

The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord



Our Savior is Born

CHRISTMAS EVE

DECEMBER 24, 2025

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Episcopal /Anglican
Alexandria, Virginia

Choral Prelude with Christmas Brass, and Choral Ensemble, 8:40 p.m.

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 p.m.

Page references are for The Book of Common Prayer.

Restrooms are located on either side of the double wooden doors near the front door of the chapel.

WELCOME TO IMMANUEL



Welcome to Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, as we celebrate God coming among us in the birth of Jesus Christ. I welcome you today, whether you are a visitor looking for a Church home or a long-established member of this congregation. At the passing of the Peace, when we greet one another before Communion, please look around for someone you don't know and make sure to greet them.

What do we who make up the rich variety of God's children worshipping in this parish have in common? Somehow, in the mystery of God's great love and plans for us, we are reminded here that we are children of God, that we are loved beyond measure by God, and we have found ourselves placed within this community of the Church. In other words, we have found a home here. God has spoken to us here, probably in ways that are as unique as each one of us.

If you are looking for a Christian community where you feel encouraged to ask questions and explore your faith; where your experiences, talents, perspectives, and faith are welcomed and needed; where the community is absolutely committed to growing in the love of God, and then practicing that love together for the sake of our hurting world, Immanuel may be just the place for you. We would be proud to welcome you to our Church Family!

Our goal in all that we do is to honor and worship God, and to honor and love each other just as we have been loved. We worship and follow God-made-flesh in Jesus Christ, as our very name reflects. *Immanuel* means "God with Us" in Hebrew.

May God bless you, tonight and always.

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.
Rector

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us". (John 1:14)



UPCOMING CHRISTMASTIDE SERVICES

December 24	8:40 p.m.	<i>Christmas Prelude with Choral Ensemble and Brass</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass</i>	
December 25	11:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day Holy Eucharist with Organ and Carols</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
December 28	8:00 a.m.	<i>First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	<i>First Sunday After Christmas with Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	Immanuel Chapel
January 4, 2026	8:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Youth-led Sunday with Holy Eucharist Rite II</i>	
January 11, 2026	8:00 a.m.	<i>Epiphany Sunday (transferred) with Holy Eucharist Rite I</i>	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:00 a.m.	<i>Children's Epiphany Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II followed by Festive Reception in the Welcome Center</i>	Immanuel Chapel

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Prelude:

Ding, dong merrily on high

THE IMMANUEL CHORUS

Traditional Christmas Carol

Some children see Him

DARYL OTT, baritone

Wihla Hutson & Alfred S. Burt

Mariä Wiegenlied
(Mary's Lullaby)

ANGELIKA FARREN, mezzo-soprano

arranged by Max Reger

Selections of Christmas Music by THE BRASS QUARTET

Ding, dong merrily on high

Ding, dong merrily on high!
Ding dong! Merrily on high, in heav'n the bells are ringing
Ding dong! Verily the sky Is riv'n with angel singing
Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
E'en so here below, below let steeple bells be swungen
And io, io, io! By priest and people sungen Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!
Pray you, dutifully prime Your matin chime, ye ringers
May you beautifully rime Your evetime song,
ye singers Gloria Hosanna in excelsis!

Some children see Him

Some children see Him lily white,
the baby Jesus born this night.
Some children see Him lily white,
with tresses soft and fair.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
The Lord of heav'n to earth come down.
Some children see Him bronzed and brown,
with dark and heavy hair.

Some children see Him almond-eyed,
this Savior whom we kneel beside.
some children see Him almond-eyed,
with skin of yellow hue.
Some children see Him dark as they,
sweet Mary's Son to whom we pray.
Some children see him dark as they,
and, ah! they love Him, too!

The children in each different place
will see the baby Jesus' face
like theirs, but bright with heavenly grace,
and filled with holy light.
O lay aside each earthly thing
and with thy heart as offering,
come worship now the infant King.
'Tis love that's born tonight!

