



# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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**THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 23, 2025**

### **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.*

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**Prelude:** Adagio

Louis Victor Jules Vierne

**Processional Hymn 409:** “The spacious firmament on high”

*Creation*

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **Opening Acclamation**

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Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.  
People: *His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Collect for Purity**

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

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

### **The First Lesson: Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and

broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.”

But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.”

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Psalm 63:1-8 *Deus, Deus meus***

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; \*  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, \*  
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; \*  
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live \*  
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, \*  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, \*  
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, \*  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; \*  
your right hand holds me fast.

### **The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

"I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink,

and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn 616:** "Hail to the Lord's anointed"

verses 1-3

*Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein*

*from The Hymnal 1982*

### **The Holy Gospel: Luke 13:1-9**

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

Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

**The Sermon: The Rev. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D.,** Director, Center for Anglican Communion Studies and Associate Faculty, Virginia Theological Seminary

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Prayers of the People**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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**The Peace**

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

People: *And also with you.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

*Want to give electronically? While the alms basin is being passed, you can also make an offering online using your bank account, debit, or credit card: just scan the code at right.*

*Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.*



**Give Online**

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem: “God so loved the world”

John Stainer

## THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.

For God sent not his Son into the world  
to condemn the world;  
but that the world through him  
might be saved.

— John 3:16-17 KJV

Presentation Hymn 439: “What wondrous love is this” verse 1      *from* The Hymnal 1982      *Wondrous Love*

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!*  
*What wondrous love is this, O my soul!*  
*What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss*  
*to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,*  
*to lay aside his crown for my soul.*

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.*

*Sanctus S130 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Franz Peter Schubert

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*  
*God of power and might,*  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord,*  
*God of power and might,*  
*heaven and earth are full,*  
*full of your glory.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Blessed is he who comes*  
*in the name of the Lord.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*  
*Hosanna in the highest.*

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast.*

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Agnus Dei S164 (found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)*

Franz Peter Schubert

*Jesus, Lamb of God:*

*have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our sins:*

*have mercy on us.*

*Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world:*

*give us your peace,*

*give us your peace.*

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

*We will receive at standing stations.*

*If you are physically unable to come to the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

*Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands, are offered at the icon on the right side of the Altar during Communion.*

#### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

**Communion Solo:** "Give me Jesus"

*In the Morning When I Rise*

**DARYL OTT**, baritone

In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
In the morning when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry,  
Dark midnight was my cry.  
Give me Jesus. *Refrain*

Refrain:  
*Give me Jesus, Give me Jesus,*  
*You may have all this world,*  
*Give me Jesus.*

O when I come to die,  
O when I come to die,  
O when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus. *Refrain*

*Sung, if needed*

**Hymn 142:** "Lord, who throughout these forty days"

*from The Hymnal 1982*

*St. Flavian*

## Post Communion Prayer

*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

Closing Hymn 388: “O worship the King, all glorious above!”      *from The Hymnal 1982*      *Hanover*

## The Dismissal

Clergy: Our worship has ended, our service begins. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

*There is no postlude, in observance of Lent.*

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The Rev. Dr. Katherine Grieb has been the Director of the Center for Anglican Communion Studies since 2021, having served the Anglican Communion in many roles. She holds degrees from Hollins University, the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University, Virginia Theological Seminary, Yale University, and the University of Cardiff Law School. She has taught at VTS since 1994 as Professor of Biblical Interpretation and currently combines her duties at CACS with teaching New Testament and Biblical Greek.

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## SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Readers:</i>	Martha Shimkin, Kay Lusk
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Kay Lusk
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier, The Immanuel Choir
<i>Ushers:</i>	Stewart Skubel, Teresa Skubel, Darrell Wilson
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Martin Horne, The Rev. Susan D. Parsons
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Wendy Lane John
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Doug Onley
<i>Audio-Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

# EASTER MUSIC AND SPECIAL FLOWER DEDICATIONS 2025

As Easter approaches, you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Easter brass musicians and/or Altar flowers for our Easter Sunday Eucharists. **For the first time, we are offering Sponsorships for beloved Easter blooms that have risen greatly in price** — like our special Christmas music, names will appear first in our bulletins and remain on the Flowers page of our website for *at least* three months.

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. To make your dedications online, scan the QR code below or visit our website and click on "[Easter Flower and Music Dedications](#)" image on our landing page.

Names will be printed in our Easter bulletins for all donations received **by noon** on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to [DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET](mailto:DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET). Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



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# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### March 23, 2025

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**IN THE NAME OF JESUS 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 visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels.** Please give your card 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:** Aggie Fortune, Andrew Alexander, Ann MacNamara, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus, Margaret, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Donna Becker, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, George Rustigian, Gerald, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Smith, Kathy Porter, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Leilani Allwine, Sarah Friday, Debbie Peetz, Peter Phillips, Loriann Rustigian, Nicky Vassev, Isabella Vasseva, Janice Corbett, Wendy Hoge, Mary Jane Ruhl, Bethany O'Donnell, Jackson O'Donnell, Terri LaGoe, Zachary Thompson, Sue Gildersleeve, and Kristin Whitman.

