

# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Enisconal/Anglican

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**December 12, 2021** 

# Holy Eucharist Rite II, 1:00 p.m. GAUDETE SUNDAY

### 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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen

### 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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*.

### The First Lesson: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God.

### Canticle 9: Ecce Deus The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me; \*

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, \* and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing \* from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, \*
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; \* see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, \* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \* for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

### The Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

### The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke People: *Glory be to thee, O Lord*.

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

### **The Nicene Creed**

Amen.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

### The Prayers of the People: Based on Form VI

After the words "Hear us, O Lord," the congregation responds with "For your mercy is great."

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

### The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

### Welcome

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**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 A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: Wa lift tham to the Lord

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*.

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### 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:

### Celebrant and People

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

#### The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

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.

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.* Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: Almighty and everliving God,

we thank you for feeding us

with the spiritual food

of the most precious Body and Blood

of your Son our Savior

Jesus Christ;

and for assuring us in these holy mysteries

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

and heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father,

send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

### The Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.* 

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*.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: Reader, Vestry Greeter and Counter: Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffmann

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

# Luncheon and Christmas Carol Sing for Seniors

December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12 Noon Zabriskie Parish Hall



All Seniors are invited to Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship Christmas Holiday Social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall on Wednesday, December 22 beginning at noon. Following a festive luncheon, we will adjourn to the Chapel with our Director of Music Dr. Jane Tavernier for a Christmas Carol Sing.

The luncheon will be served on individual plates, and we will be spaced around the parish hall at the large round tables, consistent with the CDC guidelines for safest indoor eating. The Carol Sing will be in the Zabriskie Chapel, and as with Sunday services, masks will be required. If you feel uncomfortable with one of these two venues or activities, please feel free to RSVP and attend for only the Carol Sing or the luncheon.



Please mark your calendar now and **RSVP** as soon as possible, as space is limited. The first 20 people to register will go home with a lovely amaryllis plant. There is no charge for this activity. Just bring yourself (and a neighbor if you wish!) and come prepared to sing.

Questions or to RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: <a href="mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com">karen.besser@gmail.com</a> or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press "9" to leave your reservation via voicemail.

# CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS and

# **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS**

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon** this **Wednesday**, **December 15**<sup>th</sup>. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to **Dedications@icoh.net** or **online via our website**. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.

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### Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill Parish Notes December 12, 2021

### IN THE NAME OF CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

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).

# Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS**: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, Paul, and Doug.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Preston, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, and Elizabeth.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Paul Lartey, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, Susan Stockton, Asna Amiri, Tiffany McCaslin, Owen Malone, Mike Michaelis, Kameran Onley, and David Peabody.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Philip Smucker, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

**Those who have recently died**: Colonel Edward Shames, Former Senator Bob Dole, Constable Madison "Skip" Nicholson, Police Detective Antonio Valentine, and Police Officer Richard Houston II. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.* 

# **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS**

It's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Pageant will be in person, live streamed, AND recorded for a YouTube premiere! It is **THIS SATURDAY December 18**<sup>th</sup>, with rehearsal the week before, and two reading practices before that. Please sign up to participate as a teenager with a speaking role, a child with a part of the tableau role, OR a parent with a helping costume and organize role.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea928abf4c61-christmas

# **Announcements**

"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go**." Joshua 1:9



### **God's Gift and Our Response**

This season of Advent is a time to reflect on the gifts we have been given. We have much to be grateful for and much to give back to God in return.

During this season, we hope you will generously pledge to support God's work through Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

As of December 7, 2021, we are blessed with 113 pledges representing \$604,682, forty-four percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. And, on average, those increases are by more than nine percent. Eleven pledges are new.

We constantly praise God for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God's work through this parish.

You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount, or pledge online.

<u>LESSONS AND CAROLS AT VTS TODAY @ 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel</u>: You are welcome to Virginia Theological Seminary's Lessons and Carols service today at 4:30pm., Immanuel Chapel, where Father Sam will serve as a reader.

# UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

### 2021

December 18	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II Immanuel Chapel	
December 19	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall
December 23	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill	meet at Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Brass and Full Choir Immanuel Chapel ( <i>Brass Prelude begins at</i> 4:50 p.m.)	
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Woodwinds, Horn and Choral Ensemble  (Choral Prelude begins at 8:45 p.m.)	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 26	9:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
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January 2	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall

### Military Funeral for Dick and Judy Bednar

Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 p.m. Arlington National Cemetery

Thursday Morning Bible Study: *This Thursday*, December 16<sup>th</sup>, we will pause from our reading of Hebrews to read the **beautiful birth narratives in the Gospels**. We meet Thursdays from 10:30 a.m. to noon, by Zoom.

To log-in on your computer: 1. Visit our website <a href="www.icoh.net">www.icoh.net</a>, at the top menu select "Worship", then "Worship Service Bulletin" from the pull-down menu., 2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: <a href="mailto:Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW">Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW</a>, 3. Enter Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029, then Password: 312018. For more information, contact one of the clergy.

**COMPLINE Service on Fridays**: Join us for this **Friday Compline December 18**<sup>th</sup> at 8:30p.m. via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: <u>Join Friday Night Compline Service</u>, and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

## Give to Benefit Christmas Families NEXT Sunday, December 19th - At All THREE Eucharists

The special collection for Christmas Families 2021 is next Sunday December 19. It will support holiday gifts for children in disadvantaged families through the gift card programs run by Alexandria Human Services and by Offender Aid and Restoration, warm throws for children in the refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church, and two books for each of the 139 children in the preschool classes of Child and Family Network Centers. Watch for further announcements.



# CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SEMINARY HILL

DECEMBER  $23^{RD}$ , 5 - 7:00 p.m.

Join your fellow Immauelites for singing Christmas Carols as we stroll through Seminary Hill on Thursday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> — we'll meet at 5:00 p.m. inside of Zabriskie Chapel before venturing outside. Let's spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.

#### CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net) The Rev. Sam Sheridan (ssheridan@icoh.net) Dr. Jane Tavernier (jtavernier@icoh.net) The Rev. Shawn Rutledge (srutledge@vts.edu) Tom Hewson (thewson@icoh.net) Laura Snow (lsnow@icoh.net) Sughra Bakhtiari (sbakhtiari@icoh.net) Aleta Y. Powell (apowell@icoh.net)	Associate Rector Assistant Rector Director of Music Seminarian Treasurer Assistant Treasurer Bookkeeper Parish Administrator

### THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin	
Martha Shimkin	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

### Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org Immanuel's YouTube channel

### PRIEST ASSOCIATES

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
The Rev. Jan A. Maas
The Rev. John R. Smucker
The Rev. Canon Rosemari G. Sullivan
The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

### SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Immanuel Chapel on the following dates: **December 18** - Christmas Pageant

### **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.

### **Parish Office**

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