



**Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill**  
Episcopal/Anglican  
Alexandria, Virginia



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**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**December 25, 2024**

**Holy Eucharist, 11:00 a.m.**

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*Shepherds Field Nativity* painting by Munir Alawi, 2010

## WELCOME TO IMMANUEL



*Welcome* to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, as we celebrate God coming among us in the birth of Jesus Christ. I welcome you today, whether you are a visitor looking for a Church home or a long-established member of this congregation. At the passing of the Peace, when we greet one another before Communion, please look around for someone you don't know and make sure to greet them.

What do we who make up the rich variety of God's children worshipping in this parish have in common? Somehow, in the mystery of God's great love and plans for us, we are reminded here that we are children of God, that we are loved beyond measure by God, and we have found ourselves placed within this community of the Church. In other words, we have found a home here. God has spoken to us here, probably in ways that are as unique as each one of us.

If you are looking for a Christian community where you feel encouraged to ask questions and explore your faith; where your experiences, talents, perspectives, and faith are welcomed and needed; where the community is absolutely committed to growing in the love of God, and then practicing that love together for the sake of our hurting world, Immanuel may be just the place for you. We would be proud to welcome you to our Church Family!

Our goal in all that we do is to honor and worship God, and to honor and love each other just as we have been loved. We worship and follow God-made-flesh in Jesus Christ, as our very name reflects. *Immanuel* means "God with Us" in Hebrew.

May God bless you, tonight and always.

*Randy*

The Rev./J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.  
Rector

*"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". (John 1:14)*



### UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMASTIDE

December 29	8:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
January 5, 2025	8:00 a.m.	Epiphany Sunday (transferred) with Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	<b><i>Children's Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Festive Reception</i></b>	Immanuel Chapel

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

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

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

### The Collect for Purity

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Hymn of Praise 109: “The first Nowell, the angel did say”

verse 1

*The First Nowell*

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;  
in fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.  
*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.*

### 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.

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 96 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! \*  
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; \*  
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
before the Lord when he comes, \*  
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness \*  
and the peoples with his truth.

## The Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (*King James version*)

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

*Pause to honor the great mystery of the Incarnation.*

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## The Sermon: [The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.](#)

### The Nicene Creed

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### The Prayers of the People

After the Intercessor says "Lord, in your mercy,"  
the congregation responds "*Hear our prayer.*"

### 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

*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.*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**Offertory Hymn 96:** “Angels we have heard on high”

*Gloria*

*found in The Hymnal 1982*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer B

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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.***

**S130 Sanctus**

*found in the front of The Hymnal 1982*

Franz Peter Schubert

**The Lord’s Prayer**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

***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

*SI64 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 are physically unable to join us at the Altar,  
please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**Communion Hymn 115:** "What child is this?"

*found in* The Hymnal 1982

*Greensleeves*

*Sung, if needed*

**Communion Hymn 101:** "Away in a manger, no crib for his bed"

*Cradle Song*

*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 Christmas Blessing

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 78:** "O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!"

*Forest Green*

*found in* The Hymnal 1982

### The Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude:** In Dulci Jubilo

Johann Sebastian Bach

**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:**

<i>Crucifer:</i>	Isaac Kubista
<i>Reader:</i>	Kristi Kubista-Hovis
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Beatrice Osumba
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier (organ, Director of Music)
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	The Immanuel Flower Guild
<i>Ushers:</i>	Stewart Skubel, Teresa Skubel
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Caroline Bergmark
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

