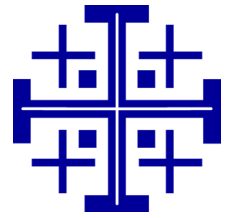




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 26, 2026

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

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

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#### THE WORD OF GOD

##### Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!*

##### 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.*

##### *The Gloria*

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*Glory be to God on high,  
and on earth peace, good will towards men.*

*Thou that takest away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.*

*We praise thee, we bless thee,  
we worship thee,  
we glorify thee,  
we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,  
O Lord God, heavenly King,  
God the Father Almighty.*

*Thou that sittest at the right hand of God  
the Father,  
have mercy upon us.*

*O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
that takest away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.*

*For thou only art holy;  
thou only art the Lord;  
thou only, O Christ,  
with the Holy Ghost,  
art most high  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.*

##### 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, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of thy people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calleth us each by name, and follow where he doth lead; who, with thee and the Holy Spirit, liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



## The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 23 *Dominus regit me*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## The Holy Gospel: John 10:1-10

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

The Gospel of the Lord  
Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

## The Sermon: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

### The Nicene Creed

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*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  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he 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. Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People

### 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 at right.*

*Thank you for your gift to Immanuel.*



## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; *and of thine own, have we given thee.* p. 343

### 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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*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.

*We receive at a standing station.*

*Please let the usher know if you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

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. Alleluia, Alleluia

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

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## SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

**Reader/Intercessor:** Chip Coakley

**Altar Guild:** Susan Gildersleeve

**Usher:** Pierre Shostal

**Flower Guild:** Sally Guy Brown

**Coffee Hour Host:** Wendy Lane John

**Vestry Greeter/Counter:** Mark Fearer

**Celebrant:** The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### April 26, 2026

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**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](http://www.icoh.net)).

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Ann MacNamara, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Charlene Murphy, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Doug and Janet, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jim Hobson, Jim and Nancy Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Leif Christoffersen, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Alice, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Father Antranig Baljian, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Beth and Jake, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Claire DeMaggio, Cy Murphy, Donna Becker, Frances, George Rustigian, Gerry, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jill Perkins, Jodi Wilson, John Wise, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Khristie Greiner, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Lizzy, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Madeline, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Martha Sedgwick, Mary Albach, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Polly Hewson, Russ, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Tamika Martin, Lisa Siegrist, Alexander Skubel, Lucas Thompson, Gil Donahue, Nancy Jennings, Sharon Biache Blanchet, Laura Good, Gordon Johnson, Mark Loach, Jessica Turner, and Kristi Kubista-Hovis.

**Those who have died:** Evelyn Andrews DuBois, George Wade, the eight children of the Elkins/Snow Family who died in the Shreveport, LA mass shooting; victims of the Ayser Çalık Secondary School shooting in Kahramanmaraş Province, Turkey; and M.J. Haight. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**Forum Hour TODAY @ 11:15 a.m., The Welcome Center**  
**SELF-PROTECTION FROM CYBER THREATS**

Please join Immanuel's own **Martin Horne**, MPS, Cybersecurity Program Analyst at Aretum LLC, for a forum on digital stewardship. As our work and social lives become more intertwined with technology, safe conduct online is more important than ever. This will be a valuable discussion of personal cyber threats, recognizing nefarious tactics, and practical steps to protect individuals, families, and our church.

# Announcements

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## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer, Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, April 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

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*Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Genesis*” Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

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

*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Compline Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

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New Parish Office Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm



**WEEKLY PRAYER REQUEST FOR OUTREACH** (submitted by Jamie Conrad): Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR). Your prayers are requested this week for Offender Aid and Restoration and its work administering alternative sentencing programs and helping people reenter the community after incarceration.



## FINAL DAY to SIGN UP: PARISH RETREAT AT SHRINE MONT, Memorial Day weekend 2026

Our parish retreat at Shrine Mont is approaching quickly, and Kathryn Jackson Haskin is ready for your reservations! If you've never been to Shrine Mont, or you haven't been with Immanuel, please contact Kathryn with questions or considerations. More information about planned activities and volunteer opportunities will be shared in the coming weeks. To reserve your space, email [kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)

**Retreat dates:** Our retreat is two nights, and the majority of attendees will be there from Saturday to Monday. Scheduled activities begin on Saturday, May 23rd, at lunch, and continue through Monday, May 25th, at breakfast. You can add an additional night and arrive on Friday, May 22nd, with the first meal as dinner on Friday.

**Rates for 2026 (per person):** These rates are inclusive of meals, applicable taxes, and a small additional fee per person to offset costs associated with the retreat for Immanuel.

- Double: \$209 for two nights; \$308 for three nights
- Single: \$268 for two nights; \$397 for three nights
- Youth (4-13): \$134 for two nights; \$201 for three nights
- Kids 3 and under are free; please note them in your reservation for housing assignments!

