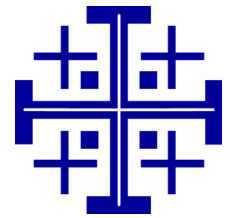




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 26, 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 God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people of Israel gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 19 *Caeli enarrant*

- 1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- 2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- 3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- 4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
- 5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- 6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body-- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 4:14-21

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

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

Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

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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.* 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.*

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The Lord's Prayer p. 336

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.

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

Clergy: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. p. 337
 People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Chip Coakley
<i>Usher:</i>	Doug Henry
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Sally Guy Brown
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

Please join us in the Parish Hall for our Annual Meeting

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 26, 2025

IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST we welcome you to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

Immanuel is an Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Virginia, and is part of the world-wide Anglican Communion. Immanuel was founded by the Virginia Theological Seminary. We are one parish that worships in two locations: the Zabriskie Chapel (3606 Seminary Road), and Immanuel Chapel (3737 Seminary Road) on the seminary grounds. Immanuel Chapel offers a fully-staffed nursery for our infant and toddler parishioners.

Visitors are encouraged to fill out a visitor card — located in the pews or display stands at the entrances of the chapels. Please give your card to an usher or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Anne Ritchie, Baby Margaret, Catherine Sinclair, Cynthia Dolvin, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, James, Jim Wise, Joseph, Kenny, Kitty Montie, Lynn Gas, Marcus Rarick, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Ann Langdon Days, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Betty Hicks, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Cadence Claypoole, Carol Ordning, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Gerhart, Dwight and Mary Horner, Elizabeth, George Rustigian, Gerald, Jack Allen, Jackie Claypoole, Jean Couban, Jean Williams, Jennie Rae, Jessi Napolitano, 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, Louise Jackson, Lucie Bauer, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, MariAnn Hollis, Marty Childs, Michael, McQuade Milligan, Mary Muniz, Pamela, Patricia, 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: Sofia Ring, Eileen Monnin-Kirby, Chris Page, Sophie Rust, the Rev. Susan D. Parsons, Lynn Gas, Susan Post, Charles Calloway, Javier Bastos, James Butcher, and Moira Tsanga.

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

Pray for those who have died: Linda Gill, sister-in-law of Nancy Reuschel and David Atwood; and Elizabeth “Betsy” Bishop, aunt of Nancy Bishop. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CONFIRMATION CLASS FORMING

Immanuel is scheduled for a Bishop’s visitation and Confirmation on **Sunday, March 16th**. 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.



WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*
We will gather again this Wednesday, January 29th

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

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, January 28th @ 10 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, January 29th, Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Book of Luke*”

Thursday, January 30th @10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 31st @ 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.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP DAYTRIP

U.S. Botanic Garden, Washington, DC, January 28th

At the special request of our Associate Rector Susan Parsons we will visit the U. S. Botanic Garden on Tuesday, January 28 at 12:30pm. Opened in 1850 and located on Capital Hill, it is the oldest continuously operated botanic garden in the United States. Enjoy the current special exhibit, “***Fierce Fauna: Tales of Survival and Demise***” and become closely acquainted with plants that have evolved to defend themselves! Plus, the garden’s regular collection, including desert and tropical forest plants, offers the perfect foil to a winter day.

We will leave from the Zabriskie Parish Hall parking lot at noon on Tuesday, January 28 and will plan to return no later than 4:00pm. There is no charge for admission to the Botanic Garden, but there will be a \$20 copay to ride in the van. Please RSVP to Karen Besser if you are planning to join us for this event.



SIGN-UP TO SERVE: 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!

Living Gratefully

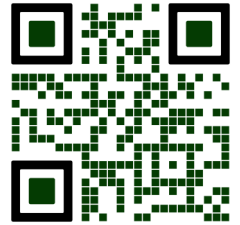


UPDATE: Every Member Pledge Campaign for 2025 “Living Gratefully”

As of January 21st we have 125 pledges totaling \$644,701. We have almost reached our budgeted pledge goal of \$710,000. 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 basis 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.



ALIVE! Food Drive

Traditionally, Immanuel has collected canned goods and non- perishable foods for Alive! two months a year. Our collections in 2024 were a huge success.... Let’s do it again in 2025! **Bring your donations through February 9th** to the collection boxes in the narthex either at Immanuel Chapel or Zabriskie Chapel.

The last week of our drive will be our annual “Soup-er Bowl”, where we put cans of soup for the predicted winner of Super Bowl LIX.

See lists below for needed items. Please *no glass* and if you can, bring in reusable grocery bags.

MOST NEEDED

Canned meat and fish (chili, chicken, tuna, salmon, beef, ravioli)	Child-friendly single-serve, microwavable entrees (soup, ravioli, mac & cheese)
Canned fruits, vegetables, soup, beans	Pasta (spaghetti, other noodles, mac & cheese)
Cereal — including oatmeal	Peanut butter, jam and jelly
Complete pancake mix (just add water) and syrup	Rice
Cooking oil	Canned tomatoes and pasta sauce

ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED FOOD DONATIONS

Brown or wild rice, couscous, quinoa	Fruit and vegetable juice
Applesauce	Granola bars
Fruit cups	Whole wheat or multi-grain crackers
Liquid shelf-stable milk	Canned or dried beans and peas
Canned beef stew, chili, and bean soup	

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Amy Thomas Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Taylor Houck Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton 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

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
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 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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