



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 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.

Merciful God, who didst send thy messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Malachi 3:1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight-- indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Canticle 16: The Song of Zechariah *Benedictus Dominus Deus*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.*

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

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: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

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

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
'Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight.
Every valley shall be filled,
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,
and the crooked shall be made straight,
and the rough ways made smooth;
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'"

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

Sermon: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People: Based on Form VI

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

The Peace

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

Welcome

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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

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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.*

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

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Dismissal

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: *Thanks be to God.*

SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader and Intercessor: Rosi Urbine
Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild
Usher: Linda Donahue
Vestry Greeter and Counter: TBD
Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

SENIOR LUNCH AT GOODWIN HOUSE ALEXANDRIA: December 15th 2021

Our Goodwin House Senior lunches return on the 15th of December with lunch in the Fillmore Room. We'll celebrate Advent and Christmas with food served from the dining room, getting caught up with one another and maybe a few words of wisdom from Father Randy.

Our Goodwin House lunches will resume into 2022 – and beyond, I hope. We'll be meeting at noon on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Fillmore Room.

Randy and I are pleased to be able to have lunch and catch up with everyone again. Please RSVP to me before the 9th of December so I can reserve a seat for you. susandparsons@aol.com or sparsons@icoh.net

Sending blessings to you in Advent,

Susan +



IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
December 5, 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, 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, Ted Walker, Edith, Joseph, and Paul.

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, Steven Miller, Sue Rehnke, Ann Shelly, Sarah Minor, Tom Dollard, Jim McClane, and Sandy Ford.

Pray for those who are celebrating birthdays this week: Gerry Anderson, Preston Brown, Martha Manson, Lindsey Martin, Sarah Glassco, Marcia MacDonald, William Albritton, Jim Evans, Kate Groth, Joy McLaughlin, Ryan Rodriguez, Annie Goldsmith, Liam Kirby, Rhys Shallbetter, and Betty Wanamaker.

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: Air Force Second Lieutenant Anthony D. Wentz, Army Specialist Isaiah Nicholas Oneal, Army Sergeant Miles Jordan Tarron, and Naval Reserve Petty Officer First Class William E. Matthews; Police Officer Henry Laxson; and victims of Michigan's Oxford High School shooting: Madisyn Baldwin, Tate Myre, Justin Shilling, and Hana St. Juliana. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*

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 p.m., Saturdays 10 a.m - 6 p.m, Sundays 12-6 p.m. until sold out. Credit cards preferred. [1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria](http://1701N.QuakerLane.Alexandria). The people of Saint Clement thank you for getting your tree from them!

Give to Benefit Christmas Families on Sunday, December 19th - At All THREE Eucharists

Human Services does not do physical Christmas 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. In addition, 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.

Announcements

Living Into Our Gratitude to God and Immanuel



We give thanks for all who have pledged financial support to Immanuel's ministry for 2022. Your generosity is a blessing.

God has fortified us individually and as a parish and calls us to give back from our abundance. We hope you will prayerfully consider Immanuel's important mission and ministry and make 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 stating your pledge amount, or [pledge online](#).

As of December 2, 2021, we are blessed with 105 pledges representing \$575,005. Forty-eight have increased their pledge from the previous year. Eleven are new pledges.

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.

*"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: On the 9th and the 16th of December, we will pause from our reading of Hebrews to read the **beautiful birth narratives in the Gospels**. Last year we set aside just one day to read and inwardly digest them and found we had to rush through them. Please join us in our journey through the Bible. No need to know the Bible or even to have read it, we are joyously exploring and discovering together. 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, 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 10th 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.

Enjoy special readings and selections from The Immanuel Choir for

Advent Lessons and Carols

NEXT SUNDAY, December 12th @ 10:30 a.m., Immanuel Chapel

SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF ADVENT AND CHRISTMASTIDE

2021

December 18	6:00 p.m.	Christmas Pageant with Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
December 19	8:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
	10:30 a.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel
	1:00 p.m.	Fourth Sunday of Advent, Holy Eucharist Rite II	Zabriskie Parish Hall
December 24	5:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festive Holy Eucharist II	Immanuel Chapel
	9:00 p.m.	Christmas Eve Festive Holy Eucharist II	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

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
The Rev. Sam Sheridan (ssheridan@icoh.net)	Assistant Rector
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Gilma Balcarcel	Nursery Coordinator
John Bednar (jbednar@icoh.net)	Information Technology Specialist
Stuart Dahlinger	Sexton

THE VESTRY

Kathryn Haskin	Senior Warden, Co-steward: Social Justice
Martha Shimkin	Junior Warden: Administration
Darrell Wilson	Junior Warden: Buildings and Grounds
David Atwood	Adult Formation and Discipleship, Co-steward: Social Justice
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

Online

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

PRIEST ASSOCIATES

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

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.

Parish Office

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Luncheon and Christmas Carol Sing for Seniors

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 on 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.

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



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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In Memory of:

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