



**IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL**  
Episcopal/Anglican  
Alexandria, Virginia



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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**December 11, 2022**

**Lessons and Carols for Advent and the Holy Eucharist, Rite II, 10:30 a.m.**

**GAUDETE SUNDAY**

*Page references are for [The Book of Common Prayer](#).*

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**Prelude: Noël**

Louis-Claude Daquin

**Greeting and Lighting of the Advent Wreath**

**Processional Hymn 56** “O come, O come Emmanuel”

verses 1, 2, 3, and 8

*Veni, Veni, Emmanuel*

**A BIDDING PRAYER**

Beloved in Christ, in this season of Advent, let it be our care and delight to prepare ourselves to hear again the message of the Angels, and in heart and mind to go even unto Bethlehem, to see the Babe lying in a manger.

Let us read and mark in Holy Scripture the tale of the loving purposes of God from the first days of our disobedience unto the glorious Redemption brought us by his holy Child; and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of the whole world; for peace and goodwill over all the earth; for the mission and unity of the Church for which he died, and especially in this country and within the city of Alexandria. And because this of all things would rejoice his heart, let us at this time remember in his name the poor and the helpless; the hungry and the oppressed; the sick and those who mourn; the lonely and the unloved; the aged and the little children; and all those who know not the Lord Jesus, or who love him not, or who by sin have grieved his heart of love.

Lastly, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, 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 whom, in this Lord Jesus, we for evermore are one.

These prayers and praises let us humbly offer up to the throne of heaven. The Almighty God bless us with his grace; Christ give us the joys of everlasting life; and unto the fellowship of the citizens above may the King of Angels bring us all. *Amen.*

*A New Heaven and a New Earth*

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb." I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day -- and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** "And I saw a new heaven"

Text: Revelation 21:1-4

Edgar Leslie Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city,  
new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

**Second Reading: Genesis 22:15 - 18**

read by Sudie McGahuey

*Covenant with Abraham*

The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their

enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 401:** “The God of Abraham praise”

verses 1 and 2

*Leoni*

**Third Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34**

read by Karen Besser

*A Covenant Written on Their Hearts*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt -- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** “Jesus Christ, the Apple Tree”

Philip Stopford

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green;  
The trees of nature fruitless be,  
Compared with Christ the Apple Tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought;  
I missed of all but now I see  
'Tis found in Christ the Apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel,  
By faith I know but ne'er can tell  
The glory which I now can see,  
In Jesus Christ the Apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil -  
Here I will sit and rest awhile,  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ the Apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive,  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ the Apple tree.

*Rejoice Israel, the King is in Your Midst*

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;  
shout, O Israel!  
Rejoice and exult with all your heart,  
O daughter Jerusalem!  
The Lord has taken away the judgments against you,  
he has turned away your enemies.  
The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;  
you shall fear disaster no more.  
On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:  
Do not fear, O Zion;  
do not let your hands grow weak.  
The Lord, your God, is in your midst,  
a warrior who gives victory;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness,  
he will renew you in his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing  
as on a day of festival.  
I will remove disaster from you,  
so that you will not bear reproach for it.

The Word of the Lord

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Hymn 72:** "Hark! The glad sound! The Savior comes!"

verses 1 and 4

*Richmond*

**Fifth Reading: Luke 1:26-56**

read by The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr.

*Annunciation, Magnificat*

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is

the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.”

And Mary said, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Choir Anthem:** “Rosa Mystica”

Chrysogonus Waddell

There is no rose of such virtue,  
as is the rose that bare Jesu, Alleluia.  
For in that rose contained was Heaven and earth  
in little space: Resmiranda!  
But that rose we well may see,  
there be One God in Persons Three: Pares forma!  
The angels sang, the shepherds too:  
Gloria in excelsis Deo!  
Gaudeamus!  
Leave we all this worldly mirth,  
and follow we this joyful birth: Transeamus!

