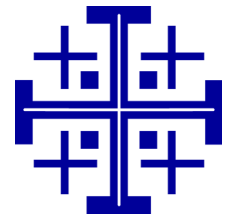




Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 26, 2023

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.
Christ, have mercy upon us. or Christe eleison.
Lord, have mercy upon us. Kyrie eleison.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
People: *And with thy spirit.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in thy well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick

darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 100: *Jubilate Deo*

- 1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Response: *Thanks be to God.*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

The Sermon: Mr. Reggie Hayes, Postulant Intern

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

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

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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 p. 337
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.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

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SERVING AT THIS EUCHARIST:

Reader/Intercessor: Diana Walker

Altar Guild: Susan Gildersleeve

Usher: Pierre Shostal

Flower Guild: Sally Guy Brown

Celebrant: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

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 MONDAY, DECEMBER 18TH. Please print all names very clearly, or email names to DEDICATIONS@ICOH.NET. Any amount is welcome and appreciated.



GREENS/FLOWERS: \$ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of:



SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC: GENERAL \$ _____

Given by:

Phone Number: () _____

In Thanksgiving for:

In Memory of:

Christmas Brass Trio at Immanuel

Please indicate your special gift below with a checkmark.

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Strings **PATRON \$200**



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In Memory of:

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL

Parish Notes

November 26, 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: 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: Anne Ross, Alexander Temoshok, Greta Arnold, Marlene Baxley-Cadmen, Chris von Schoening, Billy Bertles, Kes Shallbetter, Lani Brown, Robert Huffman, Adam Donahue, Lisa Frye, Mercedes Wintersburgess, and Lisa Clausen.

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: Victims of the following mass shootings: Willoughby, OH, Laura Colón, Thomas Galizia, and Terrance Mathis Sr.; Memphis, TN, Lateisha Bobo, Tawanda Christian, Tori Christian, and Ruby Manuel, and the Westcliffe, CO shooting. *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.*



Lay Reader Training

Lector Training is *Cancelled for Today, November 26th*

Lay reader training will resume on Sunday, December 3rd following the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist in Immanuel Chapel. The purpose of this review is to enhance sound quality of the service and to make sure readers are comfortable, announce, and are prepared to serve. Those who have read before but want pointers on how to project their specific voice in a slightly echo-y spacious chapel, should feel free to join us.

Send your questions and/or express your interest via email at tmartin@icoh.net, and Tamika Martin or Steven Denlinger will contact you directly. You can also sign up via the QR code at left.

Announcements

WEEKDAY WORSHIP AND STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Morning Prayer @ 10:00, Tuesday, November 28th, Zabriskie Chapel

Wednesday Holy Eucharist Rite II
The Feast of Saint Andrew
November 29th @ 12 Noon, Zabriskie Chapel

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

Evening Compline, Friday, December 1st, 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

Immanuel's Every Member Pledge Campaign is ongoing, and we need to learn your personal financial commitment before December 31st.



Your financial pledge is vital to maintain and grow this parish, its ministries, and outreach initiatives — without it, Immanuel's vestry can't prepare an accurate financial plan and budget for the coming fiscal year

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.

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**

Sign-up to Serve on Sundays
Lay Ministry
SignUp Genius

Advent is here, so won't you consider serving as a lay minister? If so, please sign up to serve as a Reader, Intercessor, **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!

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 next week 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.




Immanuel's Harvest Dinner
Saturday, December 2nd, 6-8:30 p.m.

Your personal invitation postcard was mailed on Friday, so make sure to reserve your ticket(s) for **Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill's Harvest Dinner**. Costs are the same as last year: \$36 per adult, \$12 per child between 5 and 12 years of age (children under 5 are free), and a family cap of \$84 regardless of size.

Here's how to RSVP:

 Fill-out and drop off the postcard mailer with your check at church.

 Scan the QR code at right



Advent/Epiphany Service Schedule

Beginning Sunday December 17th, Lessons and Carols, Immanuel will *temporarily* return to a two-service worship schedule. Through the end of January, we will have two Eucharists each Sunday, and our 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist will return on February 4, 2024.

Sunday Worship Schedule: December 17, 2023 - January 28, 2024

8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite I	Zabriskie Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Rite II	Immanuel Chapel

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY AND FELLOWSHIP EVENTS
November/ December 2023

November 28: FOURTH TUESDAY BROWN BAG LUNCH

Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, November 28, in the parish hall. We will be joined by our **Assistant Rector, the Rev. Sarah Spurlock Biggs**. Rev. Sarah's portfolio includes Children, Youth and Families and she will be sharing with us how we are continuing to develop our programs for these precious parishioners as we rebuild activities following the pandemic. Let's talk and share ideas about how we senior adults can support the youth of our parish and in our families in their faith development.

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

TWO Luncheons in ONE WEEK

There will be two luncheons in December. **Come to either or come to both!**

DECEMBER 18: HOLIDAY HYMN AND CAROL SING, ZABRISKIE CHAPEL

Join us Tuesday, December 18th at 12:15 for a festive Christmas luncheon in the Parish Hall. Don't bring a brown bag for this one. After luncheon we will adjourn to the Chapel for a hymn/carol sing, with Dr. Jane Tavernier at the organ and fellow senior Rick Glassco with his bell chimes. **Please RSVP to Karen Besser at Karen.Besser@gmail.com**, so that there will be plenty of food and yummy desserts.

DECEMBER 19: GOODWIN HOUSE LUNCHEON

Join us at Goodwin House-Alexandria for lunch on Wednesday, December 19th. **Please RSVP to Susan Kernan skernan40@aol.com or the Rev. Susan Parsons sparsons@icoh.net.**

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

EYC Shrine Mont Weekend! January 12th-15th

The EYC has reserved the Saint Andrews House at Shrine Mont during The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend, January 12–15th for a fun youth program of skiing, tubing, and fellowship. We'll also offer hiking, relaxation, games, puzzles and more.

Episcopal Youth Community youths (6th – 12th graders) and families (depending on space availability) are welcome to join us for all three nights, come for one or two days, or just visit for the day.

For all interested in this trip, please scan the QR code at right to register or contact Brian Rush at james.b.rush2@uscg.mil.

Scan to Register





CHRISTMAS FAMILIES Update

A good start, but we still have a way to go

The table below shows the families referred to us from Alexandria’s Community and Human Services, but there are still more to come from DCHS, the Lazarus Ministry (Episcopal Region IV) and New Hope Housing:

	Families	Parents	Children	All people
On our list from DCHS	90	107	203	310
Signed up for	26	31	54	85
Remaining	64	76	149	225

So we hope for many more sign-ups until December 10, before or after each service, in the Zabriskie Narthex in between. Large families are divided; you can sign up for part of a family or perhaps team up with another parishioner to take a whole large family.

It is a great experience for children to help select gifts for their less fortunate peers.

As a reminder, used bicycles in any shape are also welcome. Take to:

Vélocity Bicycle Cooperative (<https://velocitycoop.org/donate-stuff/>),
2111 Mt Vernon Avenue
Alexandria, VA

Open Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m... or bring to church any time.

Good used items will find a new life: computers for eager fingers and minds and toys and children’s books, calendars you receive in the mail, and gently used clothing and blankets (for children and adults), especially warm winter coats and clothes to wear to a new-found job. You can include good used items unwrapped with your gifts or just bring them to church (please label packages of clothing as to kind and size) to be displayed at our boutique at Human Services where social workers can pick them up for their client families.

The boutique could use volunteers to help with shop setup on Monday, December 18 in the morning — let Linda Serabian know if you can help.

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 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

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

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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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