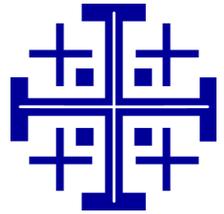




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



**THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY:
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

January 7, 2024

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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The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 29: *Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Epistle: Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied—altogether there were about twelve of them.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark
Response: *Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord
Response: *Praise be to thee, O Christ.*

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

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People

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The Peace

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

People: *And with thy spirit.*

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory

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

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.*

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.*

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.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

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People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Susan Gildersleeve

Altar Guild: Diana Walker

Usher: Tom Brown

Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild

Vestry Greeter/ Counter: Caroline Bergmark

Coffee Hour Host: Caroline Bergmark

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

January 7, 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.

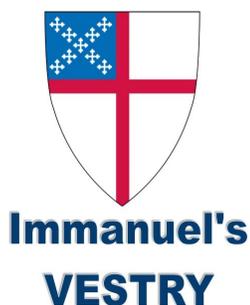
For the latest information on our online worship service and to view a video of our most recent service, please visit our website (www.icoh.net).

PRAY FOR PARISHIONERS: Natalie Doyle Hennin, Rollin Huntington, Marianne Ingold, Frances Johnson, Joseph, Kenny, Ann MacNamara, Cynthia Morton, Linda and Cy Murphy, Tony and Patsy Rogers, Catherine Sinclair, John Smucker, Norma Taliaferro, Francine Wargo, Zuzanna and Spencer.

PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Alice, Jack Allen, Kathryn Anschutz, Dave and Betsy Fox Berry, David Craig, Justine Claypoole, Jean Couban, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, 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, Laney Langtry, Marcia MacDonald, Marge McGoff, Joe Miceli, Stephen Miller, McQuade Milligan, 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: Leo Horne, Dagobert Soergel, Leslie Williams, Anne Hunger, Tom Shimkin, Teresa Skubel, Stephen Friday, Doug John, and Norma Jean Lawton.

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



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 our Rector, Father Randy at ralexander@icoh.net, or Senior Warden Kristi Kubista-Hovis at kristi_kubista@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU BOY SCOUTS! A huge thank you to the five scouts and two adults from Boy Scout Troop 131 who helped move furniture for ALIVE! Members of Troop 131, the scout troop that meets at Immanuel, picked up donations and delivered needed furniture to five families in Alexandria on a Saturday morning earlier this month. Truly appreciated!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, January 9th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II
January 10th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

Bible Study "*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*", Thursday, January 11th @10:30 a.m.
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, January 12th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

Have you made your 2024 pledge? ***THERE'S STILL TIME, JUST GO ONLINE!*** Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign

We are trying to conclude Immanuel's [Every Member Pledge Campaign](#), as the Treasurer and Vestry are hard at work preparing this year's budget.



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives. As of Thursday January 4th, we had received 128 pledges for \$586,200.

You may pledge on our website, by using the QR code at left, or by asking an usher for a blank pledge card and envelope.

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



First Forum Hour of 2024: Sunday, January 14th @ 11:45 AM, The Welcome Center (VTS Campus)

Family History: Living the Civil Rights Era, with Bryant Mitchell

Please join us on January 14, right after the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist, in The Welcome Center, for an interview with longtime parishioner Bryant Mitchell, whose civil rights experience began as a child plaintiff in a desegregation lawsuit in Charlottesville, and whose parents -- long associated with the Seminary and with Immanuel -- were actively engaged in civil rights activism, bearing witness and having impact across and beyond the State of Virginia.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY EVENTS: JANUARY 2024

January 17: THIRD WEDNESDAY LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE. Please join us on January 17th for luncheon and conversation in the Filmore Room at Goodwin House Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month. Please RSVP to Mother Susan at sparsons@icoh.net if you are *not* a resident of Goodwin House, and to Susan Kernan at skernan40@aol.com if you are a resident.

January 23: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH. Our brown bag lunch this month will help us start the new year off right! Join **parishioner Dr. Dodd Simms** on January 23 for “*How to Use the Healthcare System in 2024*”. Come prepared to hear some interesting information and to ask your questions!

Luncheon will begin at 12:15 p.m. in the parish hall and our program will start around 12:30 p.m. Don't forget to bring your own sandwich or salad, and the Senior Ministry will provide beverages and dessert. There is no cost for this event and no reservation is required.

Come Join Us, and Pray for Us as Immanuel's Social Justice Committee travels to Richmond on January 17, 2024 to **Ask The General Assembly to LIMIT SOLITARY CONFINEMENT in Virginia**

Jesus calls on us to care for those in prison. Last year, the Social Justice Committee consulted extensively with the Alexandria Sheriff, the Commonwealth's Attorney, a public defender and Immanuel's Outreach partners to see what more decisive action we could take on the issue of solitary confinement in our state. Based on that consultation, the Vestry encouraged us to engage with Virginia's legislature to prohibit solitary confinement for more than two weeks, something the national Episcopal Church and many other denominations have formally condemned as a form of torture. Over the course of 2023, we joined with the Interfaith Center and many houses of worship throughout the State, and our efforts produced two of the most bipartisan pieces of legislation to emerge from the General Assembly this year. The legislation didn't put a time limit on solitary confinement, but the first bill created several procedural safeguards, and the second bill funded an Ombudsman's office to oversee the Department of Corrections' compliance with those safeguards.

We are going to Richmond again on January 17 to get the office of the Ombudsman formally authorized, and to see what other improvements we might be able to make on this issue. Please consider joining us in Richmond for a day of criminal justice dialogue and visits with our state representatives. Once again we've chartered a very comfortable bus, which will depart the Immanuel parking lot at 5:45 a.m. Wednesday, January 17 and return that evening. Please contact [Kathryn Haskin](#), [Jamie Conrad](#), or [David Atwood](#).

EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: [JANUARY – FEBRUARY 2024](#)

Sign up to Serve in our Sunday Services *for January and February* 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](#) 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!

CLERGY AND STAFF

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 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
 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA

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

Online

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PRIESTS ASSOCIATE

The Rev. Dr. Ruthanna Hooke
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 The Rev. Dr. Francis H. Wade

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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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