*A period of silence is observed.*

### **The Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And also with you.*

### **Welcome**

*The loose plate offering will go to the Christmas Families program to be used to buy gifts for the additional families not “adopted” by parishioners. Please make checks payable to Immanuel, marked “Christmas Families”.*

*As the offering is brought forward during the singing of the Doxology, gifts given by parishioners for those in the Christmas Families program will also be presented at the Altar.*

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Offertory:** “And the glory of the Lord”

*from* Messiah

George Frideric Handel

And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

Isaiah 40:5

**Doxology:** Hymn 380 (verse 3)

*found in* The Hymnal 1982

*Old 100th*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**The Great Thanksgiving:** Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.  
People: *And also with you.*  
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.  
People: *We lift them to the Lord.*  
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
People: *It is right to give God thanks and praise.*

**Sanctus S130**

*(from the front of* The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

## The Breaking of the Bread

**S 164 Agnus Dei** *(found in the front of* The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

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

*If you would only like to receive the consecrated Bread please extend one hand. Crossed hands indicate you would like to receive consecrated Wine as well, either intincted (dipped) by you or by drinking from the chalice. The glass chalice is for intinction and the silver one is for drinking. If you are physically unable to join the circle at the Altar, please let an usher know that you would like to have Communion brought to you.*

### MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

**Communion Solo:** “Comfort ye, my people” and “Every valley shall be exalted”

George Frideric Handel

*from* Messiah

**Allan Gervacio**, tenor

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God.  
Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her,  
that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned.  
The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness;  
prepare ye the way of the Lord;  
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be exalted,  
and every mountain and hill made low;  
the crooked straight, and the rough places plain.

*(Isaiah 40:4)*

*(Isaiah 40:1–3)*

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief and centuries of sorrow.  
There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide and in the shades of death abide,  
a yearning for tomorrow.

There is a yearning, a yearning for the promised One, the Firstborn of creation.  
There is a yearning for the Lord who visited His own, and by His death for sin atoned, to bring to us salvation.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel within our hearts, the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of His appearing.  
There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased and we shall see  
the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.  
Emmanuel, Emmanuel within our hearts, the yearning.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Advent Blessing

May Almighty God, by whose providence our Savior Christ came among us in great humility, sanctify you with the light of his blessing and set you free from all sin. *Amen.*

May you, who rejoice in the first Advent of our Redeemer, at his second Advent be rewarded with unending life. *Amen.*

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 74 "Blest be the King whose coming"

*Valet will ich dir geben*

Postlude: Savior of the nations come

Johann Sebastian Bach

**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Crucifer:* Karen Besser; *Flower Guild:* Candy Levin and Catherine Stanish; *Readers:* Wilton Corkern, Sudie McGahuey, Karen Besser, Phyllis Sims, the Rev. J. Randolph Alexander; *Ushers:* Roz Kerns, Tom Kerns; *Musicians:* The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier; *Assistant Conductor:* Denise Freeland; *Vestry Greeter/Counter:* Mollie Lambert; *Audio Visual:* Doug Onley, Tamika Martin; *Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander.



**A Brief History of LESSONS AND CAROLS**

The Festival of Lessons and Carols as we know it dates to December 1918, at King's College, Cambridge, in the days immediately following the end of World War I. The Rev. Eric Milner-White, Dean of the College, reflected on his experiences as a British army chaplain and developed this liturgy as an opportunity to remember God's great promises, even in the midst of so much suffering and untold devastation. The lessons speak of God's great plan of salvation, articulated by Israel's prophets and poets, and realized in the birth of Jesus Christ.

There are Advent and Christmas versions of the liturgy throughout the Anglican Communion, as this service has become a deeply beloved tradition for millions worldwide. The readings for this service in particular were chosen to highlight God's promise of remaking and redeeming all things. Beginning with Christ, God has promised to make all things new.

## GAUDETE SUNDAY

Gaudete Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, takes its name from the Latin word *Gaudete*, which means “rejoice.” It is the first word in the proper Introit for the third Sunday of Advent, from the Roman missal. It is often symbolized by a pink or rose color, hence the traditional pink candle in Advent wreaths.

The readings for this day are characterized by joy and expectancy, as we look towards the celebration of Our Lord’s Nativity.

