



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021

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

GAUDETE SUNDAY

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

With the exception of infants and toddlers, all are requested to wear a face mask for the entirety of the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Stir up thy power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let thy bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 9: *Ecce Deus* The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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

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

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People: Based on Form VI p. 392

After the words "Hear us, O Lord,"
the congregation responds with "*For your mercy is great.*"

Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 331

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. p. 343

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer I p. 333

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

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

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.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Advent Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

The flowers on the Altar are given to the glory of God by the EFM Class of 2021 in appreciation of Sudie McGahuey for her patient, insightful, and loving mentorship.

All are invited to the Parish Hall immediately after this service for Coffee Hour.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader and Intercessor: TBD
Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild
Usher: Tom Brown
Vestry Greeter and Counter: TBD
Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

LUNCHEON AND CHRISTMAS CAROL SING FOR SENIORS, December 22nd at 12 Noon, Zabriskie Parish Hall: All Seniors are invited to Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship Christmas Holiday Social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 22 beginning at noon. Following a festive luncheon, we will adjourn to the Chapel with our Director of Music Dr. Jane Tavernier for a Christmas Carol Sing.



The luncheon will be served on individual plates, and we will be spaced around the parish hall at the large round tables, consistent with the CDC guidelines for safest indoor eating. The Carol Sing will be in the Zabriskie Chapel, and as with Sunday services, masks will be required. If you feel uncomfortable with one of these two venues or activities, please feel free to RSVP and attend for only the Carol Sing or the luncheon.

Please mark your calendar now and **RSVP** as soon as possible, as space is limited. The first 20 people to register will go home with a lovely amaryllis plant. There is no charge for this activity. Just bring yourself (and a neighbor if you wish!) and come prepared to sing.

Questions or to RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: karen.besser@gmail.com or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press "9" to leave your reservation via voicemail.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
December 12, 2021

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.

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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, Paul, and Doug.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Preston, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, and Elizabeth.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Paul Lartey, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, Susan Stockton, Asna Amiri, Tiffany McCaslin, Owen Malone, Mike Michaelis, Kameran Onley, and David Peabody.

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

Those who have recently died: Colonel Edward Shames, Former Senator Bob Dole, Constable Madison "Skip" Nicholson, Police Detective Antonio Valentine, and Police Officer Richard Houston II. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS

It's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Pageant will be in person, live streamed, AND recorded for a YouTube premiere! It is **THIS SATURDAY December 18th**, with rehearsal the week before, and two reading practices before that. Please sign up to participate as a teenager with a speaking role, a child with a part of the tableau role, OR a parent with a helping costume and organize role.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea928abf4c61-christmas>

Announcements

*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**” Joshua 1:9*



God’s Gift and Our Response

This season of Advent is a time to reflect on the gifts we have been given. We have much to be grateful for and much to give back to God in return.

During this season, we hope you will generously pledge to support God’s work through Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

As of December 7, 2021, we are blessed with 113 pledges representing \$604,682, forty-four percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. And, on average, those increases are by more than nine percent. Eleven pledges are new.

We constantly praise God for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God’s work through this parish.

You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

LESSONS AND CAROLS AT VTS TODAY @ 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel: You are welcome to Virginia Theological Seminary’s Lessons and Carols service today at 4:30pm., Immanuel Chapel, where Father Sam will serve as a reader.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

2021

December 18	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 19	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
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December 23	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill	<i>meet at</i> Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Brass and Full Choir (<i>Brass Prelude begins at 4:50 p.m.</i>)	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Woodwinds, Horn and Choral Ensemble (<i>Choral Prelude begins at 8:45 p.m.</i>)	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 26	9:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

2022

January 2	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall

Military Funeral for Dick and Judy Bednar

Tuesday, December 14th @ 3:00 p.m.

Arlington National Cemetery

Thursday Morning Bible Study: *This Thursday, December 16th*, we will pause from our reading of Hebrews to read the **beautiful birth narratives in the Gospels**. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, by Zoom.

To log-in on your computer: 1. Visit our website www.icoh.net, at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu., 2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: **Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW**, 3. Enter **Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029**, then Password: **312018**. For more information, contact one of the clergy.

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for this **Friday Compline December 18th at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: **Join Friday Night Compline Service**, and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

Give to Benefit Christmas Families NEXT Sunday, December 19th - At All THREE Eucharists

The special collection for Christmas Families 2021 is next Sunday December 19. It will support holiday gifts for children in disadvantaged families through the gift card programs run by Alexandria Human Services and by Offender Aid and Restoration, warm throws for children in the refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church, and two books for each of the 139 children in the preschool classes of Child and Family Network Centers. Watch for further announcements.



CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SEMINARY HILL

DECEMBER 23RD, 5 - 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Immauelites for singing Christmas Carols as we stroll through Seminary Hill on Thursday, December 23rd — we'll meet at 5:00 p.m. inside of Zabriskie Chapel before venturing outside. Let's spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
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John Bednar (jbednar@icoh.net)	Information Technology Specialist
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THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
Martha Shimkin	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

Online

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

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

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Immanuel Chapel on the following dates:
December 18 - Christmas Pageant

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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