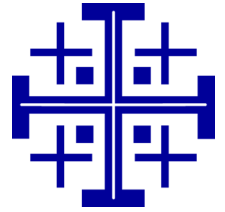




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 14, 2025

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

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#) (the small red book with a cross).

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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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie

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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

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee, mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 45:21-25

Declare and present your case; let them take counsel together! Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the Lord? There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Saviour; there is no one besides me.

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear."

Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 98 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel: John 12:31-36a

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

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

Jesus said, “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, “We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?” Jesus said to them, “The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

THE SERMON: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Form IV

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Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

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 below. Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.



THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord;

People: *and of thine own, have we given thee.*

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.*

Celebrant and People

Sanctus and Benedictus

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy Glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *have mercy upon us.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, *grant us thy peace.*

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.

*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.*

*Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands, are offered
are offered next to the pulpit during Communion*

Post Communion Prayer

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Celebrant: Let us pray.

*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.*

*The flowers on the Altar were given to the Glory of God by the Immanuel Church Family
in memory of Alexis von Schoening.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Brian Ply
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Diana Walker
<i>Usher:</i>	Pierre Shostal
<i>Chalice Bearer:</i>	Brian Ply
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Sally Guy Brown
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Caroline Bergmark
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Adrienne Goins
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

September 14, 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, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane Tavernier, Joseph, Kenny, Melissa Ennis, Jim, Nancy, Aster, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Lynn Gas, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Tom Shimkin, Rollin Huntington, 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, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jill Lane, Jodi Williams, Joe Micelli, José Maria, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Soundary Dilan, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Tony, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Ally Powell-Switaj, Leah Wilson, Chip Calloway Jr, Benjamin Hewson, Khary Stockton, Leif E. Christoffersen, Wendy Lane John, Artie Suri, Tracey Friday, Kate Snow, Steven Denlinger, Ginny Johnstone, Wilton Corkern, Jimmy Moore, Alan Becker, Celia Ochs, and The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham, Ph.D.

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: Jane Barnette, sister-in-law of Rollin Huntington; Richard Zitelli, cousin of Candy Levin and Kerry Kelly Wade; Charlie Kirk and all victims of political violence. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study: **“GOD’S PROMISES”**

THIS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel’s monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study **Saturday, September 20th** 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 41:17-20** **“I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them”** using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”, or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

[Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, September 16th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, September 17th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, September 18th

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

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday September 19th @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Join Sarah for conversation over coffee this **Wednesday, September 17th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



WEEKLY QUIET PRAYER AT IMMANUEL AND THE SEMINARY CONTINUES WEDNESDAYS 5:15 - 6:00 P.M.

In recent penitential seasons (Lent and Advent, 2024, and Lent 2025) clergy and congregational members of Immanuel have shared silent prayer time together on a weekday evening, with ordinands and faculty members from the Seminary, and (increasingly) with some members of other local churches. At a time of much need for prayer in our churches and in the world, especially in our ongoing prayers for world peace, we are now responding to several requests to make this practice a weekly option for our parish(es) and the Seminary. With our first season ending on Wednesday December 17, we **gather in the Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel, from 5:15-6:00pm each Wednesday evening.** Please do consider joining us, either every week or when you have the time. On the first two weeks of our prayer together, a short teaching will be offered to help guide you in the practice of silence, if you are new to it. This time of prayer can be used in many different and profitable ways; but the core theme is that, together, we wait on God’s grace and respond to his calling. By coming together we offer, as Christ promised, more than the sum of our parts.

The Rev. Randy Alexander, the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs, and the Rev. Dr. Sarah Coakley



2025: NEW DATE FOR 4TH ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

The 4th Annual Immanuel Blood Drive will be on Sunday, **November 2nd**, from noon to four in the Zabriskie parking lot. More details to come; please contact Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com with any questions.

IT'S AUTUMN AND SENIOR MINISTRY/FELLOWSHIP HAS PLANS. PLAN TO JOIN US!

SEPTEMBER: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA on September 17 at noon in the Fillmore room. Please join us for luncheon and conversation. RSVP to Rev. Susan if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan if you are a resident.

FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Please join us in the Parish Hall on Tuesday September 23 at 12:15pm to hear a presentation by our own **Tamika Martin**. You may know Tamika as our resident tech guru, but she is primarily an artist. Come and hear about how her artistic path continues to develop and see examples of her work. Bring your own sandwich and we will provide dessert and drinks. There is no reservation required and no cost to this event.

OCTOBER: JUG BAY WETLANDS SANCTUARY on the Patuxent River includes unique tidal freshwater marshland and forested wetlands. Come and enjoy a guided tour at the sanctuary on Friday, October 10 and learn more about all that our wetlands do for us and myriad other species. We will leave the Zabriskie parking lot at 10:15 am and picnic at the Sanctuary, returning around 3:00pm. Co-pay for the van is \$20 and the box lunch is \$10. Please RSVP to Karen Besser no later than 10/1 to reserve a lunch.

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA at noon on October 15 (same RSVP details as above).

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 **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.

SPECIAL ADVANCE NOTICE—CELEBRATE VETERANS DAY WITH A TOUR OF THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY! On Thursday afternoon, November 13, we will travel to Annapolis to tour the Naval Academy. We will get around in nifty little electric cars, so distance and weather are no object. Van co-pay is \$20 and the tour price is \$35. Specific timing details will follow shortly but if you want to go, mark your calendar now and **RSVP to Karen Besser no later than Monday, October 13, as we need to provide names/addresses of all participants to the Academy in advance. This event is strictly limited to 15 people.**



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 - OCTOBER 2025
IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through October 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!**

Pumpkins are Coming: MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER!

School has started, Homecoming is behind us, the weather is crisper, and... **Pumpkins are coming!** Please come unload pumpkins **Saturday morning, October 4, 2025**. No other activity in our Parish involves so many contributing so much in so many ways! Let us follow Jesus's greatest commandment: to **love our neighbors as ourselves**. Outreach is a force multiplier of good works – it's how we act on our faith in our daily lives – it's the money we contribute to others, it's the hours of volunteer service, and the joy we can bring to our community.

Since the year 2000 (when we first started keeping detailed records), your Immanuel Pumpkin Patch work has raised \$1,388,000 for Outreach charities such as ALIVE!, Carpenter's Shelter, Community Lodgings, Culmore Clinic, Five Talents, Haiti Micah Project, Christ Church Refugee Ministry, and other organizations that feed people, aid the homeless, restore dignity, assist refugees, and aid impoverished children. Immanuel's Outreach gives every parishioner the opportunity and encouragement to become involved.

We need a lot of volunteers for Pumpkin Patch 2025! We need pumpkin unloaders and sellers, soup makers, bakers, knitters, apple crisp makers -- there's a job for everyone!

Dorothy Kellogg has plastic soup containers available in the Parish Hall– **please help us fill the Parish Kitchen Freezer with delicious soups by opening day**. If you can make even one batch of soup, please email Dorothy: djaskellogg@gmail.com.

Please sign up for sales shifts by scanning the QR code below. Stay tuned for more information over next 3 weeks – and see you at the Patch!



FORUM HOUR “*BEING PRESENT ON A 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.

CLERGY AND STAFF

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Rich Hobson	Outreach
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Dave John	Fellowship
Doug Onley	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Mary Ann Ring.....	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brian Rush.....	Senior Ministry, Pastoral Care
Kristin Whitman	Newcomers and Communications
Sophie Johnson, David Lloyd, Sydney Onley, and Isabelle Young-Smith.....	Youth Representatives

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

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

PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

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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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