## Luncheon and Christmas Carol Sing for Seniors

**December 20<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon**  
Zabriskie Parish Hall and Chapel



All Seniors are invited to Immanuel’s Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship Christmas Holiday Social at Zabriskie on **Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>** beginning at noon. Following a festive luncheon in the Parish Hall, we will adjourn to Zabriskie Chapel with our Director of Music Dr. Jane Tavernier for a Christmas Carol Sing.

Feel free to RSVP for just one or both of these activities.

Please mark your calendar now and **RSVP** as soon as possible, as space is limited. **The first 20 people to register will go home with a lovely amaryllis plant.** There is no charge for this activity. Just bring yourself (and a neighbor if you wish!) and come prepared to sing.



Questions or to RSVP, contact Karen Besser at: [karen.besser@gmail.com](mailto:karen.besser@gmail.com) or **call the parish office at (703) 370-6555** and **press “9”** to leave your reservation via voicemail.



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**Parish Notes**  
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**IN THE NAME OF 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 pew card — located in display stands at both entrances of the chapel — and give it to an usher, or place in the collection plate. Thank you.

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

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Cynthia Morton, Catherine Sinclair, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, Kenny, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Tony, Daphne, Nancy Bishop, Ann Huntington, Rita, Betty Wanamaker, Edith, Joseph, Linda and Cy Murphy, John and Louisa Smucker, Ann MacNamara, the Sara Fein family, Norma Taliaferro, Jim Wise, and Margaret Stockton.

**PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Marjean Smith, Paul, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ryan, John, McQuade Milligan, Peter and Joanne, Mary Muniz, the Rev. Rosa Harper, John Corbett, Joseph Fabian, Candy Morgan, Nancy Kraus, Jim Rehnke, Lisle Wade, Felicia Balzano, Roy Zartarian, James Henry, Connie Smith; and Salih, Zeyneb, and Elif Sayilgan.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Rhys Shallbetter, Betty Wanamaker, Anthony Burke, Rick Glassco, Jamie Conrad, Christopher DeMulder, Sydney Onley, Jim Snow, Katherine Warlick, Candy Levin, Susan Stockton, Asna Amiri, and Tiffany McCaslin.

**Serving around the world:** Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina, and Nolan Anderson. Pray for healing for US casualties and their caregivers.

**Those who we recently learned have died:** David Corkern, brother of Wilton Corkern; Maryem Sayilgan, daughter of Dr. Zeyneb Sayilgan, affiliated faculty member at VTS, and her husband Dr. Salih Sayilgan. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**GRACE AND GRATITUDE NOTE from Nancy and Jim Wise:**

You may have noticed that our daughter-in-law Zuzanna Wise has been on the prayer list for many months due to a challenging pregnancy. On November 26, we welcomed Ofelia Alexandra Wise to our family, weighing in at 6 lbs., 3 oz., and 19 inches long.

We can't thank you enough for all of the prayers, love, and support you provided. As Zuzanna likes to say, we love you all -- thanks for loving us back!



# Announcements

## Christmas Families Ingathering

**TODAY, DECEMBER 11 Sun.** Services at 8 and 10:30: **Ingathering and blessing of gifts, Special Collection:** During the offering, you are invited to bring the gifts for your "adopted" family to the Altar.

After the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, some volunteers are needed to take the gifts from the Altar and any good used items that were brought to the service and load them into the truck that will take them to the Department of Community and Human Services on Monday morning.

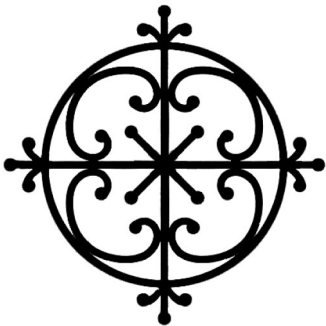
Starting after the 8 a.m. service until 3 p.m., Parish Hall. **Wrapping and sorting gifts, Ingathering of good used items** (clothing, especially warm coats, toys, books, bicycles). **This needs many volunteers.** Please come at 9 a.m, leave to enjoy Lessons and Carols.If you can, come back wrap and sort some more. Starting between 2 and 3 p.m, all bags need to be loaded into the truck that will take things to Human Services on Monday morning. We will get in some pizza as needed.

