS TODAY** in the narthex of Zabriskie and Immanuel Chapels.

**Receptions coming up to honor the Rev. Sam Sheridan:** As announced, Assistant Rector Sam Sheridan will leave Immanuel to become Rector of St. Paul's Church in Petersburg, VA. Next Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, will be his last day with us. We will honor Fr. Sam at festive coffee hours after both the 8AM Eucharist (in the Parish Hall), and 10:30 AM Eucharist (in the Parlor) that day. Please do come and bid him a fond farewell, and Godspeed!



# Announcements

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**MORNING PRAYER @ 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.

**Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

**Evening Compline, Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

### CHRISTMAS FAMILIES DATES AND HELPERS NEEDED

This Christmas we will bring again a bright ray of hope to many families. Christmas Families is back to pre-pandemic operation. The dates are very early this year:

**Nov 27, Dec. 4: Sign-up to buy presents for a family**

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| Sun Dec. 11 | Ingathering and blessing of gifts, wrapping at forum hour, and special collection   |
| Sun Dec. 4  | Christmas Families takes a lot of work behind the scenes. Helpers are needed specially Morning and afternoon until 4:30p. Unpacking, displaying, assigning, and packing books. email Connie Kurz <a href="mailto:cgkurz@aol.com">cgkurz@aol.com</a> |
| Sat Dec. 10 | Labeling gifts in Santa's workshop, preparing the Parish Hall   |
| Sun Dec. 11 | after the service at Immanuel Chapel and early afternoon: wrapping, checking bags with gifts, loading the truck with bags.  |
| Mon Dec. 12 | unloading the truck at the Department of Community and Human Services.  |

Ingathering of the gifts and blessing at the altar will be on **Dec. 11, which is also the Sunday of the special collection**. Or you can bring the gifts to the parish office *before* Dec. 11. Volunteers are needed Dec. 11th after both services in the parish hall at Zabriskie to wrap presents for children and parents who were not claimed by parishioners.

Finally, on Monday, Dec. 12th, volunteers are needed to transport the gifts to Alexandria social services and connect with individual social workers.

Let Linda Serabian know if you can help. [serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com).

Helpers urgently needed for the William Fry Bicycle Ministry, let Linda know if you can help.

### Bible Study, Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

#### **CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION**

No prior participation is necessary; ALL are invited to join in the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom. Come and see! If viewing this on our website, please click the blue text "[Join Bible Study of the Book of Revelations and Daniel via Zoom](#)".



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

In this season of thanksgiving, 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.

Ordination and Consecration of Our New Bishop, **THE REVEREND CANON E. MARK STEPHENSON**, Chief Consecrator The Most Reverend Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2022 AT 11:00 AM, Arrive by 10:30 for seating. The Saint Paul's Baptist Church, 4247 Creighton Road, Henrico, VA. All members of the diocesan family are encouraged to join in this joyful celebration. Full event details are available here. There is no limit to how many people from a parish may attend, however, all attendees are required to register online at [www.thediocese.net](http://www.thediocese.net).

**CHRISTMAS FAMILIES BIKE MINISTRY:** An integral part of the Christmas Families program has always been the William Frye bicycle ministry. Good used bikes are collected and repaired, if necessary, to be given to the children that were referred to us through a program with the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services. This ministry was started many, many years ago by our parishioner, the late Bill Frye. We have bikes that have been donated (with more to come) and we have a workshop where the bikes are stored and the work can be completed but we do not have someone to lead the program or enough team members to work on repairing the bikes (knowledgeable team members will teach you how).

If this is something that you feel called to do, please contact Dagobert Soergel ([ds@dsoergel.com](mailto:ds@dsoergel.com)), Linda Serabian ([serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com)) or Dorothy Kellogg ([djaskellogg@gmail.com](mailto:djaskellogg@gmail.com)).

Please join the Immanuel Choir for a presentation of a service of

## *Lessons and Carols*

**Sunday, December 11th at the 10:30 Eucharist**

Lessons and Carols are offered for Advent or Christmas with a combination of scripture, hymns and special music for the season. This year the choir is singing music by Waddell, Andre Thomas, and Bainton among others. The carols are interspersed with hymns and scripture readings which reflect the joy and anticipation of Christmas.

Listen to and sing favorite hymns and anthems for the season as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Christ.

# CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS and SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to [DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET](mailto:DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET). Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



**GREENS/FLOWERS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

## *Christmas Brass Quartet at Immanuel*

*Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark .*

Brass **SPONSOR \$100**

Brass **PATRON \$200**

Given by:

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



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## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
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Gilma Balcarcel	Nursery Coordinator
Stuart Dahlinger	Sexton

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Darrell Wilson	Senior Warden
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Junior Warden: Administration
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)
The Rev. Sam Sheridan	Register (nonvoting member)

### 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](#)

### 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

**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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