Mariä, Wiegenlied
(Mary's lullaby)

Mariä sitzt im Rosenhag
und wiegt ihr Jesuskind,
durch die Blätter leise
weht der warme Sommerwind.

*Mary sits by the rose bower
and rocks her little Jesus,
softly through the leaves
the warm wind of summer blows.*

Zu ihren Füßen singt
ein buntes Vögelein:
schlaf, Kindlein, süße,
schlaf nun ein!

*A brightly coloured bird
sings at her feet:
go to sleep, sweet child,
it's time to go to sleep!*

Hold ist dein Lächeln,
holder deines Schlummers Lust,
leg dein müdes Köpfchen
fest an deiner Mutter Brust!
Schlaf, Kindlein, süße,
schlaf nun ein!

*Your smile is lovely,
your happy sleep lovelier still,
lay your tired little head
against your mother's breast!
Go to sleep, sweet child,
it's time to go to sleep!*

FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST

Fanfare

Processional Hymn 83: "O come, all ye faithful"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Adeste Fideles

THE WORD OF GOD

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

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Hymn of Praise 105: "God rest you merry, gentlemen"

verse 1

God Rest You Merry

God rest you merry, gentlemen, let nothing you dismay,
remember Christ our Savior was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray.
*O tidings of comfort and joy,
comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

The Collect of the Day

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven, where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Isaiah 9: 2-4, 6-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

The Word of the Lord

People: *Thanks be to God*

Psalm 96: 1-9 *Cantate Domino*

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
3. Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
bring offerings, and come into his courts.
9. Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
Let the whole earth tremble before him.

The Second Lesson: Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God*

Sequence Hymn 87: "Hark, the herald angels sing"

found in The Hymnal 1982

Mendelssohn

The Holy Gospel: Luke 2:1-20 (King James version)

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Pause to honor the great mystery of the Incarnation.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Gospel of the Lord

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ*

The Sermon: [The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.](#)

The Prayers of the People

*After the Intercessor says “Lord, in your mercy”,
The People respond with “Hear our prayer”.*

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: *And also with you.*

Welcome from The Rector

*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: “O Holy Night”

Adolphe Charles Adam

MARIA KHOOBYAR, SOPRANO

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining;
It is the night of the dear Savior’s birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope — the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of faith serenely beaming,
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand.
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming,
Here came the Wise Men from Orient land.
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger,
In all our trials born to be our Friend.
He knows our need — to our weakness is no stranger.
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!
Behold your King, before Him lowly bend!

Truly He taught us to love one another;
His law is love and His gospel is peace.
Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother,
And in His name all oppression shall cease.
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we;
Let all within us praise His holy name.
Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!
His pow’r and glory evermore proclaim!

Presentation Hymn 96 (verse 1)

found in The Hymnal 1982

Gloria

*Angels we have heard on high
sweetly singing through the night,
and the mountains in reply
echoing their brave delight.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Gloria in excelsis Deo.*

The Celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

***We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

***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.***

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Response: *Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.*

The Breaking of the Bread

Agnus Dei (from A Mass for Immanuel)

Jane Tavernier

34
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

46
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world

57
Have mercy Have mercy Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God, for the People of God.

Please follow the directions of the ushers to the standing stations for Communion. Please receive the consecrated Bread in your outstretched hands. You may then either drink from the chalice, or intinct (dip) the Bread into the consecrated Wine. If you would like to receive a blessing, simply cross your arms over your chest.

If you are physically unable to join us at the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION:

Communion Anthem: "Wonder in a Manger"

Dr. Jane Tavernier

text and music written by DR. JANE TAVERNIER © 2025 for Immanuel

The shepherds saw him lying in a manger
With awe and wonder they knelt, their heads bowed low
The wise men too in joy and supplication
Laid their gifts before the tiny child
They knew he loved them, their humble adoration
Came to embrace eternal joy, salvation
Alleluia!
We too are shepherds, seeking that which only Christ,
Can give to broken hearts, the lost
His gift of love.
Come to that manger, and find our God incarnate
Alleluia!
Lay your sorrows at his feet, and your trust in His hands
Eternal life, embodied in that manger
His gift to us forever and amen!

