



Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill

Episcopal/Anglican Alexandria, Virginia



THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 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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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

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mercy upon us..

or Kyrie eleison.

or Christe eleison.

or Kyrie eleison.

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.

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, 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.*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.*

Sermon: The Rev. Susan D. Parsons

The Nicene Creed p. 326

The Prayers of the People: Based on Form VI p. 389

After the words "Hear us 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 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.*

Sanctus and Benedictus p. 334

The Lord's Prayer p. 336

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

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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: TBD

Flower Guild: The Immanuel Flower Guild

Usher: Doug Henry

Vestry Greeter and Counter: TBD

Celebrant: The Rev. Sam Sheridan

Funeral for Katie Lloyd



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

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

If you would like to donate a dish for the reception, please contact her daughter Kathy directly at krllloyd64@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) or David Atwood (David_Atwood@hotmail.com).

IMMANUEL CHURCH-ON-THE-HILL
Parish Notes
November 28, 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, 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.*



**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 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, 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 3rd 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 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 19th - 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.

CLERGY AND STAFF

The Rev. J. Randolph Alexander, Jr. (ralexander@icoh.net)	Rector
The Rev. Susan D. Parsons (sparsons@icoh.net)	Associate Rector
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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.

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