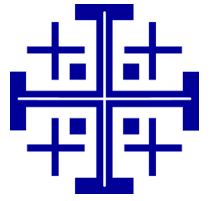




# Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

## Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2021

### Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10:30 a.m.

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

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**Prelude:** Es ist ein Ros enstrungen

Johannes Brahms

**Greeting and Invitation to Intentional Silence**

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

READER: “Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. Each candle has a meaning. This first candle is HOPE.”

*The candle is lit.*

READER: “From Psalm 33:20 – We wait in hope for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.”

PRAYER: “Together let us pray:” ***Eternal God, as we await the coming of our savior, give us the courage to hope. Give us grace to see your plans of redemption for our lives, for this community, and for the world. Through Jesus Christ, the source of our redemption and hope. Amen.***

*(from The Rev. Matthew Kozlowski)*

**Processional Hymn 57** “Lo! he comes with clouds descending”

*Helmsley*

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| 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,<br>once for our salvation slain;<br>thousand, thousand saints attending<br>swell the triumph of his train:<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Christ the Lord returns to reign.               | 3 Those dear tokens of his passion<br>still his dazzling body bears,<br>cause of endless exultation<br>to his ransomed worshipers;<br>with what rapture, with what rapture,<br>with what rapture,<br>gaze we on those glorious scars! |
| 2 Every eye shall now behold him,<br>robed in dreadful majesty;<br>those who set at nought and sold him,<br>pierced, and nailed him to the tree,<br>deeply wailing, deeply wailing,<br>deeply wailing,<br>shall the true Messiah see. | 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,<br>high on thine eternal throne;<br>Savior, take the power and glory;<br>claim the kingdom for thine own:<br>Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!<br>Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.                      |

## THE WORD OF GOD

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### Opening Acclamation

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 Christ our Lord. *Amen*

**Kyrie S96** "Lord, have mercy"

*found in the front of* The Hymnal 1982

Schubert

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.*

*Lord, have mercy, have mercy.*

### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

### The First Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

### Psalm 25:1-9 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
my God, I put my trust in you; \*  
let me not be humiliated,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; \*  
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, \*  
and teach me your paths.

- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, \*  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
in you have I trusted all the day long.
- 5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, \*  
for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; \*  
remember me according to your love  
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; \*  
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.
- 8 He guides the humble in doing right \*  
and teaches his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness \*  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

**The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

**Sequence Hymn 73:** “The King shall come when morning dawns”      *found in The Hymnal 1982*      *St. Stephen*

- 1 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light triumphant breaks;  
when beauty gilds the eastern hills  
and life to joy awakes.
- 2 Not, as of old, a little child,  
to bear, and fight, and die,  
but crowned with glory like the sun  
that lights the morning sky.
- 5 The King shall come when morning dawns  
and light and beauty brings:  
Hail, Christ the Lord! Thy people pray,  
come quickly, King of kings.

## The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

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

**Sermon:** The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

## The Nicene Creed

*We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.*

*We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.*

## The Prayers of the People: Based on Form VI

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

## Confession of Sin and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.*

**Clergy:** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

## The Peace

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

## Welcome

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Immanuel Choir

**The Offertory:** "A tender shoot"

Lyrics: William Bartholomew

Otto Goldschmidt

A tender shoot has started up from a root of grace,  
as ancient seers imparted from Jesse's holy race:  
It blooms without a blight, blooms in the cold bleak winter,  
turning our darkness into light.

This shoot Isaiah taught us, from Jesse's root should spring;  
The Virgin Mary brought us the branch of which we sing;  
Our God of endless might gave her this child to save us,  
Thus turning darkness into light.

*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 B**

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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.*

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus S130**

(from the front of The Hymnal 1982)

Franz Peter Schubert

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full,  
full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*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 Mary Magdalene, blessed Peter, James and John, 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.***

## **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

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



Je - sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world:

give us your peace, give us your peace.

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

**MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

**The Immanuel Choir**

**Communion Anthem:** "Thus, sayeth the Lord, but who may abide" *from* Messiah George Frideric Handel

**Daryl Ott, baritone**

Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts: Yet once a little while and I will shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come.

*(Haggai 2: 6-7)*

The Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the Covenant, whom you delight in; behold, He shall come, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of His coming, and who shall stand when He appeareth? For He is like a refiner's fire.

