



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 19, 2021

Holy Eucharist, Rite I, 8:00 a.m.

Page numbers refer to [The Book of Common Prayer](#).

With the exception of infants and toddlers, all are requested to wear a face mask for the entirety of the service.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie eleison

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The Collect of the Day

The Celebrant says to the people

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

We beseech thee, Almighty God, to purify our consciences by thy daily visitation, that when thy Son our Lord cometh he may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

You, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary *Magnificat* Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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: Hebrews 10:5-10

When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

The Word of the Lord
Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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

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."

The Gospel of the Lord
People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

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

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People

After the words "Hear us, Lord,"
the congregation responds with "*For your mercy is great.*"

Confession of Sin and Absolution p. 331

The Peace

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

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Loose plate collection for Christmas Families

The Offertory

Clergy: Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; bring offerings and come into his courts. p. 343

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II p. 340

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up unto the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is meet and right so to do.*

Sanctus and Benedictus p. 334

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

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.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Advent Blessing

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader and Intercessor: Phyllis Sims, Dodd Sims

Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild

Usher: Dodd Sims

Vestry Greeter and Counter: TBD

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

Luncheon and Christmas Carol Sing for Seniors

THIS Wednesday December 22nd at 12 Noon

Zabriskie Parish Hall



All Seniors are invited to Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship Christmas Holiday Social in the Zabriskie Parish Hall *this Wednesday, December 22nd* beginning at noon. Following a festive luncheon, we will adjourn to the Chapel with our Director of Music Dr. Jane Tavernier for a **Christmas Carol Sing**.

The luncheon will be served on individual plates, and we will be spaced around the parish hall at the large round tables, consistent with the CDC guidelines for safest indoor eating. The Carol Sing will be in the Zabriskie Chapel, and as with Sunday services, masks will be required. If you feel uncomfortable with one of these two venues or activities, please feel free to RSVP and attend for only the Carol Sing or the luncheon.

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.

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
December 19, 2021

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.

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).

Learn more about us at www.icoh.net.

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Bruce Morton, Catherine Sinclair, David Stayanoff, Diana Walker, Eloise Payne, Francine Wargo, Jessi MacLeod, John Bednar, Kathy Lloyd, Kenny, Linda and Cy Murphy, Lucy, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Susan Wiard, Tony, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, Paul, and Doug.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice Meyer, Arsine Oshagan, Charlotte Kellogg, Dana De Cecco, Dorothy Phanuef, Dotty Eisenhour, George Rustigian, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Louise Jackson, Margaret and Lloyd Chenoweth, Marjean Smith, Mildred Alexander, Paul, Preston, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Stephen Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, Sandy Ford, and Elizabeth.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Eve Anderson, Martha Byron, James Henry, Jo Ann Toledo, David Phillips, Hollyann Morton, Katydean Price, Valia Amiri, Jason Donahue, Tim Gildersleeve, Debbie Hewson, Candace Quinlan, and Carol Crossmire.

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

Those who have recently died: Rear Admiral Edward K. "Ted" Walker, Navy Comander Brian Bourgeois. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON SEMINARY HILL, DECEMBER 23RD, 5 - 7:00 P.M.

Join your fellow Immanuelites for singing Christmas Carols as we stroll through Seminary Hill on Thursday, December 23rd — we'll meet at 5:00 p.m. inside of Zabriskie Chapel before venturing outside. Let's spread some Christmas cheer in our neighborhood.

COMPLINE Service on Fridays: Join us for next **Friday Compline December 30th at 8:30p.m.** via Zoom. Compline is an offering of late evening prayer, sometimes referred to as the "Goodnight Prayer of the Church."

To participate, select this bulletin on our website under "Worship Service Bulletins" under the "Worship" tab, click the link: [Join Friday Night Compline Service](#), and enter the following: Meeting ID: **817 3973 7116**, Password: **029619**. To join the service by phone, dial: 1- (301) 715-8592.

Announcements



*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your **God is with you wherever you go.**”* Joshua 1:9

Awaiting God’s Love and Gift to Us

As we await the coming of our Lord, we give thanks for all the blessings we have received -- as individuals, and families, and as this parish community. And as we reflect on all we have been given, we are called to give back in gratitude for the blessings that God has gifted us.

