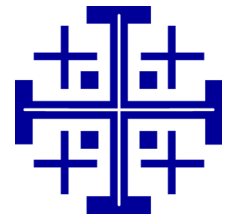




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



**THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD**

February 2, 2025

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

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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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Kyrie eleison

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

or

Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech thee that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts by the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

Thus says the Lord, See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 24:7-10 *Domini est terra*

- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

The Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since God's children share flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons." Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

"Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel."

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed-- and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; *and of thine own have we given thee.*

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The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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The flowers on the Altar are given by David Lindsey and Dorothy Kellogg to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dianne Cartledge Lindsey and James Cornell Kellogg on the anniversary of their shared birthday.

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Rosi Urbine
<i>Usher:</i>	Pierre Shostal
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Candy Levin
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

February 2, 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: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Anne Ritchie, Baby Margaret, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus Rarick, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, Elizabeth, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Joanne Perla, Joe Micelli, Joseph Fabian, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Joyce Di Misa, Kathryn Anschutz, Kathy Porter, the Rev. Kelly Moughty, Lavinia Johnson, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rebecca Smith, Richard Zitelli, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, Sarah Minor, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Caroline Conrad, Jim Luft, Abigail DeVight, Josephine Forster, Gabriella Young-Smith, John Wagner III, Tom Cuddy, Susan Kernan, and Diana Page.

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

Pray for those who have died: Keith Maxwell Stephens and Valerie Williams, friend and family of Dorothy Kellogg; and victims of the American Eagle Flight 5342/ US Army Black Hawk helicopter collision at Reagan National Airport. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop's visitation and Confirmation on **Sunday, March 16th**. We will form a Youth Confirmation Class and a separate track for adults who want to be Confirmed or Received. Please reach out to any of the clergy if you are interested.



Praying with Scripture: An Opportunity for Reflection After Eucharist: Silent prayer or mediation draws us closer to God. When we focus on one of the Sunday scripture passages, we may discover more of God's message to us. Beginning today — and continuing for the next three consecutive Sundays — we will have the opportunity to explore praying with scripture in the **Octagon Room** off the small Oratory Chapel following the 10:30 a.m. service. Pick up a treat at coffee hour, bring your bulletin, and join us to meditate on one of the scripture passages for the day. Our prayer time will conclude by 12:30 p.m.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, February 4th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, February 5th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”
Thursday, February 6th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.
Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, February 7th @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

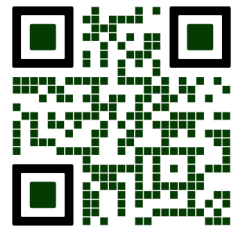


UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”

As of January 30th we have 127 pledges totaling \$648,100. We have almost reached our budgeted pledge goal of \$710,000. This is an opportunity for all of us to give back to God from all we have been given.

Prayerful and intentional pledging expresses our thanks for God’s many gifts, and it supports our beloved parish church in all of its many vital ministries and our life together in Christ.

In addition to filling out a hardcopy pledge form and mailing it to the church — or dropping it in the alms basis during a service — you can pledge online using Immanuel’s [website](#) and click the green [Pledge Here](#) button, or by scanning the QR code at right.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*
We will gather again this Wednesday, February 5th

Join her this Wednesday from **10:00a.m. - 11:30a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



**MOVIE AND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY IMMANUEL’S
SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE**
NEXT Sunday, February 9th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Parish Hall

Immanuel’s Social Justice Committee invites you to lunch and the showing of the acclaimed movie, *Origin*, on Sunday, February 9th. Come join us in the Zabriskie Parish Hall right after the 10:30 AM Eucharist, to share lunch and fellowship together and then watch *Origin*, a film adaptation of Isabel Wilkerson’s award-winning book, *Caste*, about her personal quest to understand the context of caste around the world and in her own lived experience here as an American born and raised in the United States.

No need to confirm, just show up!

SIGN-UP TO SERVE: FEBRUARY - MARCH 2025 IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

We have a New SignUp Genius Service Plan



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

THANK YOU for your participation!



ALIVE! Food Drive

Traditionally, Immanuel has collected canned goods and non-perishable foods for Alive! two months a year. Our collections in 2024 were a huge success.... Let's do it again in 2025! **Bring your donations through February 9th** to the collection boxes in the narthex either at Immanuel Chapel or Zabriskie Chapel.

The last week of our drive will be our annual "Soup-er Bowl", where we put cans of soup for the predicted winner of Super Bowl LIX.

See lists below for needed items. Please *no glass* and if you can, bring in reusable grocery bags.

MOST NEEDED

Canned meat and fish (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef, ravioli)	Child-friendly single-serve, microwavable entrees (soup, ravioli, mac & cheese)
Canned fruits, vegetables, soup, beans	Pasta (spaghetti, other noodles, mac & cheese)
Cereal — including oatmeal	Peanut butter, jam and jelly
Complete pancake mix (just add water) and syrup	Rice
Cooking oil	Canned tomatoes and pasta sauce

ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED FOOD DONATIONS

Brown or wild rice, couscous, quinoa	Fruit and vegetable juice
Applesauce	Granola bars
Fruit cups	Whole wheat or multi-grain crackers
Liquid shelf-stable milk	Canned or dried beans and peas
Canned beef stew, chili, and bean soup	



FIRST-TIME READERS WELCOME TO SERVE AT LENTEN AND EASTER EUCHARISTS:

Have you considered reading Scripture lessons or leading prayers at our Sunday Eucharists, but have yet to try? With *many* opportunities during the upcoming Lenten and Eastertide seasons, we're encouraging all parishioners aged 10 to 100 (yes, we have *two* centenarians!) to give the Reader/Intercessor Ministry a try. Simply contact Agnes, Immanuel's Lay Ministry Coordinator at asoos@icoh.net to express your interest. Training offered by request. Thank you!

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton 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

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

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

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 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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