*(Malachi 3: 1-2)*



- 1 Jesus came, adored by angels,  
came with peace from realms on high;  
Jesus came for our redemption,  
lowly came on earth to die:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
came in deep humility.
- 2 Jesus comes again in mercy,  
when our hearts are bowed with care:  
Jesus comes again in answer  
to our earnest heart-felt prayer;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
comes to save us from despair.
- 3 Jesus comes to hearts rejoicing,  
bringing news of sins forgiven:  
Jesus comes in sounds of gladness,  
leading souls redeemed to heaven;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
now the gate of death is riven.
- 4 Jesus comes on clouds triumphant,  
when the heavens shall pass away;  
Jesus comes again in glory;  
let us then our homage pay;  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
till the dawn of endless day.

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People: *Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father,  
send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.*

### The Blessing

- 1 Watchman, tell us of the night,  
what its signs of promise are.  
Traveler, o'er yon mountain's height,  
see that glory-beaming star.  
Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
aught of joy or hope foretell?  
Traveler, yes; it brings the day,  
promised day of Israel.
  
- 2 Watchman, tell us of the night;  
higher yet that star ascends.  
Traveler, blessedness and light,  
peace and truth its course portends.  
Watchman, will its beams alone  
gild the spot that gave them birth?  
Traveler, ages are its own;  
see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
  
- 3 Watchman, tell us of the night,  
for the morning seems to dawn.  
Traveler, darkness takes its flight,  
doubt and terror are withdrawn.  
Watchman, let thy wanderings cease;  
hie thee to thy quiet home.  
Traveler, lo! the Prince of Peace,  
lo! the Son of God is come!

### The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Postlude: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern

Johann Sebastian Bach

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**SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:** *Musicians:* The Immanuel Choir; Dr. Jane Tavernier

*Ushers:* Debbie Hewson, Tom Hewson

*Audio-Visual:* John Bednar, Doug Onley, Sydney Onley, The Rev. Jan A. Maas

*Flower Guild:* The Immanuel Flower Guild

*Vestry Greeter and Counter:* TBD

*Celebrant:* The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

# Funeral for Katie Lloyd



**Saturday, December 4th @ 1:00 p.m.**  
Zabriskie Chapel

followed by Committal, Zabriskie Memorial Garden, followed by Reception in the Parish Hall

If you would like to donate a dish for the reception, please contact her daughter Kathy directly at [krlloyd64@aol.com](mailto:krlloyd64@aol.com). Thank you.

## **BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY MEETING** **Tuesday, December 2nd @ 7p.m., online via Zoom**

If you are attracted to having more contemplation and prayer in your life, you are invited to become part of the Benedictine Community at Immanuel. We'd love to have you join us virtually via Zoom thus Tuesday. For more information, please contact Dana Hengst ([dana.hengst@gmail.com](mailto:dana.hengst@gmail.com)) or David Atwood ([David\\_Atwood@hotmail.com](mailto:David_Atwood@hotmail.com)).

# 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 15TH**. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to **DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET**. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



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**Parish Notes**  
**November 28, 2021**

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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.

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)).

*Learn more about us at [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net).*

**PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS:** Aggie Fortune, Ann MacNamara, Barbara Fornoff, Betty Wanamaker, 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, and Ted Walker.

**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 Atwood, Preston Atwood, Rowena and Don Lynch, Steve Davis, Steven Miller, Sue Rehnke, and Ann Shelly.

**Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week:** Marlene Baxley-Cadmen, Chris von Schoening, Greta Arnold, Kes Shallbetter, Billy Bertles, Robert Huffman, Lani Brown, Max Miller, Adam Donahue, Lisa Frye, Lisa Clausen, Hannah Compton, Shannon Gehrs, Ellen Gehrs, and Auggie Koch.

**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:** US Navy Seaman Brandon Forbes, Senior Patrolman Sherman Otto Benys, Jr., Deputy Sheriff Lena Nicole Marshall, Police Officer Paramhans Desai, Lieutenant Chad Brackman, Corrections Officer Rhonda Jean Russell, Police Officer Michael D. Chandler, and Deputy Sheriff Frank Ramirez, Jr. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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**EYC (Episcopal Youth Community) Advent  
Wreath-making, Pizza and Game Night**

**TODAY @ 5:00 p.m.**

Zabriskie Narthex and The Upper Room

**CHRISTMAS TREES.** The Episcopal Church of Saint Clement is once again holding its annual Christmas Tree Sale! Trees arrive fresh this week from North Carolina. Sale times are: Fridays 5-8 pm, Saturdays 10 am - 6 pm, Sundays 12-6 pm until sold out. Credit cards preferred. [1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria](http://1701.N.QuakerLane.Alexandria). The people of Saint Clement thank you for getting your tree from us!