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**THE CHRISTMAS HARP  
AND BRASS QUARTET  
DECEMBER 24-25, 2024**

**Harp and Brass PATRONS**

In Memory of Charles Willis  
Mary Ann Rehnke

In Memory of Jane Temoshok  
Darrell, Leah, Ben, and Rachel Wilson

## HARP AND BRASS SPONSORS

The Brown Family	In memory of family and friends to The Browns.
Julie and Dennis Bruns	In memory of the Rev. Rosa Harper Crawford and the Rev. Shelby Ochs Owen
Anthony Christino and Adrienne Goins	In thanksgiving for our daughters, Martha and Ruth
The Christoffersen Family	In memory of Becky Christoffersen and John P. Cotton
Douglas D. Henry	In thanksgiving for the Choir of Immanuel Church-on-The-Hill
The Maas-Hicks Family	In honor of Caroline Maas Hicks
Kay Hobson	In memory of Richard R.G. Hobson
Doug and Wendy	In thanksgiving for each other!
Tom and Roz Kerns	In thanksgiving for our inspiring music program throughout the year
Ken and Mia Mason	In thanksgiving for Anna Mason Woodward
Dodd and Phyllis Sims	In memory of our parents: Bobby and Helen Parks; Jimmie and Betty Sims
Denise Freeland and Paul Smyth	In thanksgiving for our daughter, son-in-son and grandchildren
John and Beth Trerotola	In thanksgiving for Petrecia Tatinski. In memory of Larry Tatinski, John and Marianna Trerotola
Rosi Urbine	In thanksgiving for Celina Stewart

# *Special Christmas Music*

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.	In thanksgiving for Patty, William, Peter, Andrew, and the fellowship we share at Immanuel; In memory of Joe and Mildred Alexander, Edgar and Dorothy Phaneuf
Anonymous	In memory of James William "Bill" Kilpatrick
Linda Donahue	In thanksgiving for family and friends
Tom and Debbie Hewson	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Audrey, Jack and Liam
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our four grandchildren, Ben, Scarlett, Thomas, and Cora
David and Wendy Lane John	In memory of Stephen Craig Condrey (father of Wendy Lane)
Tom and Roz Kerns	Our family and our choir
Kevin and Eileen Kirby	In memory of Rose Kavanagh Barmann
Ken and Mia Mason	In thanksgiving for Lizzy, Anna, Steven, Jackson and Mason
Ken and Chandley McDonald	In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil P. McDonald
Mary Ann Rehnke	In memory of Charles Willis
Dodd and Phyllis Sims	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren: Max, Silas, Gabe, Rowan and Cora
Agnes Soos and Richard Rogers	In memory of Richard M. Rogers
Darrell, Leah, Ben and Rachel Wilson	In thanksgiving for the Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Choir



# *Christmas Greens and Flowers*

Tom and Sally Guy Brown	In thanksgiving for The Allen and Preston O'Neil Family
Jan and Hugh Campbell	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Elizabeth, Matthew, Hugh III, Chloe, Claire, and Virginia
Linda Donahue	In thanksgiving for family and friends
Douglas D. Henry	In memory of Mary Ellen Henry
Tom and Debbie Hewson	In memory of our parents: Bill and Sue Davis, and Tom and Betsy Hewson
The Maas Hicks Family	In memory of Georgia S. Maas
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our four grandchildren, Ben, Scarlett, Thomas, and Cora
David and Wendy Lane John	In memory of Joyce Faith Kneip (mother of Wendy Lane)
Kevin and Eileen Kirby	In thanksgiving for Debbie Kirby
Kathy Lloyd	In memory of Arlo and Katie Lloyd
Ann MacNamara	In memory of Lawrence and Margaret MacNamara, Lawrence MacNamara, Jr., and Helen C. Angle
Ken and Chandley McDonald	In memory of Colonel and Mrs. John A. McCann
John and Edna Roberts	In memory of our parents: Dr. and Mrs. John E. Roberts, and Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Knight
Laura and Jim Snow	In memory of our parents: Philip and Cecelia Burge, and John and Ardath Snow
Agnes Soos	In memory of Gizella and Kálmán Soos, and Grace Soos Harber
Amy Thomas	In memory of my parents
Darrell, Leah, Ben and Rachel Wilson	In thanksgiving for The Kingdom of God



## CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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 Miguelina Guzmann ..... Nursery Assistant  
 Tim Lawhorn ..... Sexton

## THE VESTRY

Gerry Anderson ..... Senior Warden and Senior Ministry  
 Amy Thomas ..... Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care  
 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown ..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Julie Bruns ..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd ..... Children, Youth, and Family Ministries  
 Mark Fearer ..... Social Justice and Pastoral Care  
 Brian Rush ..... Evangelism and Newcomers  
 Matt Haskin ..... Worship  
 Caroline Bergmark ..... Registrar, Communications  
 Sophie Johnson, Sydney Onley, David Lloyd, 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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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

### PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Sarah F. Coakley  
 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

**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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