



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



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**THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**February 15, 2026**

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

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

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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 his 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 eleison***

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*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

*Christ, have mercy upon us.*

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of thy only-begotten Son didst reveal his glory upon the holy mount: Grant unto us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



## The First Lesson: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

## Psalm 2 *Quare fremuerunt gentes?*

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? \*  
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,  
and the princes plot together, \*  
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; \*  
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; \*  
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, \*  
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king \*  
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: \*  
he said to me, "You are my Son;  
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance \*  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod \*  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; \*  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the Lord with fear, \*  
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; \*  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all \*  
who take refuge in him!

### **The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9**

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

### **Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons**

### **The Nicene Creed**

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### **The Prayers of the People: Form IV**

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After the words "Lord, in your mercy,"  
the congregation responds with "*Hear our prayer.*"

*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.*

### 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.*

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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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*Celebrant and People*

***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 will receive at a standing station.*

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

**Post Communion Prayer**

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***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: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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### SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Rosi Urbine
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Usher:</i>	Doug Henry
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Sarah Glassco
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Darrell and Leah Wilson
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### February 15, 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, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, Joseph, Kenny, Marda Robillard, Mary Ann Rehnke, Mary Jane Ruhl, Mike Morgan, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Thom Hussey, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Becky Smith, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Brian Van Buskirk, Bridget Rice Rose, Father Bruce Stewart, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jill Perkins, Jodi Wilson, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Linda Taucher, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Thomas Henry, Tim Williams, Tony, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Caroline Bergmark, Isabel Frye, Guinness Yates, Virginia Byron, Nolan Enright, Henry Page, Bill Bertles, Sue Hurn, Ariyani Balcarcel, Rollin Huntington, Pierre Shostal, Armstrong Robinson, and Elly Parks.

**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:** Jessie Mead Smith, 102-year-old aunt of Margaret Messenger, and victims of the Tumbler Ridge Secondary School and home shooting, Alberta, British Columbia, Canada. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**Forum Hour TODAY: The Welcome Center:**

***“A Year in Retreat: How Living Alone in the Woods Changed Me”* presented by **Signa Strom****

Join us for this adult forum immediately after the 10 a.m. Eucharist in The Welcome Center to hear our seminarian in residence, **Signa Strom**, share how living in a tiny, 8x12 “cabin” in the back woods of Maine, without power, water, or cell service for nearly a year, changed her. With no companions but her two dogs, and with nothing to do but finish building out her cabin before the snows arrived, study for a Master’s degree by candlelight, and take long silent strolls through the deep, dark pine forests, she discovered inner peace, deeper faith, and a version of herself she never knew existed.

# Announcements

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## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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*Quiet Prayer*, Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

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

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

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Compline this Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

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## IMMANUEL CLERGY DAY AT THE VIEW ALEXANDRIA, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

The View is a retirement community affiliated with Goodwin Living, right across the street from Goodwin House, Alexandria. Father Randy is leading this Eucharist at 11 a.m. today.



The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow in observance of the President’s Day holiday.



**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 5:30-8:00 PM: IMMANUEL'S SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER**  
**ZABRISKIE PARISH HALL: ALL ARE INVITED!** We’ve planned a choice between blueberry or plain pancakes, sausage and bacon with a side of applesauce! All served on warm plates. Dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m., and the cost is \$5.00 per adult and \$12.00 per family.



## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>: ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP AT ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

12 Noon: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Imposition of Ashes, Zabriskie Chapel

6:30 p.m.: Holy Eucharist Rite II with Choir and Imposition of Ashes, Zabriskie Chapel

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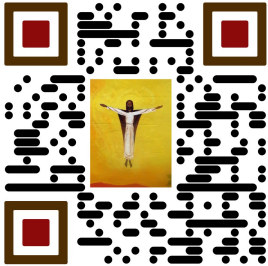


**WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs***  
***Resumes February 25<sup>th</sup>***

Rev. Sarah’s *Wednesdays In The World* is cancelled this week so that all can worship at our Ash Wednesday Eucharist, where she will serve as Preacher. Do join her on *next Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>* at 10 a.m. for coffee and fellowship at the Alexandria Pastry Shop. All are invited to attend.

**Are you looking for a way to grow your relationship with Jesus during this Lenten Season?**  
**Join us for a Lenten book study and discussion on the thought provoking book:**  
***The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, by Marcus Borg and NT Wright**

What kinds of questions have you had about Jesus? Have you ever wondered if he knew that he was the Messiah? Have you ever been curious about how the resurrection could have occurred? Borg and Wright tackle these and other tough questions and come up with very different answers despite both being leaders in the Anglican tradition.



**What:** Book study and discussion about *The Meaning of Jesus: Two Visions*, by Marcus Borg and NT Wright. You can easily purchase the book from your favorite book seller.

