

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.

A professionally-staffed nursery is located in the south corner of the building (to the right as you face the organ); restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors.

Prelude: Vom himmel hoch, da komm ich hier

Johann Sebastian Bach

Greeting and Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Opening Hymn 59: "Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding"

(From Heaven above to earth I come)

Merton

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation p. 355

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 p. 355

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*

Kyrie S96 "Lord, have mercy"

found in the front of The Hymnal 1982

Franz Peter Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*.

The First Lesson: Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,

and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,

and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,

and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,

and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb.

the leopard shall lie down with the kid,

the calf and the lion and the fatling together,

and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,

their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,

and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy

on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord

as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 Deus, judicium

- Give the King your justice, O God, * and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously * and the poor with justice;

- That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, * and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; * he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, * from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, * like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; * there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, * who alone does wondrous deeds!
- And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! * and may all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

The Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

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"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says,
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again,
"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says,
"The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope."
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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume 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.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

The Nicene Creed p. 358

The Prayers of the People: Form VI, and Confession & Absolution

(found in The Book of Common Prayer)

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome

The Children's Homily: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: "Keep your lamps" arranged by André Thomas

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, for the time is drawing nigh. Children, don't get weary, for the time is drawing nigh. Darker midnight lies before us for the time is drawing nigh.

Lo, the morning soon is breaking, for the time is drawing nigh. Christian, journey soon be over, for the time is drawing nigh. Keep your lamps trimmed and burning for the time is drawing nigh.

Spiritual

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Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer C

p. 369

Celebrant: The Lord 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*.

S 130 Sanctus (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

The Lord's Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread

S 164 Agnus Dei (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

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

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 join the circle at the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion bought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Communion Duet: "Come unto Him; He shall feed His flock" from Messiah

George Frideric Handel

Emily Riley, soprano Felicity Amos, mezzo-soprano

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears if the deaf unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing. (*Isaiah 35:5-6*)

He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; and He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those that are with young. (*Isaiah 40:11*)

Come unto Him, all ye that labour, come unto Him that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest. Take His yoke upon you, and learn of Him, for He Is meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your souls

(Matthew 11:28-29)

Communion Hymn 597: "O day of peace that dimly shines"

Jerusalem

Hymn 375: "Give praise and glory unto God"

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

both hymns found in The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

p. 366

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

that we are living members of the Body of your Son,

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father,

send us out to do the work you have given us to do,

to love and serve you

as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 76: "On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry" found in The Hymnal 1982 Winchester New

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme

arrangement by Johann Walther

Johann Sebastian Bach

(*Sleepers awake*, the voice is calling us)

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: Readers: Mollie Warner, Kristi Kubista-Hovis

Intercessor: Martha Shimkin

Musicians: The Immanuel Choir: Dr. Jane Tavernier Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild Ushers: Caroline Bergmark, Agnes Soos Vestry Greeter/Counter: Kristi Kubista-Hovis

AV Technicians: Doug Onley, The Rev. Jan A. Maas

Celebrant: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

Join us in the Parlor for a Reception in honor of

THE REV. SAM SHERIDAN

Let's send him off with a fond farewell, and our blessings.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL Parish Notes December 4, 2022

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).

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

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 Egener, 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: Ellen Gehrs, Auggie Koch, Gerry Anderson, Preston Brown O'Neil, Martha Manson, Lindsey Martin, Ethan Papish, Sarah Glassco, William Albritton, Jim Evans, Kate Groth, Joy McLaughlin, Ryan Rodriguez, Annie Goldsmith, and Liam Kirby.

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: Debbie Johnstone Knott, daughter of Ginny Johnstone; victims of the Walmart shooting in Chesapeake, VA: Randy Blevins, Fernando Chavez-Barron, Lorenzo Gamble Tyneka Johnson, Brian Pendleton, and Kellie Pyle. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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



TODAY is the final day for our Assistant Rector, the Rev. Sam Sheridan, worked for Immanuel.

Next week he starts as Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul's Church in Petersburg, VA.

Let's pray for him as he, his wife the Rev. Mary Margaret Winn, and their newborn son, Mac, make this transition to new jobs in a new city.

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 quite, 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, December 7th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, December 9th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, 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, or Senior Warden Darrell Wilson at dlwilson729@gmail.com.

Christmas Families Countdown

DECEMBER 4 is a Sunday bursting with activities, all expressing the spirit of Immanuel.

We are sending off our highly respected and beloved Assistant Rector Sam Sheridan to new adventures on the wings of his faith and the Immanuel Spirit.