Communion Hymn 109: “The first Nowell the angel did say”

The First Nowell

found in The Hymnal 1982

Post Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray.

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*Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Carol of Adoration, Hymn 111: “Silent night” (*Please kneel, as you are able*)

Stille Nacht

found in The Hymnal 1982

*Servers will assist the congregation in lighting candles
during the singing of this hymn.*

The Christmas Blessing

May Almighty God, who sent his Son to take our nature upon Him, bless you in this holy season, scatter the darkness of sin, and brighten your heart with the light of His holiness. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 100 “Joy to the world! the Lord is come”

found in The Hymnal 1982

Antioch

The Dismissal

Clergy: *Let us go forth in the name of Christ.*
People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: *Christmas selections*

THE BRASS QUARTET

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

<i>Crucifer:</i>	Owen Biggs
<i>Banner Bearer:</i>	Charlie Biggs
<i>Chalice Bearer:</i>	Rosi Urbine
<i>Readers:</i>	Rosi Urbine, Brooke Roberts
<i>Intercessor:</i>	Sudie McGahuey
<i>Musicians:</i>	Dr. Jane Tavernier (organ, Director of Music); Denise Freeland (Assistant Conductor); Soloists: Angelika Farren, Maria Khoobyar, Daryl Ott The Immanuel Chorus; THE BRASS QUARTET: Klara Farren, French Horn; Megan Huffman, Trumpet; Austin Nicholas: Bass Trombone; Katelyn Scarlett: Trumpet; James Bartelt, percussion
<i>Altar Guild:</i>	Brooke Roberts
<i>Flower Guild:</i>	The Immanuel Flower Guild
<i>Ushers:</i>	Bryant Mitchell, Madeleine Mitchell, Agnes Soos
<i>Audio-Visual:</i>	Tamika Martin, Martin Horne, The Rev. Jan A. Maas
<i>Celebrant:</i>	The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

Christmas Greens and Flowers

Tom and Sally Guy Brown	In thanksgiving for grandsons, James, Thomas, and Fenton O'Neil
Hugh and Jan Campbell	In thanksgiving for our grandchildren: Hugh, Matthew, Elizabeth, Claire, Chloe, and Virginia Campbell
Dignity Northern Virginia	In thanksgiving for the many years of kindness of the Immanuel community
Jane Flinn	In memory of Ted Flinn and Blair Jones
Denise Freeland and Paul Smyth	In thanksgiving for our daughter and her family
Kenneth R. Gerhart	In memory of James C. Gerhart and Dorothy Gerhart
The Douglas Henry Family	In thanksgiving for The Immanuel Choir
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our grandsons, Ben and Thomas John
Dave and Wendy Lane John	In memory of Wendy's mother, Joyce Faith Kneip
Dorothy Kellogg and David Lindsey	In thanksgiving for our children: Allen and Stephen Kellogg and Susan and Michelle Lindsey
Kevin and Eileen Monnin-Kirby	In thanksgiving for Debbie Kirby
Kathy and David Lloyd	In loving memory of Arlo and Katie Lloyd
The Maas Hicks Family	In memory of Georgia S. Maas
Ann MacNamara	In memory of Lawrence and Margaret MacNamara, Lawrence MacNamara, Jr., and Helen C. Angle
Celia Ochs	In thanksgiving for Daisy LaForce Dreher, and in memory of the Rev. Shelby Ochs Owen
Chris and Meggan Ros	In thanksgiving for Phillips and Lynn-Steven Engelke
Katherine and Brian Young-Smith	In thanksgiving for the lives of Bob and Ann Young, whose love continues
Jim and Laura Snow	In thanksgiving for Kate and Andy; Melinda, Steve, Paul and Jim
Agnes Soos and Rich Rogers	In memory of Coleman and Gizella Soos and Grace Soos Harber
The Whitman Family	In memory of Alvin Fentress and for our Whitman family near and far
Darrell and Leah Wilson	In thanksgiving for our friends and family at Immanuel