During this Advent season, it is your opportunity to pledge generously to support God’s work through Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill.

As of December 7, 2021, we are blessed with 113 pledges representing \$604,682, forty-four percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. And, on average, those increases are by more than nine percent. Eleven pledges are new.

We constantly praise God for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God’s work through this parish. You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer thewson@icoh.net stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

2021

December 23	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Caroling on Seminary Hill	<i>meet at</i> Zabriskie Chapel
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Brass and Full Choir <i>(Brass Prelude begins at 4:50 p.m.)</i>	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festival Holy Eucharist II with Woodwinds, Horn and Choral Ensemble <i>(Choral Prelude begins at 8:45 p.m.)</i>	Immanuel Chapel
December 25	11:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist	Zabriskie Chapel
December 26	9:00 a.m.	First Sunday After Christmas, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Chapel

2022

January 2	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist, Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall



CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Wednesday, January 5th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Please join us on January 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel, when our regular Wednesday Holy Eucharist will be transformed into a celebration of the Feast of Epiphany, with special prayers, readings, and music.

CHRISTMAS FAMILIES 2021

For a long time 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. In expectation that this commitment will show itself in a strong **special collection at all three Holy Eucharists today**, the Christmas Families ministry has undertaken or will soon undertake the following at the times when it does most good.

\$5,000 to Alexandria Human Services to be used for gift cards for holiday gifts and other urgent support for families. Since Human Services does not distribute physical toys this year, this check takes the place of parishioners signing up to provide toys for a family in need.

\$1,200 to Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR, <https://www.oaronline.org/>), in support of their Project Winter Cheer for gift cards to children of incarcerated people, a joint effort of Christmas Families and our expanded social justice and criminal justice ministry.

In our long-standing collaboration with the refugee **ministry coordinated by Christ Church** (Melanie Gray), we provided 218 fleece blankets for children to cuddle with (from Kohl's with a 65% Black Friday discount). (Christ Church raised over \$30,000 to provide substantial gift cards to Target and Giant for each family). In addition, Christ Church had last-minute referrals, eight families with 16 children, for whom we will assemble physical gifts from our inventory. Linda Serabian is our point person for all this. Thank you, Linda!

We have an even longer-standing collaboration with **CFNC (Child and Family Network Centers)**. From inventory, we are giving each of the 139 children in their preschools one copy each of

- Anno's Counting Book
- 500 Words (small format pbk, for each word a picture and text in English and Spanish)
(Connie Kurz is taking care of this. *Thank you, Connie!*)

A primer on Christmas Family Finances. Immanuel has a Christmas Families Fund, which dates back to 2005, when a fire at the Soergels' house (then the Christmas Families Headquarters) destroyed or damaged a lot of toys. A report on that small disaster on News 4 resulted in many contributions to Immanuel, way more than was needed to replace the toys. Since then, each year the fund was used to buy toys on sale and have them ready for wrapping. Last year and this year we needed to get gift cards to Human Services early. We spend an amount in line with what historically could be expected from the special collection. The special collection then pays the fund back to be ready for next year. Anything left over after that will go to fill last-minute needs the same year.

The Christmas Families team makes each dollar go far. Linda got the fleece blankets for just under \$10, regular \$26.99. As part of a Kohl's promotion, these purchases earned \$500 in Kohl's cash, which Linda used before it expired to buy baby and other toys on sale to replenish our inventory. In every normal year, Connie Kurz and Laura Snow make a trip to the Green Valley Bookfair to buy good books at a steep discount. Anno's Counting Book and 500 Words are staples in our ministry of adding books to the toys. Every three years or so we buy 500 copies of each, the minimum to get a 50% discount from the publisher.

Please be generous today!



CLERGY AND STAFF

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Harrison Clark	Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Danette "Dani" Gentile Kauffman	Stewardship and Planned Giving
Kristi Kubista-Hovis	Outreach, and Co-steward: Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Brooke Roberts	Communications
Phyllis Sims	Fellowship, Senior Ministry
Francine Wargo	Worship
Shawn Whitman	Pastoral Care
Rachel Wilson	Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
Candy Levin	Register (nonvoting member)

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
10:30a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Immanuel Chapel
3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA
1:00p.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
Zabriskie Chapel Parish Hall

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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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