Helpers needed for assigning books between 10 am and 4:30 pm, Parish Hall. Please come for as long as you can during that time. Kids and teens welcome. Connie Kurz and Laura Snow will lead a whirlwind tour of assigning books to 80+ families in this very limited time (end of the reception for Sam and a sharp stop at 4:30 pm for the Washington Philharmonic practice.) A light lunch will be served.

This is the last day to sign up for a family to provide meaningful gifts for the children. In short: 72+ families 192+ children, 67 signed up, 125+ remaining. 20 more families coming. We need a surge in sign-ups and a strong special collection to take care of all.

DECEMBER 10 Sat 9 am - 2 pm Labeling gifts in Santa's Workshop. 3:30 Preparing the Parish Hall.

DECEMBER 11 Sun. Services at 8 and 10:30: **Ingathering and blessing of gifts**, **Special Collection** Starting after the 8a service to 3p, Parish Hall. **Wrapping and sorting gifts**, Ingathering of good used items (clothing, especially warm coats, toys, books, bicycles). Loading the truck that will take things to Human Services on Monday morning.

DECEMBER 12 Mon. 9am - 1pm: Unloading the truck at Human Services (2525 Mt. Vernon Avenue, side entrance on Mt Ida Ave). Checking and arranging bags for the social workers.

Any time you can give helps.

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Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, December 6th @ 7:00 p.m. 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)

Barbara Fornoff (<u>cr8vweaver@gmail.com</u>)
David Atwood (David Atwood@hotmail.com).

Bible Study, Thursday, December 8th @ 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.

NEEDED: SHEEP, ANGELS, COWS, SHEPHERDS, WISE PEOPLE, ELIZABETH, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Immanuel's annual Christmas Pageant returns on Sunday, December 18th, beginning at 5:30pm, and we need to fill our tableau! Kids of all ages are invited to participate in this special Sunday night service at Immanuel Chapel, which will include a Eucharist, and all parishioners are invited to join us for the service. We will have a cookie reception following the Pageant!

Ready to sign up now? Send an email to Kathryn Jackson Haskin at <u>Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com</u> with your children's names and ages.

Costumes will be available before the 10:30am service on December 11th and the day of the pageant, and we will have one rehearsal for readers/speaking roles before the 18th. For all other participants, just show up by 4:00pm on December 18th at Immanuel Chapel, and we'll make it work!

If you're interested in helping to organize the pageant or the reception afterwards, please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin (<u>Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com</u>) to volunteer.

MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) UPDATE

Now that the pandemic has subsided, just to let you know the Immanuel MOW ministry has been up and running for the past 3 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 or capture his attention after church.



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

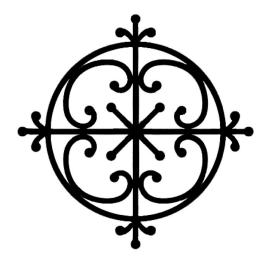
There is no cost for this activity, but <u>reservations are required</u>. Call or email Karen Besser at <u>Karen.Besser@gmail.com</u>

Wednesday 12-21 at noon Goodwin House lunch and carol sing

with members of the Immanuel choir

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 contract Dagobert Soergel (<u>ds@dsoergel.com</u>), Linda Serabian (<u>serabian@somaarchitects.com</u>) or Dorothy Kellogg (<u>djaskellogg@gmail.com</u>).



You are Cordially Invited to the

Service of Lessons & Carols

with Presentation of the

Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership

Sunday, December 11, 2022

Service, 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel

Please join

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

for

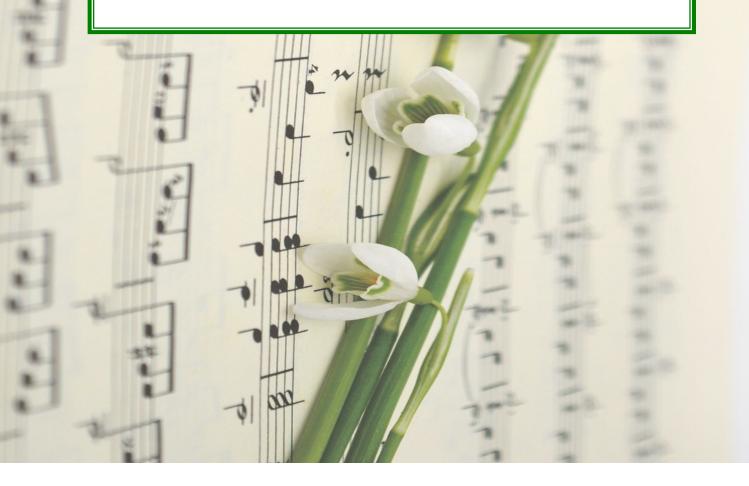
a presentation of a service of

Lessons and Earols

Sunday, December 11th at the 10:30a.m. 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 FAMILIES SPECIAL COLLECTION December 11th

