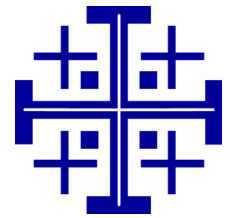




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

January 5, 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 his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

#### The Collect for Purity

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#### The Collect of the Day

O God, who didst wonderfully create, and yet more wonderfully restore, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

#### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:7-14

Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Psalm 84 *Quam dilecta!***

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room, \*  
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- 10 For the Lord God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;
- 11 No good thing will the Lord withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.
- 12 O Lord of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

**The Epistle: Ephesians 1:3-6,15-19a**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe.

The Word of the Lord

Response: ***Thanks be to God.***

## The Holy Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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

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

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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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.*

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

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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.*

*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.

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

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### SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

*Reader/Intercessor:* Hilary Shostal

*Usher:* Linda Donahue

*Altar Guild:* Diana Walker

*Flower Guild:* Candy Levin

*Celebrant:* The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

# IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

## Parish Notes

### January 5, 2025

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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. Both chapels offer 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.** 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:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Barbara Ramsdell, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Joan, Joseph, Ken and Mia Mason, Kenny, Lynn Gas, Marcus Rarick, Margaret Messenger, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, and Wendy Hoge.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ann Langdon Days, Anna Woodward, Ashleighana, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Felicia Balzano, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, Jill Lane, 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, Linda Gill, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Michael, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, 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:** Kelsey Irvin, Michael Reinemer, Stewart Skubel, Alma Yopp, George West, Leo Horne, Dagobert Soergel, Leslie Williams, Anne Hunger, Tom Shimkin, and Teresa Skubel.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

**Those who have died:** Jim Ferguson, uncle of Candy Levin and Kerry Kelly Wade; victims of the New Year's Day attack in New Orleans, LA. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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Our **EYC Winter Retreat at Shrine Mont** is coming up on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend - January 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>. This weekend will consist of activities, including skiing at Bryce Resort, indoor games, religious services, and possibly hiking.

Since our normal lodging at St Andrews is not available due to a construction project next door to the building. We will stay at the [Stidley Cottage](#), which has a smaller capacity. As a result, we need to get a handle on the number of adults and youths that will attend. We may be able to get a second cabin depending on availability and will strive to accommodate everyone — but youth have first priority.

If you/your youth would like to join us, please respond via email to [jbrianrush@gmail.com](mailto:jbrianrush@gmail.com).

We hope you can join us for a weekend of fellowship and great outdoor activities!

# Announcements

## WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

*All are welcome to participate*

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Morning Prayer, Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

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Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, Zabriskie Chapel

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Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”  
Thursday, January 9<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.  
*Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.*

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Evening Compline, Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

### ***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.



### **WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD** *with The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* ***Our next gathering is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>***

Join her in the new year this Wednesday, January 8, 2025 from **10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. All are welcome!



Living  
Gratefully

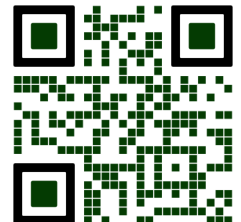


### **UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”**

As of January 2nd we have 114 pledges totaling \$606,881. We still have a ways to go, as we imagine this figure to be just over half of those who will pledge. 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 basin 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.



## JANUARY - MARCH 2025 IT'S EASY TO SIGN UP 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 right.



**THANK YOU for your participation!**



### **Join with fellow Immanuelites in Richmond for the Virginia Interfaith Center "Day for All People" January 15, 2025**

The Day for All People is the annual "lobby day" for the Interfaith Center, and Immanuel has long sent a sizable group to meet with our state representatives to learn about the legislative process and support legislation that advances issues of concern to a wide range of faith communities. We will once again rent a motor coach that we will share with folks coming from other Alexandria congregations. The Virginia Interfaith Center will be focusing its interaction with the General Assembly in part on two issues that the Vestry recently adopted as Immanuel policy:

(1) legislation to make it easier for churches to build affordable housing on their property (a.k.a., "Yes in God's Back Yard"); this has been difficult for churches (such as nearby Resurrection) because of zoning restrictions (Immanuel has no such plans!); and

(2) expanding prisoners' access to higher education, a priority of our Governor.

You can register on the Interfaith Center's website (go to [www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org](http://www.virginiainterfaithcenter.org) and scroll down). The Social Justice Committee can reimburse you if you'd like.

In this time of turmoil at the national level, it's rewarding to know that we can (and do) have a material impact on issues at the state level. Questions? Contact Jamie Conrad at [jwc58@comcast.net](mailto:jwc58@comcast.net).



### **MOVIE AND LUNCHEON HOSTED BY IMMANUEL'S SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 12 Noon, Zabriskie Parish Hall**

Immanuel's Social Justice Committee invites you to lunch and the showing of the acclaimed movie, *Origin*, on the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. 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! For any questions, please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin ([kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)) or Celia Ochs ([ochscelia@gmail.com](mailto:ochscelia@gmail.com)).



**CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING:** Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop's visitation and Confirmation on Sunday, March 16, 2025. 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.

**CLERGY AND STAFF**

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) ..... Rector  
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 Gilma Balcarcel ..... Nursery Coordinator  
 Miguelina Guzmán ..... Nursery Assistant  
 Tim Lawhorn ..... Sexton

**THE VESTRY**

Gerry Anderson ..... Senior Warden and Senior Ministry  
 Amy Thomas ..... Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care  
 Peter Kent ..... Junior Warden: Administration  
 Taylor Houck ..... Adult Formation and Discipleship  
 Brad Ashton and Philip Brown ..... 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**

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[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**PRIESTS ASSOCIATE**

The Rev. Dr. Sarah F. 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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