**DECEMBER 12 Mon. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m:** Unloading the truck at Human Services (2525 Mt. Vernon Avenue, side entrance on Mt Ida Ave). Checking and arranging bags for the social workers. Just for information. There are enough volunteers for these tasks.

**Any time you can give helps.**

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Virginia Theological Seminary Cordially Invites you to

the **Service of Lessons & Carols**

with Presentation of the **Dean's Cross for Servant Leadership**

Sunday, December 11, 2022      Service, 4:30 p.m., Immanuel Chapel

## Weekday Worship Opportunities

**MORNING PRAYER @ 10 A.M., Zabriskie Chapel :** All are invited to join Immanuel staff and clergy for Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. This quiet, contemplative service typically lasts thirty minutes and offers each worshipper a chance to lift a person, cause, or concern in prayer while learning about any saints of the Church is commemorating.

**Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel**

**Evening Compline, Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom**

## CHRISTMAS FAMILIES SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY, December 11<sup>th</sup>

For forty years a strong and faithful commitment of bringing the good news of Christmas in a very tangible form that manifests God's inclusive love for all and raises hope has been woven into the fabric of Immanuel. Christmas Families has evolved into a multi-pronged program of several activities all serving one purpose: To bring Christ's transformative and comforting presence into the world, letting God's people know that somebody cares through giving toys and science kits and books to learn and grow with.

First, parishioners sign up to provide toys for a family in need. The families are referred to us by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services and by the New Hope Housing organization that resettles families after a shelter stay, for a total of 79 families with 210 children and 90 parents. 32 parish families, 2 families from the Beverly Hills neighborhood responding to Dorothy Kellogg's posting on their email listserv, and the Valley Drive Cooperative Preschool signed up for 41 families (94 children, 40 parents), leaving 116 children and 50 parents. And we are still expecting about 10 referrals from the Lazarus Refugee Ministry administered by Christ Church (Melanie Gray) for Region IV. (When all other lists are closed, we are still spreading God's love.) The Christmas Families team, acting for the whole parish, buys gifts for the families who are not "adopted", to be wrapped and sorted in the Parish Hall this morning and afternoon.

But there is much more. Books are so important. Connie Kurz, Laura Snow, and crew assigned books to all the families referred to us, about 600 books in all. In addition, a selection of books goes to the Community Lodgings after-school programs. And we give to each of the 140 children in the CFNC (Child and Family Network Centers) free preschools one copy of Anno's Counting Book and one of 500 Words / 500 Palabras (small format paperback, for each word a picture and text in English and Spanish).

In our long-standing collaboration with the Lazarus Refugee Ministry we provided 240 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with. (Christ Church raised over \$30,000 to provide substantial gift cards to Target and Giant for each family).

In a joint effort of Christmas Families and our expanded social justice and criminal justice ministry, we support the Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR, <https://www.oaronline.org/>) with their Project Winter Cheer for gift cards to children of incarcerated people, with \$1,500.

We cannot do all of this on a dime. **Please be generous TODAY!** Checks can be made out to Immanuel, marked "XFAM", in the collection plate or sent to the office.

The Christmas Families team makes each dollar go far. Linda got the fleece blankets for just under \$10, regular \$26.99. These purchases earned \$500 in Kohl's cash for more baby and other toys. Every year, Connie and Laura make a 3-hour trip to the Green Valley Book Fair to buy good books at a steep discount. Anno's Counting Book and 500 Words are staples in our book ministry. Every three years or so we buy 500 copies of each, the minimum to get a 50% discount from the publisher. Whenever we find an exceptional bargain, we buy enough for two or three years. Laura Snow, Candy Levin, and Brooke Roberts make beautiful outfits for purchased dolls. Others restore used bicycles. Linda worked with the VéloCity Bike Cooperative who provided 27 restored bicycles. So many people contribute their talents to spreading God's love.

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## Wednesday, December 14 @ 6:30 PM: EYC Watches "Elf" and Eats Junk Food

The Grinch isn't the only important story at Christmas... Elf is also super important. Teenagers should come watch Elf, eat junk food, and generally reflect on how the parts of Christmas that are represented in stories like Elf are actually not the parts of Christmas that are about Jesus.

