



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



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025

Advent Lessons and Carols & Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

Prelude: Noël

Louis-Claude Daquin

Matin Responsory: “I look from afar”

adapted by G.P. da Palestrina

Aspiciens a Longe

I look from afar:

And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

High and low, rich and poor, one with another.

Go ye out to meet him and say:

Hear, O thou shepherd of Israel, thou that ledest Joseph like a sheep:

Tell us, art thou he that should come?

Stir up thy strength, O Lord, and come:

to reign over thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

I look from afar: And lo, I see the pow'r of God coming, and a cloud cov'ring the whole earth.

Go ye out to meet him and say: Tell us, art thou he that should come to reign over thy people Israel?

Processional Hymn 56: “O come, O come Emmanuel”

verses 1-4, and 8

Veni, Veni, Emmanuel

found in The Hymnal 1982

A BIDDING PRAYER

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within this city of Alexandria. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those

who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

First Reading: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

read by Jim Clausen

Jeremiah despairs of the human condition, yet calls upon God

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us!

Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins.

Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

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

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

found in The Hymnal 1982

Jerusalem

Second Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

read by Kathryn Tatko

A new covenant is promised which will be written in our hearts

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt -- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

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

O nata lux de lumine Jesus
redemptory saeculi
Dignare Clemens supplicum
Laudes preces que sumere
Qui carne quondam contegi
Dignatus pro peditis
Nos membra confer effici
Tui beati corporis

O born light from light Jesus,
redeemer of the world.
Deign to accept the supplication,
of Clement Praises and prayers;
who was once covered with flesh.
Deigned to be the footstool,
confer us with the members
of your blessed body.

Third Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11

read by Brian Ply

God comforts his people and calls on them to prepare for redemption.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!' See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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

Hymn 67: "Comfort, Comfort ye my People"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Psalms 42

Fourth Reading: Isaiah 7:10-15

read by Rosi Urbine

God promises that a child shall be conceived who will be known as Immanuel—"God with us".

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall

become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Choir Anthem: "Tomorrow shall be my Dancing-day"

John Linton Gardner

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance; *Chorus*

Chorus:

*Sing, oh! my love, oh!
my love, my love, my love,
this have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance. *Chorus*

Fifth Reading: Revelation 21:1-4

read by Signa Strom

A New Heaven and a New Earth

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together:
for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

Sixth Reading: Luke 1:26-56

read by Caroline Maas Hicks

The Angel Gabriel announces to the Virgin Mary that she will bear the Son of the Most High

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God.” Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.’

And Mary said, ‘My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.’

And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Choir Anthem: "Rosa Mystica "

Chrysogonus Waddell, OCSO

There is no rose of such virtue
As is the rose that bare Jesu;
Alleluia.

By that rose we may well see
There be One God in Persons Three,
Pares forma [Incomparable, perfect form]

For in this rose contained was
Heaven and earth in little space.
Res miranda [O Thing of Wonder!]

The angels sang, the shepherds, too
"Gloria in excelsis Deo!"
Gaudeamus [Let us rejoice!]

Leave we all this worldly mirth,
And follow we this joyful birth.
Transeamus. [Let us pass over....]

The Homily: The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke

The Peace

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 below.

Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



Give Online

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs
in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to
judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

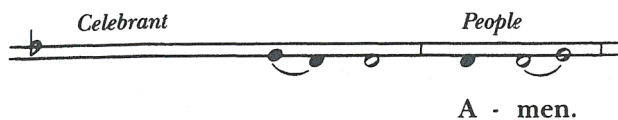
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the
company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

S130 Sanctus

found in the front of The Hymnal 1982

Franz Peter Schubert

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

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.