**Who:** A collaboration between two Episcopal churches, facilitated by VTS seminarians **Cami Caudill** (St. Dunstan's) and **Signa Strom** (Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill),

**When:** Thursdays at 7pm from **February 19<sup>th</sup> - March 19<sup>th</sup>** (5 weeks total)

**Where:** Meets on Zoom. Scan QR code to receive Zoom link.

<https://forms.gle/98FBVQmuXPDamfVa6>



***If you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life, come to our biweekly  
Benedictine Community via Zoom***

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We regather in this new year 2026 for reflection – with a new spiritual resource – beginning **Tuesday, February 17** and meet (virtually) twice a month on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays from 7 p.m-8p.m.** As a community, we reflect on how the tenets of St. Benedict, such as humility, silence, and prayer, can guide us in practical ways in our spiritual lives and our day-to-day endeavors. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book. We begin on February 3 to reflect on a new book: *Seeking God* by *Esther De Waal*.

If you are interested but can't join as we begin anew on February 17, that's fine, too. We welcome those interested to join us anytime. Our focus each week is primarily on reflections sparked by having read a few pages from the book. Our Benedictine Community gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from selected reading material and the ancient traditions and wisdom of Benedictine practice and prayer. With half or more of our current members residing outside of the area, we are using Zoom for our meetings, but if you are not comfortable with the video aspects of Zoom, you can simply call on the telephone and be connected to the Community by voice-only via Zoom. If this opportunity appeals to you or for more information, please contact Dana Hengst ([dana.hengst@gmail.com](mailto:dana.hengst@gmail.com)), Barbara Fornoff ([cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com)) or David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)).



**UPCOMING SUNDAY FORUM HOURS - 11:25 a.m., The Welcome Center**

**Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>:** “*Eternal Life*” presented by **The Very Rev. Ian Markham, Ph.D.**

The first in Immanuel's 2026 Lenten Series, *Commending the Faith that is in Us: What might you say when someone asks what you believe?*, Dean Markham will discuss *Eternal Life*.

In a world where Christian believers are surrounded by non-believers, skeptics, and true seekers, believers will increasingly be asked what they believe, and why. Those inquiring will expect credible answers, yet many Christians fear they wouldn't know what to say, or even how to begin to engage these honest questions.

All are invited to attend.

## Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study's New Theme for 2026:

**“CONTENTMENT”** (in accepting love and rejecting fear)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 AM, Held Online via Microsoft Teams**

Join Immanuel's first monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2026 on **Saturday, February 21<sup>st</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 **John 15:9-14** “*I have loved you as the Father has loved me*” 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



## Interested in being Confirmed or Received? Might you want to re-affirm your faith publicly?

Would you or your teenager like to learn more about our faith and deepen participation in the life of the Church? Have you been confirmed in another Christian tradition but never received formally into the Episcopal Church? Might it be time to make a new and deeper public affirmation of your faith?

The [Sacrament of Confirmation](#) offers us the opportunity to renew the promises made for us at Baptism and to seek God's strength as we continue to keep those baptismal promises in our lives. Confirmation and Reception take place as part of Bishop Stevenson's visit, which will occur at Immanuel on **March 15, 2026**. Please contact Father Randy ([ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net)) Mother Sarah ([sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net](mailto:sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net)) with any questions as we begin to prepare.

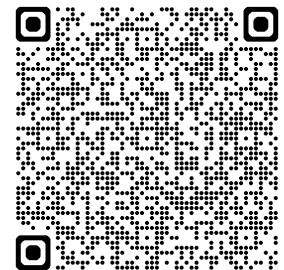


**Immanuel Spring 2026 Retreat:** We welcome everyone to join us for Immanuel's first local contemplative retreat.

Retreating is a restorative practice of Sabbath keeping. Join us as we explore a practice of holy rest and renewal, and ways to intentionally open ourselves to God's ever-presence in day-to-day life.

This retreat is for everyone! If you...

- have an interest in retreats, but are unable to take a weekend away;
- are not sure about retreats, and would like to try it out;
- are looking to learn about different contemplative practices; or
- love retreats and would like to take any and every opportunity to be on one  
...this retreat is for you.



The retreat will be on **Saturday, March 28, 2026, from 9am to 2pm**, at Bicentennial Hall, on the campus of Virginia Theological Seminary. A light lunch will be served.

If you are interested, please [click here](#) to register for the retreat. The registration deadline is Monday, March 23. Please reach out to Katherine Maas at [katherinemaas@gmail.com](mailto:katherinemaas@gmail.com) with any questions.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

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**THE VESTRY**

Amy Thomas	.....	Senior Warden
Caroline Bergmark	.....	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds, Registrar
Peter Kent	.....	Junior Warden: Administration
Mark Fearer	.....	Social Justice
Matt Haskin	.....	Worship
Rich Hobson	.....	Outreach
Taylor Houck	.....	Adult Formation and Discipleship
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
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**

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

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. Sarah 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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**Ways to GIVE**