NOTE: This event is one that will happen IF people sign up to attend. We're looking for two adult coordinators (which means only showing up, playing a DVD, and possibly bringing some junk food), and some idea of who is coming! If there aren't enough people to justify it, or if there are no adults attending, we'll reach out to those who did sign up on the 13<sup>th</sup> after Staff Meeting to cancel!

[EYC Activities/Advent SignUp Genius](#)

### **NEEDED: SHEEP, ANGELS, COWS, SHEPHERDS, WISE PEOPLE, ELIZABETH, MARY, AND JOSEPH**

Immanuel's annual Christmas Pageant returns on Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 5:30 p.m, and we need to fill our tableau! Kids of all ages are invited to participate in this special Sunday night service at Immanuel Chapel, which will include a Eucharist, and all parishioners are invited to join us for the service. We will have a cookie reception following the Pageant!

**Ready to sign up now? Send an email to Kathryn Jackson Haskin at [Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com) with your children's names and ages.**

Costumes will be available before the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist on December 11<sup>th</sup> and the day of the pageant, and we will have one rehearsal for readers/speaking roles before the 18<sup>th</sup>. For all other participants, just show up by 4:00 p.m. on December 18<sup>th</sup> at Immanuel Chapel, and we'll make it work!

If you're interested in helping to organize the pageant or the reception afterwards, please contact Kathryn Jackson Haskin ([Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com](mailto:Kathryn.jackson41@gmail.com)) to volunteer.

### **Bible Study, Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m. CONNECTING THE GREAT PROPHECIES OF DANIEL AND REVELATION**

No prior participation is necessary; ALL are invited to join in the Bible study on Thursday mornings from 10:30 - noon by Zoom. Come and see! If viewing this on our website, please click the blue text "[Join Bible Study of the Book of Revelations and Daniel via Zoom](#)".

### **Saturday, December 17 @ 8:00 AM: MONTHLY SATURDAY BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY by Zoom**

Immanuel's monthly Saturday morning Breakfast Bible Study will be November 19, the third Saturday. We will meet via Zoom (find this bulletin on our website under the "Worship" tab, then click on the link below) beginning at 8 AM. Our theme this year is *Gratitude*; this month we will read **Ephesians 4:1-6**, using the African Model of Reflection. For more information, please visit [our webpage "Breakfast Bible Study"](#), or contact Chrissie Crosby at [cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com](mailto:cmcfaddencrosby@gmail.com)

[Join Zoom Saturday Breakfast Bible Study Meeting](#) / Meeting ID: 959 5450 6553 / Passcode: 027913

## MEALS ON WHEELS (MOW) UPDATE

Now that the pandemic has subsided, just to let you know the Immanuel MOW ministry has been up and running for the past 3 months. We are in need of additional volunteers as some of our veterans have left the rolls of drivers and deliverers. The mission of MOW is simple, to deliver wholesome meals to seniors and other homebound folks in Alexandria who are otherwise unable to venture out and shop or are resource-limited. The effort is sponsored by the Senior Services Center of Alexandria; the meals are provided by Jeffrey's Catering on Wheeler Avenue. This ministry requires 2 hours a month; Immanuel participates on the third Friday of every month. Typically, MOW Teams consist of a driver and a deliverer. If you are interested, please contact Doug Henry at [ddhenry1@gmail.com](mailto:ddhenry1@gmail.com) or capture his attention after church.



### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 12/20 at noon

**Festive lunch and carol sing  
with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the Parish Hall**



There is no cost for this activity, but reservations are required. Call or email Karen Besser at [Karen.Besser@gmail.com](mailto:Karen.Besser@gmail.com) or call the parish office at (703) 370-6555 and press "9" to leave your reservation via voicemail.

Wednesday 12/21 at noon

**Goodwin House lunch and carol sing  
with members of the Immanuel choir**

### **Benedictine Community Meeting, Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall and online via Zoom**

If you want more contemplation in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We currently meet twice a month: virtually on the 1st Tuesday online via Zoom, and host a **hybrid meeting in the Parish Hall (and online) on the 3rd Tuesday** — both days we meet from 7-8 pm.

