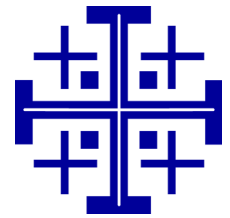




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 12, 2023

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

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

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.

O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Wisdom of Solomon 6:12–16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 78:1-7: *Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of the Lord

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs

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

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.*

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.

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

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The Blessing

The Dismissal

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

People: *Thanks be to God.*

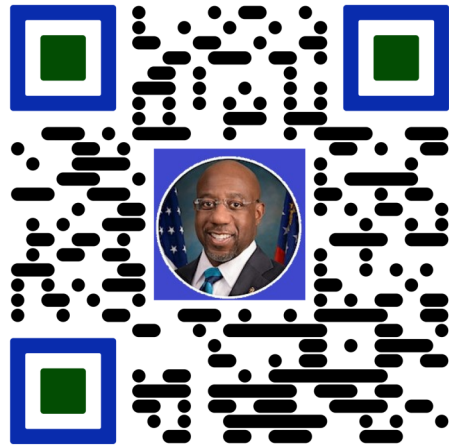
SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST: *Reader/Intercessor:* Hilary Shostal
Altar Guild: Candace Quinlan
Usher: Dodd Sims
Flower Guild: Kerry Kelly Wade
Celebrant: The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander

FREE Lecture THIS THURSDAY. November 16th @ VTS

The Honorable Rev. Raphael Warnock, US Senate



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Hosted by: Rev. Dr. Ian Markham
 Thursday, November 16 | 7:00 pm

THE REV. SENATOR RAPHAEL WARNOCK (D-GA)

The Rev. Raphael Warnock is coming to Alexandria to talk about racial and economic justice and share his theology of civic engagement. He'll be speaking at [Virginia Theological Seminary \(Addison Academic Building\)](#) on **November 16th at 7 pm.** Reserve your seat today by scanning the QR code above.

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	Arrival time TBD	Orkney Springs, VA

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
November 12, 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: Philip Brown, Richard Gould, Mary Ann Ring, Charlotte West, Max Miller, Alexander Bruns. Morgan Doe, Michael Hussey, C. Kerry Kelly Wade, Sandy Becker, Doug Henry, and Rebecca 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: Tom Summers, family friend of sisters Candy Levin and Kerry Kelly Wade. *Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon him.*

Forum Hour in Honor of Veterans Day
“GOD, FAITH AND COUNTRY”
TODAY @ 10:00 a.m., Zabriskie Parish Hall



Join us for a special presentation on who veterans are, why they serve, and the critical role faith has in their motivation for action — and how best to show appreciation for their service. All are encouraged to attend.

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FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK TODAY!
Bring yourself and a dish to share to the parish hall at 5:00p.m.!
Consider inviting a friend—all are welcome!

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer, Tuesday, November 14th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Evening Eucharist November 15th @ 6:30 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel
Same Day, New Time: Beginning December 6th, this service moves to 12 noon.

Bible Study “*The Gospel of Matthew: Book of the Messiah*”, Thursday, November 16th @10:30 a.m.
online via Zoom. Look for login details in your weekly eBlast email.

Evening Compline, Friday, November 17th, 8:30 p.m., Online via Zoom

FINAL DAY of Immanuel’s Boy Scout Troop Holiday Sale: Today is the last day to buy holiday evergreen wreaths and decorations from our Boy Scout Troop 131. This is one of the troop’s largest fundraisers, where proceeds from the wreath sale to support Scout activities, purchase Merit Badges and other patches for Scout uniforms, and provide scholarships to Scouts for events as needed. There are two ways you can order:

1. You can order online through the friends and family website. Please include “**BSA131**” as your FUNDRAISER CODE when ordering! Items purchased through the friends and family website: <https://my.evergreenindustries.com/bsa131> will be delivered directly to the purchaser via mail.
2. You can purchase directly from Scouts at **coffee hour after all three services today**. Items purchased through the in-person, coffee hour sales will be available for pick up in the Zabriskie parking lot on December 3 between 9:00 AM and 12:00 PM. Thank you!

Chamber Music Concert TODAY @ 3:00 p.m., Zabriskie Chapel

Enjoy the DC Chamber Musicians in concert today at 3:00 p.m. in Zabriskie Chapel. Under the direction of Randall Stewart, Artistic Advisor and Mark Stanga, Stage Manager, this chamber ensemble will entertain us with a full program featuring: Shostakovich Piano Quintet, Jadin Nocturne No.1, Gamaro Quatuors Concertans Nos. 1 and 2, and Ewazen’s Trio for Clarinet, Viola and Piano.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and **\$5 for Seniors (over 60 yrs.)**. You can purchase tickets at <https://dccos.org/performances/> or simply buy tickets at the door with no extra charge.



November 15th - Senior Adult Luncheon at Goodwin House Alexandria Please join us for lunch and conversation in the Fillmore Room at Goodwin House-Alexandria. We gather at noon on the third Wednesday of the month, which is **this Wednesday, November 15**. Please RSVP to Mother Susan (sparsons@icoh.net) if you are not a resident of Goodwin House and to Susan Kernan (skernan40@aol.com) if you are a resident.

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 in Zabriskie Chapel. All are welcome.

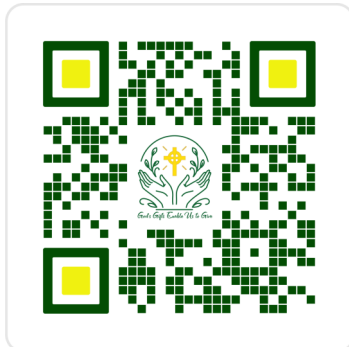
Immanuel's Every Member Pledge campaign runs from November 5-19, 2023

Commitment Sunday, on November 19, will be 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.

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 this QR code or the pledge card you have received as you make a 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.



2024 Pledge Card

IMMANUEL'S SECOND ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 19TH—SIGN UP NOW!

We are partnering with Inova Hospital for the second time to host a blood drive on **Sunday, November 19, from noon to 4pm** in the Zabriskie parking lot. The link to sign up is now LIVE!! Please scan the QR code below to pick a time, or you can reach out to **Katherine Maas** at katherinemaas@gmail.com. Please express your interest by filling out your name, email, and phone number in this form, or by contacting Katherine Maas at katherinemaas@gmail.com.

Blood drives are a meaningful way to help our community—one in seven people entering the hospital need blood and a single car accident victim can require as many as 100 pints of blood. The blood from our drive will likely be used within 48 hours after it ends. Please see recently updated eligibility guidance [on Inova's site here](#) and [on the FDA's site here](#). If you are not eligible to donate, please consider [volunteering at the registration table](#)—even helping out for an hour would help! If you are considering donating for the first time, Inova has some helpful information [here](#). Please contact Katherine with any questions or to express interest in volunteering. Thank you!



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EASY WAY TO SIGN UP: NOVEMBER –DECEMBER 2023

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays



Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

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](#) 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!

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 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

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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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