# Announcements

## Giving Thanks for Our Abundance



At this time of Thanksgiving, we give thanks that God has richly blessed us and has given us this church community.

We give thanks, as well, to all who have made a financial pledge to support Immanuel's mission and ministry for 2022. Your generosity is a blessing.

If you have not pledged yet, please consider the important role of Immanuel in your life. If you are newly attending Immanuel, in person or virtually, please consider a financial commitment to God and God's work through Immanuel.

You can return your pledge card through the mail, place it in the offering plate, send an email to our treasurer [thewson@icoh.net](mailto:thewson@icoh.net) stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

As of November 24, 2021, we give thanks for 88 pledges representing \$484,417. Close to forty-seven percent of pledges have increased from the previous year. Ten are new pledges.

God bless all for your generosity, faithfulness, and commitment of time, talent, enthusiasm, and treasure to Immanuel and God's work through this parish.

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

### **You May Be Able to Double or Triple Your Gift to Immanuel**

Many employers have matching gift programs that could double or triple the value of your donation to Immanuel. Check with your employer now to learn about their matching gift program and how to submit your matching gift request.

## **CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGNUPS**

It's that time of year again! This year's Christmas Pageant will be in person, live streamed, AND recorded for a YouTube premiere! It is Saturday **December 18th**, with rehearsal the week before, and two reading practices before that. Please sign up to participate as a teenager with a speaking role, a child with a part of the tableau role, OR a parent with a helping costume and organize role.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4daea928abf4c61-christmas>

**Thursday Morning Bible Study: The Letter to the Hebrews :** There's still time to try out the Thursday Bible Study with clergy, because we are beginning a new book: The Letter to the Hebrews. It's been said that, more than any other book of the Bible, Hebrews connects the dots between the Old Testament and the New – and no book does a better job of keeping the spotlight directly on Jesus, giving us a magnificent view of our Lord and Savior. It has been called “strong spiritual meat”; one commentator even observed “**Study Hebrews and your life may never be the same.**” Join us, and see if you agree! We meet **Thursdays** from **10:30 a.m.** to noon, by Zoom.

To log-in on your computer: 1. Visit our website [www.icoh.net](http://www.icoh.net), at the top menu select “Worship”, then “Worship Service Bulletin” from the pull-down menu., 2. Click on this bulletin, then click the blue text: **Thursday Morning Bible Study via Zoom NOW**, 3. Enter **Meeting ID: 825 5204 5029**, then Password: **312018**. For more information, contact one of the clergy.

**COMPLINE Service on Fridays:** Join us for this **Friday Compline December 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 @ 5:30 PM: LITTLE DRUMMER BOY AT ZABRISKIE**

We had so much fun with the Grinch story reading last year that a small Immanuel Christmas Planning Committee has been beating our heads to decide what we do for an outside fun-for-all Christmas story this year. All that head thumping led to a great idea — drumming!!!! — and what better way than to show up with your own drum. On December 4 at 5:00 pm, everyone is invited to Zabriskie's pumpkin patch front yard for a safe and fun reading of The Little Drummer Boy. Lead drummers and readers are this year's secrets. We will start off with some community drumming, settle down for a good story, and end with everyone joining in on the Christmas carol, "The Little Drummer Boy."

Following the fun outdoor time, those who want a little more can leave drums in cars and join friends in the parish hall to watch Claymation's rendition of the Drummer Boy movie. Bring big pillows or floor blankets and you can enjoy front row seating and popcorn as you watch the movie.

Don't have a drum? Video to come out soon on how to make your own percussion instrument. Don't know the carol? Find this bulletin on our website under “Worship”/”Worship Service Bulletins” and **CLICK HERE** for a **link to the words and melody**.

Want to join the Immanuel Christmas Planning Committee? Email Martha Shimkin at [mkeshimkin@gmail.com](mailto:mkeshimkin@gmail.com) It's a fun group with a definite exit strategy, ending with a drinks date at the Seminary pub 1823.

### **Give to Benefit Christmas Families on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - At All THREE Eucharists**

Human Services does not do physical holiday gifts this year. So as last year, we will just send a large check (hoping for \$5,000 or more) to Human Services. We will also work with the refugee ministry coordinated by Christ Church to provide throws to cuddle with for 220 children And we will give two books to each of the 150 children in Child and Family Network Centers (CFNC) preschool classes, ***Anno's Counting Book*** and ***500 Words*** (500 Palabras), nice pictures with words in English and Spanish.

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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

#### *Online*

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### SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

5:30pm, Immanuel Chapel on the following dates:  
**December 18** - Christmas Pageant

### 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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