And the king will answer them, `Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:40)

For a long time a strong and faithful commitment of bringing the good news of Christmas in a very tangible form that manifests God's inclusive love for all and raises hope has been woven into the fabric of Immanuel. Christmas Families has evolved into a multi-pronged program of several activities all serving one purpose: To bring Christ's transformative and comforting presence into the world, letting God's people know that somebody cares, and giving toys and science kits and books to learn and grow with.

First is the opportunity for parishioners to sign up to provide toys for a family in need. The families are referred to us by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services (72 families with 192 children, more to come). The Christmas Families team, acting for the whole parish, buys gifts for the families who are not "adopted" and some additional families referred to us by the Lazarus refugee ministry and by the New Hope Housing organization that resettles families after a shelter stay. These gifts will be wrapped and sorted in the Parish Hall on Dec. 11. We will help families referred to us until close to Christmas.

But there is much more. **Books are so important**. Under the leadership of Connie Kurz and Laura Snow, we get books for all the families referred to us and the **Community Lodgings** after-school programs. And we give to each of the 140 children in the **CFNC** (**Child and Family Network Centers**) preschools one copy of Anno's Counting Book and one of 500 Words / 500 Palabras (small format paperback, for each word a picture and text in English and Spanish).

In our long-standing collaboration with the **Lazarus refugee** ministry coordinated by Christ Church (Melanie Gray), we provided 240 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with. (Christ Church raised over \$30,000 to provide substantial gift cards to Target and Giant for each family). In addition, Christ Church will have last-minute referrals of approximately 10 families.

In a joint effort of Christmas Families and our expanded social justice and criminal justice ministry, we support the **Offender Aid and Restoration** (OAR, https://www.oaronline.org/) with their Project Winter Cheer for gift cards to children of incarcerated people, with \$1,500.

We cannot do all of this on a dime. Please be generous on December 11!

Checks can be made out to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, marked XFAM, in the collection plate or sent to the office.

The Christmas Families team makes each dollar go far. Linda got the fleece blankets for just under \$10, regular \$26.99. These purchases earned \$500 in Kohl's cash for more baby and other toys. Every year, Connie Kurz and Laura Snow make a trip to the Green Valley Bookfair to buy good books at a steep discount. Anno's Counting Book and 500 Words are staples in our book ministry. Every three years or so we buy 500 copies of each, the minimum to get a 50% discount from the publisher. Whenever we find an exceptional bargain, we buy enough for two or three years. Laura Snow, Candy Levine, and Brooke Roberts make beautiful outfits for purchased dolls. Others restore used bicycles. So many people contribute their talents to spreading God's love.

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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) 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.

As of December 1st, we have 88 pledges totaling \$472,212.

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.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE AT IMMANUEL



8:00 a.m. Gaudete Sunday Holy Eucharist Rite I Zabriskie Chap	el
December 11 10:30 a.m. Gaudete Sunday with Advent Lessons and Carols, and Holy Eucharist Rite II	pel
December 18 5:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Pageant Immanuel Chap	pel
December 21 6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling, followed by refreshments Seminary Hill 1 at VTS	Neighborhood
5:00 p.m. Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass Immanuel Chap (and livestreamed)	
10:30 p.m. Midnight Mass Rite II Immanuel Chap	pel
December 25 11:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II Zabriskie Chap	el
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January 1 11:00 a.m. New Year's Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II Zabriskie Chap	el
January 8 8:00 a.m. The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred) Zabriskie Chap Holy Eucharist, Rite I	el
10:30 a.m. The Feast of the Epiphany (transferred) Immanuel Chap	-a1

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**. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.

	Greens/Flowers: \$
	Given by:
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In Thanksgiving for:	
In Memory of:	
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	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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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!

CLERGY AND STAFF

THE VESTRY

	Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees
David Atwood	
Brad Ashton	
Mollie Lambert	Outreach
Kathy Lloyd	
Brooke Roberts	
Phyllis Sims	Evangelism and New Members
Julie Bruns	Pastoral Care
Gabriella Young-Smith	

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 Chapel10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

Online

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

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