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

*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.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Hymn 61: “Sleepers, wake! a voice astounds us”

Wachet Auf

found in The Hymnal 1982

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 Advent Blessing

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Closing Hymn 74: “Blest be the King whose coming”

Valet will ich dir geben

found in The Hymnal 1982

The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in joy, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Readers: Jim Clausen, Caroline Maas Hicks, Brian Ply, Signa Strom, Kathryn Tatko, Rosi Urbine

Musicians: Dr. Jane Tavernier (organ, Director of Music)
The Immanuel Choir, Denise Freeland (Assistant Conductor)

Ushers: Steve Brown, Tom Kerns, Marcus Rarick

Altar Guild: Brooke Roberts

Flower Guild: Candy Levin

Vestry Greeter/Counter: Matt Haskin

Audio-Visual: Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas, Sharon Biache Blanchet

Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

A Brief History of LESSONS AND CAROLS

The Festival of Lessons and Carols as we know it dates to December 1918, at King's College, Cambridge, in the days immediately following the end of World War I. The Rev. Eric Milner-White, Dean of the College, reflected on his experiences as a British army chaplain and developed this liturgy as an opportunity to remember God's great promises, even in the midst of so much suffering and untold devastation. The lessons speak of God's great plan of salvation, articulated by Israel's prophets and poets, and realized in the birth of Jesus Christ.

There are Advent and Christmas versions of the liturgy throughout the Anglican Communion, as this service has become a deeply beloved tradition for millions worldwide. The readings for this service in particular were chosen to highlight God's promise of remaking and redeeming all things. Beginning with Christ, God has promised to make all things new.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

December 21, 2025

**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).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Ann MacNamara, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, the Jim and Lisa Clausen Family, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Marcus Rarick, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennis, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Thom Hussey, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Rev. Harry Benjamin, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, the Rev. John Hogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Judi Rhodes, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Marty Childs, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Ryan Willis, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Thomas Henry, Tim Williams, Tony, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: David Philips, Holly Morton, Katydean Price, Jason Donahue, Debbie Hewson, Carol Crossmire, Amy Parks, and Drew Parks.

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: Aggie Fortune, victims of the *Chanukah by the Sea* celebration at Bondi Beach, Sydney, Australia; and the victims of the Stockton, CA shooting at a child's birthday party: Susano Archuleta, Maya Lupian, Journey Rose Reotutar Guerrero, and Amari Peterson. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

BLUE CHRISTMAS PRAYER SERVICE, TODAY

4:00PM, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

We invite everyone to this service of prayer, music, and reflection that we hope will help bring a sense of God's presence and healing at a time of year when so many experience feelings of grief, loss, and hardship.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Compline will Resume Friday, January 2nd @ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

Morning Prayer Tuesday, January 6th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: *"The Gospel of John"* will Resume Thursday, January 8th
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

IMMANUEL CLERGY DAY AT THE VIEW ALEXANDRIA, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21ST

The View is a retirement community affiliated with Goodwin Living, right across the street from Goodwin House, Alexandria. The Rev. Susan D. Parsons is leading this Eucharist at 11a.m. today.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* Will resume January 7th, 2026

Join Sarah next year for fellowship this **Wednesday, January 7th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. **All are welcome!**



Our **Wednesday Quiet Prayer** sessions will resume, as before, 5:15 -6 pm in the Oratory, from **Wednesday, January 7th through March 25th**. This will provide a wonderful opportunity to enter into the call of Lent, for quiet prayer and preparation, which is deeply counter-cultural in this season which can be so dominated by consumerism. We invite all to join us.



Every Member Pledge Campaign Update: As of December 9th, we have received 102 pledges so far, totaling \$561,650. This includes 6 new pledges and 57 who increased from last year. We hope for a total of \$725,000.

If you have not yet made your pledge please do so as soon as possible. You may return the pledge card that was mailed to you, or you may pledge by scanning the QR code at right, or pledge through [our website](#), by clicking the "Pledge Here" button.



