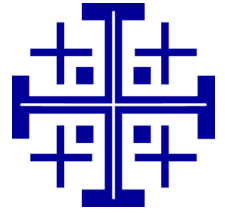




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 16, 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

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*Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.*

or

*Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.*

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.

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*



The First Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 9: *The First Song of Isaiah Ecce Deus*

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

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

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

*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

Confession of Sin and Absolution

*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

Stewardship Testimonial: Mr. Mark Fearer

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;

People: *and of thine own, have we given thee.*

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.*

Celebrant and People

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.

*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

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Celebrant: 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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Reader/Intercessor:</i>	Amy Thomas
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Susan Gildersleeve
<i>Usher:</i>	Dodd Sims
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	Sally Guy Brown
<i>Vestry Greeter/Counter:</i>	Rich Hobson
<i>Coffee Hour Host:</i>	Adrienne Goins
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

November 16, 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: Ann MacNamara, Aster, Jim, Nancy, Spencer, and Zuzanna Wise, Carol Crossmire, Caroline Bergmark, Carolyn Ferguson, Catherine Sinclair, Chris von Schoening, Craig Jackson, Cynthia Morton, Cy Murphy, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Jane, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Tom and Martha Shimkin, and Wendy Hoge.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Andrew Davis, Ann Langdon Days, Ann Woodward, Barbara Kellner, Barbara Sagan, Betsy Fox Berry, Brian and Joyce, Bridget Rice Rose, Caleb Lusk, Carol Ording, Charlotte Kellogg, Cicely, Donna Becker, George Rustigian, Gerry, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, the Rev. John Hogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Lea Gorman, Lilly Pinner, Louise Jackson, Lysbeth, Marcia Richardson, Margie Lidoff, Marie, Mary Horner, Marty Childs, Mary Muniz, McQuade Milligan, Melvyn, Michael, Paul, Peter Blackledge, Rosemary Wensing, Russ, Sofia, Soundary Dilan, Stacey, Stephen Miller, Stephen Spurlock, Susan Little, Thomas Henry, Val, Wesley Johnson, and Winnie Kidd.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Doug Henry, Rebecca Wise, Caitlyn Becker, Francesca Gabriel, Cilla Houck, Judith Atwood, and Suzanne Dawkins.

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: Betty Flanders, sister of Brian Ply; and John Howard Eisenhower, husband of former parishioner and Parish Office Manager Dotty Eisenhower, and father/father-in-law of Mark and Jeannie Cummins Eisenhower. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

FORUM HOUR “*BEING FAITHFUL ON TUESDAY*” **TODAY, The Welcome Center @11:30 a.m.**

Following the fall retreat at Holy Cross Abbey, come hear the Rev. Dr. Frank Wade’s reflections at a forum hour **today at 11:30 a.m. in the Welcome Center** across from Immanuel Chapel.



IMMANUEL CLERGY DAY AT THE VIEW ALEXANDRIA, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

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

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Morning Prayer Tuesday, November 18th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Noonday Holy Eucharist Rite II, Wednesday, November 19th, Zabriskie Chapel

Quiet Prayer, Wednesday November 19th, 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

The Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” Thursday, November 20th

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

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Compline, Friday November 21st @ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs*

Join Sarah for fellowship this **Wednesday, November 19th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. **All are welcome!**



IMMANUEL'S STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN *Putting God First*

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge Campaign continues through Sunday, November 23rd, with the theme of ***Putting God First***. This is our annual opportunity to consider our many blessings and to pledge what we will give back to God and towards God's purposes through Immanuel for next year. As in the past, our campaign will feature several Immanuelites sharing their testimony of what giving has meant to them in their faith journey. You may pledge by using the QR code at right, or by returning the pledge card from the stewardship mailing, or by clicking on the Give button on our website. Our annual pledge is among the many ways we strive towards *Putting God First*.



ALIVE! Diaper — and Formula — Drive: November 2025

Two months a year (January and June), Immanuel donates food to ALIVE! to help Alexandrians with food insecurity. This year we are adding a diaper, baby wipe, and **baby formula** drive in the month of November.

All sizes of diapers are needed, including adult-sized for older children with disabilities. Please consider adding a package of diapers or wipes to your grocery or drug store cart. We've placed collection boxes in the narthex of both chapels for drop-offs throughout the month of November.

