



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2026

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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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.

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God." And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am

honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength -- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 40:1-12 *Expectans, expectavi*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.'
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O Lord, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the Lord;
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind -- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

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

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?"

He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord

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

Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

*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
he came down from heaven:
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: Form VI

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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 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 p. 340

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 p. 334

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 p. 336

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.*

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.

Please let an usher know if you would like us to bring you Communion.

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 joy, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Usher:</i>	Dodd Sims
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Karen Besser
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Brian Rush
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Sujatha Augustine
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 18, 2026

**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, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, Debbie Hewson, Dick and Norma Taliaferro, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, 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, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry and Nan Hardison, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Karen Landry, Leea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Mary Muniz, Marty Childs, Matt, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn and Stacy, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Thomas Henry, Tim Williams, Tony, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Katherine Maas, Hunter Marcu, Jessi MacLeod, Walter Richter, Jack Scarlett, Janet Pawlukiewicz, Mary Ann Rehnke, Kristin Burkhalter, Pat Flagg, Juliana Glassco, Molly Gray, and Libby Huffman.

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

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 (ralextander@icoh.net) Mother Sarah (sspurlockbiggs@icoh.net) with any questions as we begin to prepare.



The Rector and Vestry are pleased to announce that **the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs has been promoted to Associate Rector** from Assistant Rector. Please congratulate her!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, January 20th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II, January 21st @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday, January 21st @ 5:15 p.m., Oratory Chapel at Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, January 22nd
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline this Friday, January 23rd @ 8:30 p.m., online via Zoom

IMMANUEL CLERGY DAY AT THE VIEW ALEXANDRIA, SUNDAY, JANUARY 18TH

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 office will be closed tomorrow in observance of The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*: This Wednesday, Rev. Sarah will be at Day for All People in Richmond with our Social Justice Committee and then on the 28th she'll be in New York City! You are all still welcome to gather 10:00-11:30 at The Alexandria Pastry Shop in her absence. The Rev. Sarah will be there again on February 4th.



The **Annual Meeting of Immanuel Parish** will be held on **Sunday, February 1**, in Zabriskie Parish Hall, immediately *following* the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist. Please plan to attend in person so we can meet the quorum needed for electing new Vestry members.



Every Member Pledge Campaign Update: As Thank you to all who have made a financial commitment to support our parish — vital to the life of this institution. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so promptly. You may return the pledge card that was mailed to you, pledge by scanning the QR code at right, or pledge through our website [our website](#), and click the green “Pledge Here” button.



As of January 15th, we have received 123 pledges so far, totaling \$665,000. This includes several new pledges and many who increased from last year. We hope for a total of \$725,000.

We thank everyone who has pledged thus far.



ALIVE! FOOD DRIVE 2026

Immanuel will collect non-perishable food for ALIVE! continues **through February 8**. Last year, in 2025, we collected 1612 pounds of food! Let’s see if we can up that amount to 1700 pounds this year! Below is a table of most needed foods-remember, **no glass jars** and **no expired items** please.

ACCEPTED FOOD DONATIONS

Fruits & Vegetables	Grains
Canned fruits & vegetables	Brown or wild rice, couscous, quinoa
Fruit or vegetable juice	Oatmeal & Cereal
Applesauce	Granola bars
Fruit cups	Whole wheat or multi-grain crackers
Jelly & Jam	
Proteins	Other
Canned or dried beans & peas	Liquid shelf-stable milk
Canned beef stew, chili, bean soup	Canola, olive, vegetable oil
Peanut butter	Pasta sauce
MOST NEEDED	
Canned fruits, vegetables, soup, beans	Kid-friendly single-serve, microwavable entrees (soup, ravioli, mac & cheese)
Canned meat and fish (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef ravioli)	Pasta (spaghetti, other noodles, mac & cheese)
Cereal (including oatmeal)	Peanut butter and jam/jelly
Complete pancake mix (just add water) & syrup	Rice
Cooking oil (vegetable, canola)	Spaghetti, pasta sauce, canned tomatoes (sauce, diced, etc.)
Dried beans, lentils	

You’ll find collection bins in both narthexes.

The final week will be the annual “**Soup-er Bowl**” where we can place soup and other foods in bins, attempting to predict the winner! Thanks in advance for your support !



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: IT’S EASY AND ONLINE



Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through April 2026* 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!**

COME JOIN US ON THE IMMANUEL BUS TO RICHMOND WITH THE INTERFAITH CENTER, WEDNESDAY JANUARY 21

For the past several years, the Social Justice committee has joined with other Immanuelites for a stimulating and fun bus trip and day in Richmond to meet with our representatives, learn about the Virginia legislative process, and advocate – with Vestry concurrence – on behalf of Immanuel on one or two issues important to our faith.



This year, we will be following up on further legislative action regarding higher education opportunities in Virginia's prisons and easing zoning restrictions on those Virginia churches that want to use part of their property for affordable housing.

The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is the overall sponsor of this exciting day. For more information, or to make sure you have a place on the bus, please talk to [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [Julie Bruns](#); registration is required (see QR code at left), and we can defray the fee for anyone who requests it. Lunch will be provided.



Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship January activities:

THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE-ALEXANDRIA on January 21 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: SAINTS ALIVE! Do you ever wonder if there are folks among us who will be recognized in future times as saints? When Pauli Murray spent her third year of seminary at VTS in 1975-76 she was 65 years old, and had been a civil rights lawyer, a co-founder of the National Organization for Women, and a published author and poet. Extraordinary certainly, but...a saint? But Murray, who was ordained in January 1977 and passed away in July 1985, was added to the Calendar of Commemorations of the Episcopal Church, and thus to Holy Women, Holy Men at General Convention 2012. Come and let's learn more about Pauli Murray's life and talk about what role Holy Women and Holy Men have in our lives.

We will meet in the Parish Hall at 12:15pm on Tuesday, January 27. Bring your own sandwich or salad, and drinks and dessert will be provided. No RSVP is necessary.

AS ALWAYS, friends are welcome to join Senior Ministry and Fellowship activities.



TWO NEW MINISTRIES, SERVE TWO DAYS/YEAR: Would you be able to serve two-three days a year in one of two new ministries? Immanuel seeks eight new volunteers to serve in a **Facilities Rental** and **Funeral Helper** ministries (4 people per ministry).

DUTIES: Both involve showing off the Zabriskie chapel, parish hall, kitchen, and the Fairchild Room; asking 4-5 questions, and sending the answers via email to Father Randy and Aleta.

REQUIREMENTS: Naturally, "church proud" Immanuelites are the best for these positions. Retirees preferred, as most "showings" are during business hours. Finally, **widows, widowers, and those who have lost a child** are strongly encouraged to join the Funeral Helper, as staff have zero personal experience in these areas of loss.

Interested? Please contact Aleta directly at apowell@icoh.net or call the office

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 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

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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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