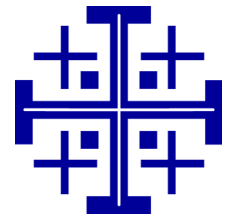




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

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 his 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 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: Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 123: *Ad te levavi oculos meos*

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you

ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The Gospel of the Lord

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

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

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Minute

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

Clergy: All things come of thee, O Lord; *and of thine own have we given thee.*

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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.*

Sanctus and Benedictus

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The Lord's Prayer

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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People: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

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.

Prayers for healing, with the laying on of hands and anointing, are offered next to the pulpit during Communion.

Post Communion Prayer

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Chip Coakley
 Altar Guild: Susan Gildersleeve
 Usher: Linda Donahue
 Flower Guild: Martha Shimkin
 Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

FREE RIDES for Senior Residents of Goodwin House

Come celebrate Thanksgiving at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill!

A *wheelchair-accessible* van will be taking parishioners (and their friends) from

- ✝ Goodwin House Alexandria
- ✝ The View Alexandria
- ✝ Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads

to Immanuel on Thanksgiving Eve for the 6:30pm service.



Stay afterwards and enjoy a **festive reception** in the Parish Hall before riding home in the van, hosted by Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry.

Contact Karen at (karen.besser@gmail.com) to reserve seats on the van. The 14-person van is available from 5 to 9p.m., and will make multiple trips, so **please let Karen know if you want to ride**, and feel free to invite your neighbors to join you.



SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP IS THANKFUL FOR YOU!

Save These Dates

December 2	Harvest Dinner, Scott Lounge and The Refectory, VTS Campus	6:00 p.m. 	VTS
December 3	REFUGEE MINISTRY FORUM HOUR with <i>Special Guest Speaker</i> MELANIE GRAY: Immanuel is a strong supporter of the Christ Church Refugee Ministry that helps refugees, mostly Afghans, integrate successfully into American life. Refugee Ministry director Melanie Gray will speak about the challenges and successes of this wonderful program	10:00 a.m.  <small>Photo by Shirley Ruhe</small>	Zabriskie Parish Hall
January 12-15 2024	EYC Weekend at Shrine Mont, Saint Andrews House	<i>Arrival time TBD</i>	Orkney Springs, VA

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

November 19, 2023

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. Both chapels offer 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. 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: Brad Ashton, Lisa Frye, Natalie Doyle Hennin, Debbie Hewson, Ann and Rollin Huntington, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Betty Wanamaker, and Francine Wargo.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, Cynthia, Steve Davis, Dana DeCecco, Joseph Fabian, Cathy Fick, Gerald, Linda Gill, Betty Harris, Betty Hicks, Louise Jackson, Peter and Joanne, John, Katja, Tom Kellner, Charlotte Kellogg, Joseph and Elaine Kelly, Winnie Kidd, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, Candy Morgan, Mary Muniz, Lysbeth, Jessi Napolitano, Shelby Ochs Owen, Paul, Lilly Pinner, Sarah Pollach, Jennie Rae, Michael Rathsack, Rebecca, Jim Rehnke, Sue Rehnke, Larry Rhoades, Roger, George Rustigian, Brian Tolson, Graham Tomlinson, Fred Vipperman, Mark Vipperman, Rosemary Wensing, Ryan Willis, and Richard Zitelli.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Caitlyn Becker, Francesca Gabriel, Cilla Houck, Judith Atwood, Suzanne Dawkins, Anna Braun, Tom Kerns, Brian Boynton, Meredith Robinson, Mei-Lung DeVight, and Jim Wise.

Serving around the world: Noah Barker, Ian Phillips, Todd Bates, Jason Osborne, Michael Hussey, and Jonathan, Nicole, Alina and Nolan Anderson, and Scott.

Those who have died: Sheri David, longtime girlfriend of Thom Hussey. *Rest eternal grant to her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.*

Forum Hour TODAY @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall

Alexandria's NEW Composting Program: A Creation Care Opportunity

Learn what food waste does to a landfill and discover why Alexandria City's new food waste composting pilot program is so important in reducing local emissions. Join **Howard Lee**, a Recycling Analyst for the City's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, as he describes the new program. If you are a resident of Alexandria, find out if you are eligible to participate in this program and explore the other composting options available to all residents.

For more information, contact Denise Freeland: eco.voce@verizon.net.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

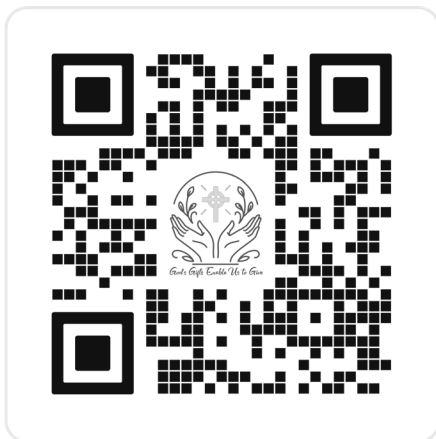
Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, November 21st, Zabriskie Chapel

Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist Rite II with Music
November 22nd @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Evening Compline, Friday, November 24th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

TODAY is COMMITMENT SUNDAY Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign

Today, Commitment Sunday, is a time to celebrate both the gifts we can give back to God and our promise to support — with our financial pledge — the strong and vibrant life, ministry, and joys of Christian fellowship of our parish life together.