Questions? Contact Lisa Clausen at Lisa.clausen@verizon.net

+ THANKSGIVING EVE EUCHARIST +

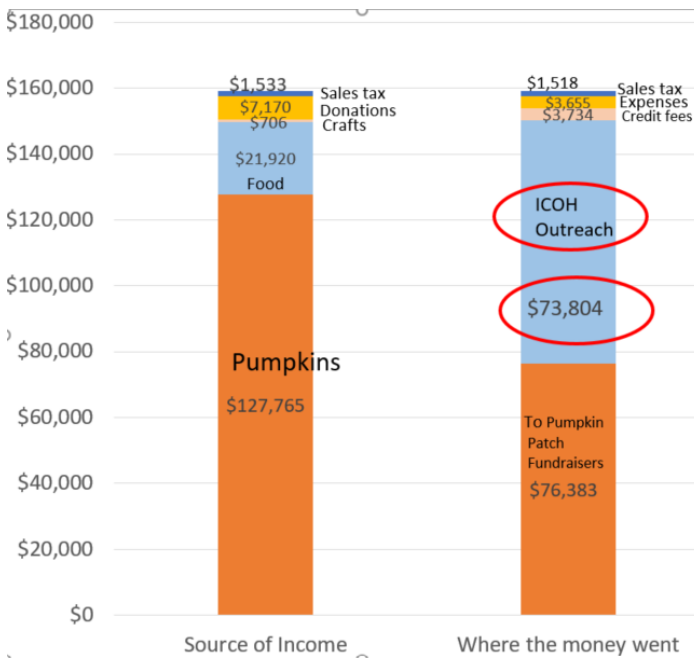
Please invite your neighbors, friends, family and visiting holiday guests to join us for a special Thanksgiving Eucharist on **Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel.**



OUTREACH MONEY RAISED BY 2025 PUMPKIN PATCH

This is our 32nd year selling pumpkins to raise money for outreach. We received four truckloads of pumpkins and assorted gourds in boxes on pallets, which we unloaded with a pallet jack, forklift, and lots of volunteer labor. Once again, many parishioners, scouts, students, and community groups helped unload the pumpkins, and many crafters, bakers and soup-makers provided goods to sell. We involved our parish in a large-scale cooperative effort, welcomed hundreds of community residents to our front yard, supported the Navajo pumpkin growers, and most importantly, raised money for local, national, and international charities that need funds more than ever.

For many customers it was their first visit. They heard about us from friends, from good reviews on the Internet, or simply saw all that orange on our front lawn as they drove by and were curious. Many other customers have been coming for more than a generation. Every visiting child (and some parents) got a “pumpkin patch visitor” sticker, and everyone left with a smile and a good feeling.



The left bar of this chart graphs the sources of income. From bottom to top they are: pumpkin and gourd sales (\$127,765), food sales (\$21,920), craft sales (\$706), donations and tips (\$7,170), and collected sales tax (\$1,533).

Over 30% of the money raised for outreach came from the sale of food items including soups, pies, breads, cupcakes, cornbread, cookies, and some apple crisps. This represents countless hours of cooking and baking by dozens of parishioners and friends. 100% of the after-tax receipts from the sale of food goes to outreach. Thanks to everyone who provided this great-selling tasty merchandise!

The second bar portrays the disposition of the funds. From top to bottom, \$1,518 went to the state for sales tax, \$3,655 paid for net expenses, \$3,734 went to Square for credit card fees, and \$76,383 went to Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, the national outfit that provides the pumpkins, pays the Navajo reservation where the pumpkins are grown, and pays for the boxes, pallets, and shipping costs.

Pumpkin Patch expenses came to \$6,455, including renting the forklift and paying its operator, pallet removal, compost removal, food for unloading and cleanup crews, and a bakery display case. Immanuel’s operations budget contributed \$2,500 toward these expenses, \$300 came from designated contributions, and the remaining \$3,655 came out of patch earnings.

The “bottom line” figure is \$73,804 for local, national, and international outreach.

Our heartfelt thanks to the great many of you who stepped up in so many ways to make it possible. And thanks be to God!

Christmas Families 2025

Let's plan for a very successful Christmas Families project this year. Here are the key dates, more information to follow.

Bold: For all parishioners, Plain: Activities for which many volunteers are needed

Sunday Nov. 23	First day to sign up to provide nice, lasting, and inspiring gifts for the children in a family, Next sign-up Sundays Nov. 30 and Dec. 7
Friday Dec. 05 Saturday Dec. 06	Books (Connie Kurz, Laura Snow) Friday: Book set up in parish hall, starting 1 pm Saturday: Saturday Book assignment in parish hall, 9 am – 3 pm
Sunday Dec. 07	Last day for signing up for a family
Saturday Dec. 13	Tagging of gifts in Santa's workshop (above Ross store, 112 N Washington St., (Andy and Alisa Biache) Lego sorting. (Dagobert Soergel and Biggs Family) Set up in parish hall 1pm until done (Linda Serabian)
Sunday Dec. 14	Ingathering of gifts and blessing at the altar (all services) Wrapping forum hour in parish hall. 9 am – 4 pm Special collection to buy gifts for children not signed-up for
Monday Dec. 15	Delivery to and sorting at DCHS, 4850 Mark Center Dr (Linda Serabian)

Linda Serabian <serabian@somaarchitects.com> Dagobert Soergel <ds@dsoergel.com>



Advent Wreath Making and Pizza Lunch: Join Rev. Sarah on November 30th at 11:30 in the Zabriskie Parish Hall to make an Advent wreath and enjoy a pizza lunch.



TWO CHALICE BEARERS NEEDED 2ND AND 3RD SUNDAYS OF EACH MONTH

We now offer healing prayers on the second Sunday of each month at both services, and we need to have two Chalice Bearers at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharists. Please consider signing up to serve.

SIGN-UP TO SERVE: NOVEMBER - JANUARY 2026

IT'S EASY AND ONLINE

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



CLERGY AND STAFF

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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. *First Sunday in October, November & December 2025*
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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

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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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