Upcoming Schedule for Advent and Christmastide

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| December 21 | 4:00 p.m. | <i>Blue Christmas Prayer Service</i> | Zabriskie Chapel |
| December 24 | 4:00 p.m. | <i>Christmas Prelude with Full Choir, and Brass</i> | Immanuel Chapel |
| | 5:00 p.m. | <i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Full Choir, and Brass</i> | |
| | 8:40 p.m. | <i>Christmas Prelude with Choral Ensemble, and Brass</i> | |
| December 25 | 9:00 p.m. | <i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i> | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Organ and Carols | |
| December 29 | 8:00 a.m. | First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite I | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | 10:00 a.m. | First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite II | |
| January 4, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist Rite I | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Youth-led Sunday with Holy Eucharist Rite II | |
| January 11, 2026 | 8:00 a.m. | <i>Epiphany Sunday (transferred) with Holy Eucharist Rite I</i> | Zabriskie Chapel |
| | 10:00 a.m. | <i>Children's Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Festive Reception in the Welcome Center</i> | Immanuel Chapel |

SIGN-UP TO SERVE: DECEMBER - FEBRUARY 2026

MANY NEEDED FOR CHRISTMASTIDE: IT'S EASY AND ONLINE



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through February 2026* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](https://www.ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right. If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for only a Sunday or two**. Training for all lay ministries available upon request. **THANK YOU for your participation!**



Creation Care Tips: Is Your Wrapping Paper Recyclable?

Be mindful of our planet this holiday season and choose gift wrap that can be recycled or is made from recycled content. A lot of gift wrap isn't recyclable because of the coating on the paper, which is often shiny and laminated. You can also reduce holiday waste by using decorative boxes that do not require wrapping and that can be recycled.

The Environmental Protection Agency encourages consumers to reuse gift bags and tissue wrapping paper, and not discard them after a single use. While tissue wrapping paper is not recyclable, it is compostable as long as it is plain and free of glitter or metallic foil.

If you find yourself accumulating more tissue wrapping paper than you need or can store, here are some creative ways to reuse it by crafting gifts: <https://modpodgerocksblog.com/crafts-with-tissue-paper/>

Questions? Contact Denise Freeland: eco.voce@verizon.net

COME JOIN US ON THE IMMANUEL BUS TO RICHMOND WITH THE INTERFAITH CENTER, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

For the past several years, the Social Justice committee has joined with other Immanuelites for a stimulating and fun bus trip and day in Richmond to meet with our representatives, learn about the Virginia legislative process, and advocate – with Vestry concurrence – on behalf of Immanuel on one or two issues important to our faith.

This year, we will be following up on further legislative action regarding higher education opportunities in Virginia’s prisons and easing zoning restrictions on those Virginia churches that want to use part of their property for affordable housing.



The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is the overall sponsor of this exciting day. For more information, or to make sure you have a place on the bus, please talk to [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [Julie Bruns](#); registration is required (see QR code at left), and we can defray the fee for anyone who requests it.

Lunch will be provided.



BEWARE of Questionable Emails without “ICOH.net” Extensions

Immanuelites, cyber criminals are at it again; we’ve received several attempts to compromise our security with phishing emails posing as parishioners (by name) and as Father Randy under fake accounts.

Should you receive a request for any information on Immanuel that doesn’t come from the icoh.net extension, please do not hesitate to forward it to Aleta at apowell@icoh.net for verification.

Let’s remember to keep everyone involved and affected by these cyber attempts in prayer.



Retiring in the New Year? Consider Ways to Give to ALIVE!

As mentioned in our weekly eBlast, Immanuel rose to the occasion for our inaugural diaper/wipe/formula drive. We thank all who contributed to our total of 380 pounds of needed diapers, wipes and formula last month.

Now more than every, ALIVE! Can use your help. Consider becoming a volunteer — or donating — by scanning the QR code at right or visit <https://qrco.de/bgX7Sd>.

Thank you.



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 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Mark Fearer Social Justice
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Rich Hobson Outreach
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SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

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