**Pray for those serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, Scott, and Philip Pretzinger.

**Those who have died:** David C. Conrad, uncle of Jamie Conrad; and the dozens of victims who died as a result of last weekend's storms in the United States Midwest and South. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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## Our Lenten Series “*Grace in the Life of the Believer*” Begins **TODAY**

Join today's guest preacher, **the Rev. Katherine Grieb, Ph.D.** of Virginia Theological Seminary, in the Welcome Center at 11:45a.m. today for the first presentation and discussion on the role of grace in St. Paul's epistles.



*Let's all wish parishioner Wendy Hoge a happy 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday tomorrow!*

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Lenten Centering Prayer led by The Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley  
Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of Luke*”  
Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

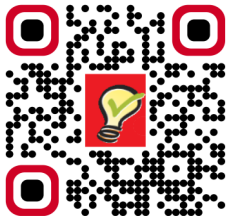
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Evening Compline, Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

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### WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

Join her this Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



### **SIGN-UP TO SERVE: MARCH - APRIL 2025 IT'S EASY AND ONLINE**

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through April 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



### Invitation to CONFESSION

Anglicans approach private confession in a classic middle way framed by the old adage, “All may; none must; some should.” Lent is a particularly appropriate time to consider private confession as part of one’s Lenten discipline and examination of life. If you would like to schedule an appointment for Confession, please contact any of the clergy. You can read over the rite for private confession in [\*The Book of Common Prayer\*](#), beginning on p. 447



**CANDY REQUEST FOR THE EASTER EGGS!** In preparation for our upcoming Easter morning celebration and egg hunt, we are seeking donations of candy. If you are able to contribute, please leave a bag of egg-stuffing sized candy in the bin on the table outside of Rev. Sarah's office in Zabriskie Chapel by April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you!

# SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

**March 25: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH with TOM KERNS:** We are welcoming our own Tom Kerns to return to the Senior Ministry and Fellowship brown bag this month. Architect par excellence, Tom will share his experience with the renovation of Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Georgetown. Trinity, founded in 1787, is the oldest Roman Catholic community in continuous operation in Washington, DC.

Please join other seniors to hear Tom talk about his work at this historic parish at our brown bag lunch this Tuesday, March 25, at 12:15p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation requirement and no cost to this event and, as always, friends, neighbors, and family members are welcome.

Tom will follow up his talk by taking us to visit the parish on Thursday, April 24. Please put that date on your calendar and watch for details of the trip later.

**March 31: Grandchildren Welcome to Join Our Washington, DC Daytrip to Visit THE NATIONAL ARBORETUM and THE NATIONAL BONSAI & PENJING MUSEUM**

We have a forecast for peak cherry blossom blooming, and plan to take full advantage by heading to the National Arboretum to do hanami (the Japanese word for cherry blossom viewing). We will go on Monday, March 31 and grandchildren are especially welcome to join us on this trip.

The Arboretum's 40 discrete varieties of cherry blossom tree are spread out over 27 sites within almost 450 acres, so we will employ the van to get us from place to place. We will hope for hanafubuki, the experience of having a gust of wind shower our vehicle with blossoms swirling in the air. We will also visit the National Bonsai & Penjing Museum for the fascinating exhibit, *Sakura Orihon, Diary of a Cherry Blossom Journey*.

We will gather in the parish hall at 10:30a.m. for a quick brunch of quiche and fruit before leaving the Zabriskie parking lot at 11:15a.m, and plan to return no later than 3:30pm. You can also have the van pick you up and drop you off at either Goodwin House location or at The View (but alas, no quiche for you). There is no cost for the lunch and a \$20 copay to ride in the van.

Please RSVP to Karen Besser ([karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com)) as soon as possible, so that if we have significant response to this trip there will be enough time to schedule a second van.

**NOTE on APRIL EVENTS:** In observance of Holy Week and Easter, neither the Goodwin House luncheon nor the brown bag lunch will take place during the month of April. We plan to resume both events in May.

**Mindful Parking: Help Us Help Others:** Keeping our physically-challenged parishioners and visitors in mind, we ask all to please keep the parking spaces *directly in front of* both chapels for those in need of handicap spaces. Thank you for your understanding and full cooperation.



## **ALTAR OF REPOSE SCHEDULE NOW ONLINE**

If you can help us keep watch by staying in the Oratory Chapel in Immanuel for one hour during the Overnight Prayer Vigil, Maundy Thursday, April 17, please scan the code at right. Simply stop, pray and keep watch during the night until 12noon Good Friday.



