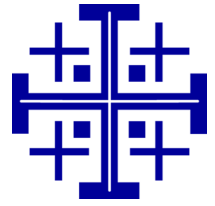




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill
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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 26, 2025

Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:00 a.m.

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

Prelude: Trumpet Voluntary

William Boyce

Opening Hymn 398: "I sing the almighty power of God" *found in* The Hymnal 1982

Forest Green

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

p. 355

S102 Trisagion

(found in the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Alexander Archangelsky

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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: Jeremiah 14:7-10,19-22

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 savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler 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 dishonor 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.*

Psalm 84:1-6 *Quam dilecta!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

The Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Sequence Hymn 517: "How lovely is thy dwelling place "

verses 1,2, and 4

Brother James' Air

found in The Hymnal 1982

The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke
Response: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord
Response: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Nicene Creed

p. 358

The Prayers of the People:

Confession of Sin and Absolution

p. 360

Clergy and People: *Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

Clergy: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

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: "Lord, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray" arr. Mogens Wöldike William H. Turton

THE IMMANUEL CHOIR

Lord who at thy first Eucharist did'st pray,
that all Thy church might be forever one,
Grant us at every Eucharist to say with longing heart and soul,
"Thy will be done." Oh, may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

Doxology: Hymn 380 (verse 3) found in The Hymnal 1982 Old 100th

*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 B p. 367

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.*

The Celebrant proceeds

Sanctus (from A Mass for Immanuel) Jane Tavernier

14
Ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of pow-er and might Hea-ven and Earth are

19
filled with your glo-ry, Ho- san - na in_ the high - est, Ho-san - na Ho- san - na Ho

24
san - na in_ the high-est Bles-sed is He, Bles-sed is He who comes in the name of the

29
Lord_ Ho- san - na, Ho- san - na, Ho-san - na in_ the high - est.

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

34

Lamb_ of God,___ Lamb_ of God,___ You take_a- way___ the sins of the world___

46

Lamb of God,___ Lamb of God,___ You take_ a way___ the sins of the world.

57

___ Have mer - cy___ Have mer - cy___ Have mer - cy___ u pon us.

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

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 Solo Hymn 149: “In remembrance of Me”

arr. Robert F. Douglas

Buryl Red

DARYL OTT, baritone

In remembrance of Me eat this bread
In remembrance of Me drink this wine
In remembrance of Me pray for the time,
when God's own will is done.

Take eat and be comforted
Drink and remember too
That this is my body and precious blood,
shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door,
and let your brother in, let him in.

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above
But in your heart, in your heart,
look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of Me
do this in remembrance of Me;
In remembrance of Me.

Communion Hymn 665: “All my hope on God is founded”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Michael

Sung, if needed

Hymn 516: “Come down, O Love divine”

found in The Hymnal 1982

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Post Communion Prayer

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*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

Recessional Hymn 686: “Come, thou fount of every blessing”

from The Hymnal 1982

Nettleton

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

Postlude: Allegro

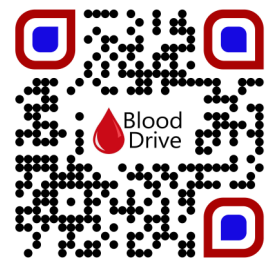
Sigfrid Karg-Elert

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Readers:	Abby Hooper, Kathryn Tatko
Intercessor:	Sudie McGahuey
Musicians:	The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier, Director and Organist
Ushers:	David Lambert, Mollie Lambert, Agnes Soos
Altar Guild:	Brooke Roberts
Flower Guild:	Karen Besser
Vestry Greeter/Counter:	Kristin Whitman
Coffee Hour Host:	Diana Walker
Audio Visual:	Tamika Martin, The Rev. Jan A. Maas, Sharon Biache Blanchet
Celebrant:	The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL'S 4TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE—SIGN UP NOW FOR NOVEMBER 2!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the fourth time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 2, from noon to 4pm in the Zabriskie parking lot.** The link to sign up is now LIVE! Scan the QR code at right to pick a time, or you can reach out to Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com. Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance on Inova's site inovablood.org/donate-blood/eligibility/. If you are considering donating blood for the first time, Inova has some helpful information at inovablood.org/donate-blood/prepare-for-your-donation/first-time-donors/.



If you are not eligible to donate, you can still help at the registration table—even an hour would help! Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering at the registration table.

Thank you!

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

October 26, 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, Aster, 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, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Randy, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

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

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Trey Hobson, Claire Campbell, Virginia Campbell, Laura Ellis, Patrick Kane. Emily Clausen, Hugo Horne, Lily Pinner, Sandhya Augustine, Tom Peabody, and Kathryn Zoeller.

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

JOIN THE SENIOR MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP THIS TUESDAY: ALL ABOUT HOCKEY!

OCTOBER: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. The professional hockey season begins in October and if you don't know the difference between a snipe and a dangle, we're not gonna put you in the penalty box!

Instead, come on **Tuesday, October 28** and hear parishioner and superfan **Agnes Soos**, who will help us learn how to follow that fast puck around the ice and maybe become a fan for life. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation required and no cost to this event.