*"...and all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore,
and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number,
whose hope was in the Word made flesh,
and with whom, in this Lord Jesus, we are forever one."*

Christmas Music Dedications

Randy Alexander	In thanksgiving for Patty, William, Peter and Andrew; and for the fellowship we share at Immanuel; and in memory of Joe and Mildred Alexander and Ed and Dorothy Phanuef
Anthony Christino and Adrienne Goins	In thanksgiving for our daughters, Martha and Ruth; and in memory of Ruth Turner Parrott Gibson
The Christoffersen Family	In memory of Becky Cotton Christoffersen
Denise Freeland and Paul Smyth	In thanksgiving for Jane Tavernier and the Immanuel Choir
Kenneth R. Gerhart	In memory of James C. and Dorothy Gerhart
The Douglas Henry Family	In memory of Mary Ellen Henry
Doug and Wendy John	In thanksgiving for our granddaughters, Cora and Scarlett John
Dave and Wendy Lane John	In memory of Wendy's father, Stephen Condrey
Dorothy Kellogg and David Lindsey	In gratitude for a family of musicians: Jim Kellogg, Dianne Lindsey, Tommy & Doris Allen, Dorothy McIntosh, and Charlotte Kellogg
Tom and Roz Kerns	In thanksgiving for our family and this wonderful church community
Kevin and Eileen Kirby	In memory of Joseph Louis Kirby
Father Jan Maas and Katherine Maas	In honor of Caroline Maas Hicks
Ken and Mia Mason	In thanksgiving for Anna, Lizzy, Steven, Jackson, and Mason
Mary Ann Rehnke	In memory of Charles O. Willis
Rich Rogers and Agnes Soos	In memory of Richard M. Rogers
Chris and Meggan Ros	In thanksgiving for Juan and Odile Ros; In memory of Carmen Ros
Katherine and Brian Young-Smith	In thanksgiving for the lives of John and Eleanor Smith, whose love continues
Rosi Urbine	In memory of Tony and Frances Urbine
Chris von Schoening	In memory of Maria von Braun and Alexis von Schoening
The Whitman Family	In memory of Alvin Fentress
Darrell and Leah Wilson	In memory of Stanley K. Twaddle, Darrell K. Wilson, and James A. Adrian

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

December 24, 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 for our 10:00 a.m. Eucharist.

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, David Phillips, Debbie Hewson, Gary and MeiLung DeVight, Gordon Johnson, Hugh Campbell, Jane, the Jim and Lisa Clausen Family, John Richards, Joseph, Kenny, Mary Jane Ruhl, Nancy Bishop, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Norma Taliaferro, Rollin Huntington, Susan Montague, Thom Hussey, Tom and Martha Shimkin, 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 Rev. Harry Benjamin, the Howerton Family, Hudson Milligan, Jack Allen, Jackson Sirhal, Jean Couban, Jodi Wilson, Joe Micelli, the Rev. John Hogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Judi Rhodes, 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: Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, Carol Crossmire, Amy Parks, and Drew 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: Alex Perez, and victims of the Brown University/Brookline, MA shooting now identified: Ella Cobbs Cook, Mukhammad Aziz Umurzokov, and Nuno F.G. Loureiro. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

***Wednesday Quiet Prayer* at Immanuel and the Seminary Continues Wednesdays 5:15 - 6:00 p.m., beginning January 7th:** Clergy and congregational members of Immanuel share silent prayer time together on Wednesday evenings, with ordinands and faculty members from VTS, and (increasingly) with some members of other local churches. At a time of much need for prayer in our churches and in the world, especially in our ongoing prayers for world peace, we are responding to several requests to make this practice a weekly option for our parish(es) and the Seminary. We gather in the Oratory Chapel inside Immanuel Chapel, from 5:15-6:00pm each Wednesday evening. Please do consider joining us, either every week or when you have the time. This time of prayer can be used in many different and profitable ways; but the core theme is that, together, we wait on God's grace and respond to his calling. By coming together we offer, as Christ promised, more than the sum of our parts.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

All are welcome to participate

Compline will Resume Friday, January 2nd @ 8:30 p.m, online via Zoom

Morning Prayer Tuesday, January 6th @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Weekly Bible Study: “*The Gospel of John*” will Resume Thursday, January 8th
@10:30 a.m. online via Zoom.

Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORLD with *The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs* *Will resume January 7th, 2026*

Join Sarah next year for fellowship **Wednesday, January 7th** from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. at the Alexandria Pastry Shop, Bradlee Shopping Center on King Street. **All are welcome!**



SIGN-UP TO SERVE IN OUR WORSHIP

Sign-up to Serve in our Sunday Services *through February 2026* ONLINE by visiting the landing page of our website at ICOH.net and clicking our **Red Sign Up Genius Button** or scanning the QR code at right. 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.

Creation Care Tips: *Is Your Wrapping Paper Recyclable?*

Be mindful of our planet this Christmas season and choose gift wrap that can be recycled or is made from recycled content. A lot of gift wrap isn't recyclable because of the coating on the paper, which is often shiny and laminated. You can also reduce holiday waste by using decorative boxes that do not require wrapping and that can be recycled.

The Environmental Protection Agency encourages consumers to reuse gift bags and tissue wrapping paper, and not discard them after a single use. While tissue wrapping paper is not recyclable, it is compostable as long as it is plain and free of glitter or metallic foil.

If you find yourself accumulating more tissue wrapping paper than you need or can store, here are some creative ways to reuse it by crafting gifts: <https://modpodgerocksblog.com/crafts-with-tissue-paper/>

Questions? Contact Denise Freeland: eco.voce@verizon.net.



To our Every Member Pledge Campaign Donors: *Thank you*

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](#), by clicking the "Pledge Here" button.



Immanuel's Creation Care Ministry: HONORING GOD'S CREATION

Did you know that Immanuel has a Creation Care Ministry website? As people of faith who care deeply about our planet home, the Creation Care Ministry Team seeks to build climate literacy so we can take meaningful actions at home and in our church. We learn about and adopt ways to reduce our climate impact and live more gently on the Earth.



You can access the website by scanning the QR code at left, or from the Immanuel Website, you go across the top of the homepage to Serve. Click it and the drop down menu shows the Creation Care Ministry link which you will select.

If you would like more information about this Ministry Team and its upcoming projects, please contact: Denise Freeland, eco.voce@verizon.net.

Schedule Changing in the New Year? Consider Ways to Help ALIVE!

As mentioned in our weekly eBlast, Immanuel rose to the occasion for our inaugural diaper/wipe/formula drive. We thank all who contributed to our total of 380 pounds of needed diapers, wipes and formula last month.

Now more than every, ALIVE! Can use your help. Consider becoming a volunteer — or donating — by scanning the QR code at right or visit <https://qrco.de/bgX7Sd>. Thank you.



Vestry News:

- The Election Committee has commenced the nomination process for new Vestry members.
- The next Vestry meeting is January 13, which will include approval of the 2026 budget.
- 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.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Monthly Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Resumes

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17th @ 8:00 AM,

Held Online via Microsoft Teams

Join Immanuel’s final monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study for 2025 on **Saturday, December 20th** 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. using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit our webpage “Breakfast Bible Study”, or contact Chrissie Crosby at cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com.

Look for our new theme for 2026 and scripture reading for January in your weekly eBlast!



BEWARE of Questionable Emails without “ICOH.net” Extensions

Immanuelites, cyber criminals are at in again; we’ve received several attempts to compromise our security with phishing emails posing as parishioners (by name) and as Father Randy under fake accounts.

Should you receive a request for any information on Immanuel that doesn’t come from the icoh.net extension, please do not hesitate to forward it to Aleta at apowell@icoh.net for verification.

Let’s remember to keep everyone involved and affected by these cyber attempts in prayer.

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 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
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

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 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
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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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Ways to GIVE