Thank you.

Altar of Repose

## ***Loving Our Neighbors as Ourselves Through Pumpkins—Outreach Ministry: Christ House Meals***

**Christ House Meals Ministry Welcomes – and Needs – More Helpers.** This is a relatively low-time-commitment but **high impact** way to show our love to our most vulnerable neighbors in Alexandria—with delicious, hot meals. We meet six times a year – the **third Wednesday evening every other month** – to prepare hot meals at Christ House (Old Town corner of Prince & S. West Streets). Volunteers opt to engage in one or more of these short list of tasks: shop for ingredients for that month's agreed dinner menu—(which Pumpkin Patch money pays for through an established Immanuel voucher reimbursement process); pre-cook meatloaf or another entree the day before as a group or portions individually at home (as a small group, we have lots of flexibility); and, as a team, assemble some 75 hot meals in the Christ House kitchen that are the distributed at 5 PM "to go" to vulnerable Alexandrians.

Kitchen volunteers follow basic CH food safety protocols. Shoppers are promptly reimbursed through an established expense voucher processing system. And... we have fun! **There's nothing like that warm, cozy feeling of working together to feed people who so appreciate a fresh meal.**

Please join us regularly, or when you are able! We have a small core team, but the group that prepares each meal is a mix of who can assist that round. Christ House welcomes high school volunteers 14 years and older. If you aren't sure and just want to give it a try, please email Eileen Monnin-Kirby directly at [edmkirby@gmail.com](mailto:edmkirby@gmail.com) **We would appreciate your help!**



**NOTE TO PARENTS AND OUR COMMUNITY ABOUT SACRED SPACES:** We are blessed at Immanuel with the boundless energy and passion of increasing numbers of children, for which we give deep thanks. We are also glad that children feel comfortable at Immanuel, that they feel at home and safe in this community. We do, however, need to look out for their safety and protection, and for the protection of those sacred spaces. In particular, parents are asked to keep an eye out for their children after the 10:30 Eucharist, as some have been seen climbing on the walls of the Chapel Garden and ruins of the old chapel. This is both dangerous for them and not respectful towards those whose ashes are interred there. Let's all work together to make sure our children can be children while also protecting them and the sacred spaces in our care.



**Eager to Help Our Refugee Neighbors? Join The Christ Church Refugee Ministry Care Team and make a lasting impact!** Volunteers provide critical support by staying in touch with families, offering companionship, and ensuring they feel welcome in their new community. Help with appointments, community events, and services like career support, school involvement, and basic needs. Your kindness can help them thrive and adjust to their new life! Be the bridge to resources, fun activities, and connections. Get involved today and make a difference—one family at a time. Ready to lend a hand? We need you and we train you! Contact David Atwood ([atwooddavid@gmail.com](mailto:atwooddavid@gmail.com)), Julie Bruns ([drbruns@verizon.net](mailto:drbruns@verizon.net)), (Kathy Conrad ([kathypconrad@gmail.com](mailto:kathypconrad@gmail.com)), Nancy Reuschel ([nancyreuschel@hotmail.com](mailto:nancyreuschel@hotmail.com)), Linda Serabian ([serabian@somaarchitects.com](mailto:serabian@somaarchitects.com)), or Pierre Shostal ([pshks@aol.com](mailto:pshks@aol.com)) to request training. If you are ready to take the first step, schedule a meeting with our Refugee Coordinator, **Cessilye Smith** at Christ Church at 703-549-1450.



## **PRESERVING GOD'S CREATION: *How to Kindly Wake Up Our Spring Gardens***

Please resist the urge to rake up all the leaves from winter. Why? Our delightful fireflies, wood frogs, butterflies, salamanders, and other beneficial creatures bury themselves in leaf litter to survive the winter. If the leaves are removed too soon in the spring, we risk eliminating those species from our gardens, reducing its biodiversity. Instead, consider waiting until daytime temperatures are above 50 degrees for at least 7 days in a row before removing the leaves. This gives the species living in the leaves time to emerge and survive. And remember, those rotting leaves are very good for garden soil as they break down and release nutrients back into the garden.

— courtesy of the *Creation Care Ministry Team*

## CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Gilma Balcarcel ..... Nursery Coordinator  
 Miguelina Guzmann ..... Nursery Assistant

## THE VESTRY

Amy Thomas ..... Senior Warden  
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 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Mark Fearer ..... Social Justice  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Rich Hobson ..... Outreach  
 Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Dave John ..... Fellowship  
 Doug Onley ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mary Ann Ring ..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries  
 Brian Rush ..... Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care  
 Bert Shelters ..... Evangelism and Newcomers, Communications  
 Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, and Isabelle Young-Smith ..... Youth Representatives

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

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

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

#### *Online*

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