Scan to Pledge

Your financial pledge is incredibly important, and we invite you to give generously to support our life and ministry together. Your pledge is vital because it allows Immanuel's vestry to prepare a realistic financial plan and budget that supports our work and ministry in our parish community and throughout the world.

Together, we make a difference by giving back to God from the gifts that God has first given us.

You may use the QR code at left or ask an usher for a pledge card to complete your pledge, and prayerfully and intentionally give thanks for God's many gifts to you. This is your opportunity to give back to God from all you have been given.

Immanuel's Second Annual Blood Drive –TODAY!

We have partnered with Inova Hospital for the second time to host a blood drive **today, Sunday, November 19, from noon to 4pm** in the Zabriskie parking lot.

Use the QR code at right to sign up, or contact **Katherine Maas** at katherinemaas@gmail.com.



SCAN to Schedule Donation

NEW THIS YEAR: *Festive Reception* Following our Thanksgiving Day Eve Holy Eucharist Wednesday, November 22nd @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel



Let us give thanks! Immanuel's Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship will host a festive reception in the Parish Hall immediately following our Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist Rite II in Zabriskie Chapel. All are welcome.

Same Day, Same Place, NEW TIME

Immanuel's Wednesday Evening Holy Eucharist Rite II is moving to a new time

Beginning **Wednesday, November 29th**, our weekday evening service will move to a new time:
12 noon in Zabriskie Chapel

November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Holy Eucharist Rite II with music , followed by a Festive Reception in the Parish Hall (<i>hosted by the Senior Adult Ministry and Fellowship of Immanuel</i>)	6:30 p.m.
November 29	The Feast of Saint Andrew (<i>observed</i>) with Holy Eucharist Rite II:	12 Noon
December 6	Holy Eucharist Rite II	12 Noon

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: NOVEMBER –DECEMBER 2023



Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *Through Advent* ONLINE via Our **Red SignUp Genius Button**

Would consider serving as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, Usher, Acolyte, Altar Guild, Crucifer and/or Chalice Bearer online via [SignUp Genius](http://www.ICOH.net) for Immanuel by visiting the landing page of our website at www.ICOH.net and clicking on the red button at left.

If you are a first-timer and need training, please contact Agnes at the office on **Wednesdays from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** (ext. #206), or via email at asoos@icoh.net. Finally, if you need training for a particular ministry, please send a request to sparsons@icoh.net or indicate so in the comments box under your name on the online form. Thank you!

**FORUM HOUR: *Christ Church Refugee Ministry*
with **Guest Speaker Melanie Gray**
Sunday, December 3rd @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall**

Join us for a special forum hour where **guest speaker Melanie Gray**, director of Mission and Outreach at Christ Church, will describe the Refugee Ministry's work with some 45 families, mostly from Afghanistan, and the challenges it faces following the United States' withdrawal from that country. Some of these families have recently entered the U.S. through our southern border, a reflection of the desperate challenges they face.

Immanuel is a major supporter of this ministry through our Outreach program, and Melanie is a former member of our parish who now lives in Fredericksburg — Julie Bruns, Linda Serabian and Pierre Shostal are volunteers with this ministry.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net) Rector
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 Gerry Anderson Junior Warden: Building and Grounds, Creation Care
 Peter Kent Junior Warden: Administration
 Amy Thomas Adult Formation and Discipleship
 Brad Ashton Stewardship and Planned Giving
 Mollie Lambert Outreach
 Kathy Lloyd Senior Ministry
 Kristi Kubista-Hovis and Kathy Lloyd Children Youth and Family Ministries
 Julie Bruns Pastoral Care
 David Atwood Social Justice
 Taylor Houck Communications
 Caroline Bergmark Evangelism and Newcomers
 Matt Haskin Worship
 Caroline Bergmark and Taylor Houck Fellowship
 Sydney Onley Youth Representative (nonvoting member)
 Caroline Bergmark Registrar

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I, Zabriskie Chapel
 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II, Zabriskie Chapel
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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

Online

www.immanuel-on-the-hill.org
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PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins, IV
 The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
 The Rev. Jan A. Maas
 The Rev. John R. Smucker
 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

RECTOR EMERITA

The Rev. Dr. Margaret Ann (Sam) Faeth

MISSION STATEMENT: Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill is a Christian community in the Episcopal tradition, striving to be in relationship with God and each other as Christ has taught us, actively attempting to sense and to serve God’s plan with great love. We are guided by Mark 16:15: “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel,” to learn, discern, and proclaim the Good News by being active ministers in the various communities where we live and serve.



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