The Community reflects on the tenets of St. Benedict such as humility, silence, and prayer. Individual reflection is guided by short readings from a Benedictine-inspired book, currently ***Benedictine Promises for Everyday People: Staying Put, Listening Well, Being Changed by God***, by Rachel Srubas.

As a Benedictine Community, we gather as companions on the journey with one another while drawing wisdom from a few pages from selected reading material. If this opportunity appeals to you and for more information, please contact one of the following: Dana Hengst ([Dana.Hengst@gmail.com](mailto:Dana.Hengst@gmail.com))  
Barbara Fornoff ([cr8vweaver@gmail.com](mailto:cr8vweaver@gmail.com))  
David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)).



We are off to a good start in collecting commitments in our Every Member Pledge Campaign. If you have not yet pledged you may do so easily through a number of options:

- 1) dropping your pledge card in the offering plate,
- 2) mailing it back to the office,
- 3) pledging online through our website, or
- 4) contacting our Treasurer, Tom Hewson, at 703.370.6555 ext. 208, or [thewson@icoh.net](mailto:thewson@icoh.net).

As of December 8<sup>th</sup>, we have 95 pledges totaling \$506,392.

In this season of thanksgiving, may we be eager to return a measure of the gifts with which we have been blessed towards God’s service and for the life and ministry of our beloved Church.

### SEEKING NEW VESTRY MEMBERS

Our annual meeting is scheduled for the end of January, when we will elect new Vestry members to begin three-year terms. If you are interested in discussing what Vestry service at Immanuel entails, or if you are feeling called to stand, please contact Father Randy at [ralexander@icoh.net](mailto:ralexander@icoh.net), or Senior Warden Darrell Wilson at [dlwilson729@gmail.com](mailto:dlwilson729@gmail.com).

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE AT IMMANUEL



#### 2022

December 18	5:30 p.m.	Children’s Christmas Pageant	Immanuel Chapel
December 21	6:30 p.m.	Christmas Caroling, followed by refreshments at VTS	Seminary Hill Neighborhood
	5:00 p.m.	Festival Holy Eucharist Rite II with Brass	Immanuel Chapel <i>(and livestreamed via YouTube)</i>
December 24	10:30 p.m.	Midnight Mass Rite II with Brass	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

#### 2023

January 1	11:00 a.m.	The Feast of the Holy Name Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel
January 8	8:00 a.m.	The Feast of the Epiphany <i>(transferred)</i> Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	The Feast of the Epiphany <i>(transferred)</i> Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel <i>(and livestreamed via YouTube)</i>



**CHRISTMAS GREENS, FLOWERS**  
**and**  
**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC DEDICATIONS**

This Christmas season you are invited to make a donation to help offset the cost of our Christmas greens and flowers, and/or the special music at our Christmas Eucharists. To make a memorial or thanksgiving donation for a loved one, or to make a thanksgiving dedication for some blessing, please complete and send this form along with your check to the Parish Office or place it in the alms box in the narthex. Names will be printed in our Christmas bulletins for all donations received **by noon on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to **DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET**. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



**GREENS/FLOWERS:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_



**SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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In Thanksgiving for: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

***Christmas Brass Quartet at Immanuel***

*Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark .*

Brass **SPONSOR \$100**

Brass **PATRON \$200**

Given by:

Phone Number: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

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 Shawn Whitman .....Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care Committees  
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 Brad Ashton..... Stewardship and Planned Giving  
 Mollie Lambert..... Outreach  
 Kathy Lloyd..... Senior Ministry  
 Brooke Roberts..... Communications  
 Phyllis Sims ..... Evangelism and New Members  
 Julie Bruns ..... Pastoral Care  
 Gabriella Young-Smith ..... Youth Representative (nonvoting member)

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The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV  
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 The Rev. John R. Smucker  
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

**RECTOR EMERITA**

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES**

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel  
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

10:00 a.m. Children’s Chapel, Side Oratory Chapel  
 inside of Immanuel Chapel

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel  
 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

**Online**

[www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org](http://www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org)  
[Immanuel's YouTube channel](#)

**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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