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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH : Join Sarah for fellowship this Wednesday, **October 29th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, October 28th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, October 29th, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday October 29th, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, October 30^h

@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday October 31st@ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

ALL SAINTS’ & ALL SOULS’ COMMEMORATION OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Saturday, November 1st Holy Eucharist Rite II with Lighting Candles @ 9:00 a.m.
Zabriskie Chapel, followed by Self-guided prayers for the Dead

Sunday, November 2nd Holy Eucharist Rite I @ 8:00 a.m. and Holy Eucharist Rite II @
10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel **featuring “Requiem” by John Rutter with 6-piece orchestra**

Would you like to lift the name of a deceased friend or relative up in prayer on All Saints’? If so, please submit names of any loved ones lost from November 1, 2024 through this year by noon on Wednesday, October 29th via email at dedications@icoh.net or by phone by calling (703) 370-6555, dialing extension “508”, and **leaving a detailed voicemail message on our Dedication Line.** Please include the year of death for your loved ones.

All names — including those previously listed in this year’s Sunday parish notes — will be in all bulletins November 1st and 2nd, and in Immanuel’s Book of Remembrance, and those who have died in the last year will be included in our prayers.

NOVEMBER 1st: During the Eucharist, parishioners will have the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a loved-one since last All Saints’ Day. Afterwards, **the chapel will remain open until 2p.m. for parishioners to lead their own self-guided prayers**, and light a candle for those close to you that you’ve lost this year.

NOVEMBER 2nd: During the 10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, the IMMANUEL CHOIR will sing John Rutter’s “*Requiem*”, accompanied by a 6-piece orchestra to include: *Requiem aeternam, Out of the deep, Pie Jesu,*

FINAL DAYS: IMMANUEL OUTREACH AND THE PUMPKIN PATCH'S 32ND YEAR

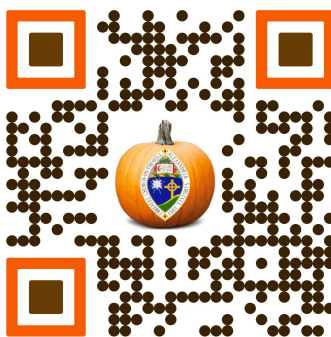
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON PATCH CLEAN-UP DAY NOVEMBER 1ST !

Pumpkin patch proceeds show our love and care for our neighbors – most years we support at least 14 local Alexandria charities, 5 regional, and 6 international charities. Since the year 2000, when we first started keeping detailed records, we have raised \$1,225,473 from the Pumpkin Patch, all of which has gone to Outreach.

We are nearing the end of the month and pumpkin sales are picking up — especially the soup sales! We have faith our wonderful bakers and soup makers and knitters will keep the Pumpkin Patch supplied with the tastes and feel of autumn – 100 % of food sales go to Outreach. We can't do this without you!

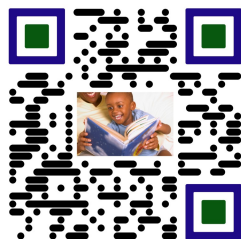
Finally, we have a **huge clean-up day on November 1st**, so please use the QR code below to signup as part of the crew.

Thanks to all who have helped in each and every way with this year's patch! **You're the best!**



HELP A CHILD LEARN TO READ! BECOME A BOOK BUDDY!

Do you or someone you know have an hour a week to help a child learn to read? **The Alexandria Tutoring Consortium (ATC)** needs volunteer reading tutors in Alexandria's public elementary schools, with the most openings at Ferdinand Day, Patrick Henry, and John Adams schools. Tutors work one-on-one with a kindergarten, first, or second grade student in 35-minute sessions, once or twice a week, during the school day, October through May.



You do not need to be a teacher to do this - ATC provides training, materials and support - and you will make a huge difference for a child. It is important, though, to honor the schedule as your Book Buddy will look forward to seeing you.

Contact ATC's Alexa Allmann (aallmann@alexandriatutors.org) or visit alexandriatutors.org to learn more. To register, simply scan the QR code at left.

VESTRY UPDATES: Vestry completed, and submitted to the Diocese of Virginia, Immanuel's annual financial audit. Grace and gratitude to finance team of Tom Hewson, Mollie Lambert and Mike Morgan for their excellent work in following church policies and procedures for an overall strong rating.

In September, Immanuel hired a new IT contractor to replace our previous IT contractor Focus Data Solutions. In the past month, Proactive Systems Solutions has upgraded clergy and staff computers and operating systems. Any questions about this new vendor may go to Warden for Administration Peter Kent.

For the November 6 to 8 Annual Convention, Immanuel's delegates will be Sanjiv Augustine, Mark Fearer, and Doug Onley.

Next Vestry meeting is November 11.



TWO CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED 2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

We now offer healing prayers on the second Sunday of each month at both services, and we need to have two Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharists. Please consider signing up to serve.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2025

IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through December 2025* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at left. 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!**



Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: "GOD'S PROMISES"

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15th @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, November 15th** online via *Microsoft Teams* (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 a.m. Our new theme for 2025 is *God's Promises*. This month we will read **Isaiah 46:3-11** "*I have spoken, I will bring it to pass; I have planned, and I will do it*" using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

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FORUM HOUR "BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY"

Sunday November 16, 2025, The Welcome Center

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade's reflections at a forum hour Sunday November 16th at 11:45 a.m. in the Welcome Center across from Immanuel Chapel.

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Sydney Onley	Youth Representative

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 10:00 a.m. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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

Online
www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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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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