Immanuel does have limited funds set aside to help for those for whom attending will be a financial hardship. Please contact Father Randy directly to discuss before submitting your planned attendance to Kathryn.

**Attend the Virginia Interfaith Center's "Growing Justice Gala":** The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is holding a state-wide fundraiser at Virginia Theological Seminary on **Sunday, April 26, starting with a cocktail reception from 5-6 pm in Scott Lounge.** It will be a great way to meet folks from other congregations who are also working with VICPP to bring about a more just, healthier, and more affordable Virginia. It should be an especially upbeat event given the dramatic success of our legislative agenda this year. There will be inspiring speakers and a great meal. Tickets start at \$100 and are available at <https://virginiainterfaithcenter.networkforgood.com/events/97377-growing-justice-gala>. We also have five guest tickets that you can use to bring along a friend (or even a fellow parishioner) who is unfamiliar with the great work that VICPP does. Contact Jamie Conrad with any questions (and with contact info for a guest ticket).



**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH:** We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on **Tuesday, April 28,** for our *rescheduled* program featuring a video of **The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, DC's Mollegen Lecture "The Politics of Mercy"**, delivered on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Virginia Theological Seminary. This film was originally scheduled for our February brown bag, but was cancelled due to weather concerns. Bring your own sandwich or salad, as drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary. AS ALWAYS, friends and family are welcome to join all Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.



**SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT'S EASY AND ONLINE:** Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through JUNE 2026 ONLINE* — including *Foreign Language Readers* for the Feast of Pentecost in Zabriskie and Immanuel Chapels, and at Shrine Mont — by visiting the landing page of our website at [ICOH.net](http://ICOH.net) and clicking our **Red SignUp Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right.



If you're a student planning to spend occasional weekends home, feel free to **sign-up for a Sunday or two during this season, and/or the Feast of Pentecost only.** Training for all lay ministries available upon request. THANK YOU for your participation!



**Wishing Gordon Johnson a happy 100th birthday this Saturday!**



**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* RESUMES May 13<sup>th</sup>**

Due to the upcoming VTS Commencement and Diocesan Clergy Retreat, Mother Sarah will resume meeting for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to attend.



**PARISHIONERS' ART EXHIBIT NEXT Sunday MAY 3<sup>RD</sup>, ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL**

During coffee hour next Sunday, enjoy perusing art work — **textiles, print, sculpture, photography, poetry,** just to name a few — created by your fellow Immanuelites in the parish hall. After the 10 a.m. Eucharist, parishioners and guests can participate in a small silent auction with proceeds to benefit ALIVE!

**FORUM HOUR: *Mother's Union in Kenya*, May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 11:15am, The Welcome Center:** Please join our seminarian (and mother of two) Beatrice (Betty) Osumba for a special forum on Mother's Day. She will share her ministry experience with the Mothers' Union in Kenya, specifically within the Diocese of Maseno West. In this forum, we will gain insight into the life, mission, and impact of the Mothers' Union in supporting families, strengthening faith, and fostering community within the Anglican Church. We will also learn how this ministry has shaped Betty's own calling and how it will continue to influence her work in the Church.



## Community Volunteers Needed for a Disaster Drill

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is holding a drill and needs "actors" to play roles. This exercise helps VRC staff prepare for disaster response. Saturday, **May 16 from 9:45 a.m. to noon.** No acting experience necessary. Beverages and snacks are provided. Register using the QR code at right.

### More about the VRC:

The Volunteer Reception Center (VRC) is a trained organization of local volunteers responsible for opening and running a center to prepare and assign otherwise unaffiliated volunteers from the community to fill roles and needs to help our community recover after a major disaster. If the Red Cross needs a few more volunteers to open a shelter, or the library needs a few people to help clean out a flooded storage area, they can call on the VRC to get the extra hands they need. In short, the VRC is the HR office for disaster volunteers..



## MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY'S NEW THEME FOR 2026: "**CONTENTMENT**"

(in accepting love and rejecting fear) **SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's first monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2026 on **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 2026 is **Contentment**. This month we will read **Isaiah 30:18-26** *"...blessed are all who long for him"* using the African Model of Reflection.

For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com). [Join MSTeams Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913](#)



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- ☆ Scan the QR code at right
- ☆ Sign in to your Google account (*it's free to create one if you don't have one*)
- ☆ Click "Write a Review"
- ☆ Share a few sentences about your experience

Your words may be exactly what someone needs!

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Brian Ply	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds and Creation Care
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Rich Hobson	Outreach
Martin Horne	Communications
Taylor Houck	Stewardship and Planned Giving, Registrar
Dave John	Fellowship
Jim Kurz	Senior Ministry
Mary Ann Ring	Children, Youth, and Family Ministries, Newcomers, and Evangelism
Brian Rush	Social Justice
Diana Walker	Worship, Pastoral Care
Sydney Onley	Youth Representative

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, *First Sunday of every month*  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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

**Online**

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**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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