

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Last Sunday after the Epiphany - Holy Communion

February 15, 2026, 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join us in worship. Music is a part of our 10:30 a.m. service.

Please maintain prayerful silence in the Nave to prepare for worship.



Celebrating Us - Historical Moment: Rhonda Burell-Garguilo

Prelude "Souls for Sale"

Bill Miles

Opening Hymn 7 *Christ, whose glory fills the skies*

[Ratisbon]

Liturgy of the Word

All standing, the Celebrant says

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom now and for ever. Amen.**

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

Gloria (*The following is said at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am*)

S-280 (Powell)

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

BCP 357

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*)

Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 2 (*The following is said at 8:00 am and sung at 10:30 am*)

BCP 586

1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?

3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."

7 Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

11 Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;

12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

Second Reading (seated)

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn L-60 How Great Thou Art [Swedish Folk Melody/Stuart Hine]

Gospel (stand as you are able)

Matthew 17:1-9

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

And praise your name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom;

Silence, the people may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

The Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace (*All stand.*)

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Vestry Commissioning

Senior warden: On behalf of the congregation of Emmanuel Episcopal Church, I present to you these persons to be admitted to the ministry of Wardens and Members of the Vestry in this congregation.

Celebrant: Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the name of God and this congregation to the special ministries to which they are called.

Are these persons prepared by a commitment to Jesus, by regular attendance and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God and the well-being of Emmanuel Episcopal Church and the Diocese of Southern Virginia?

Senior warden: I believe they are.

Celebrant: You have been called to a ministry in this congregation. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Wardens and Members of the Vestry: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of this congregation?

Wardens and Members of the Vestry: *I will, with God's help.*

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your commitment to follow Jesus and to serve this congregation in his name?

Wardens and Members of the Vestry: *I do.*

Celebrant: (to the congregation) Will you do all in your power to support these leaders with your prayers, your honest yet gracious communication with them, and your willingness to help them carry out Christ's ministry in this church?

Congregation: **We will.**

Celebrant: In the name of this congregation I commission you for this work, and pledge you our prayers, encouragement, and support. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen you, that in this, and in all things, you may do God's will in the service of the kingdom of Christ. Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor upon these persons who have now reaffirmed their commitment to follow Christ and to serve in his name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world, and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir) "Behold Our God"

Mary McDonald

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer A*

The people stand.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S-129 (Powell)

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people kneel or stand.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Priest and People then say

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Celebrant says

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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you do not wish to receive from the cup, it is acceptable to receive the bread only. Those who do not wish to receive Communion, are invited to come to the altar for a blessing. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to learn more about baptism.

Hymn L-152 *Let Us Break Bread Together* [Spiritual; arr. Carl Haywood]

Post-Communion Prayer

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 460 (v. 1, 3, 4) *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!* [Hyfrydol]

Dismissal

Deacon or LEM Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the Name of Christ

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

Postlude *"The Olympic Spirit"* John Williams

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

February 15, 2026

Welcome to Emmanuel!

If this is your first visit to Emmanuel Episcopal Church, consider making this your spiritual home. Sunday services are found in the red Book of Common Prayer located in your pew or in the printed bulletin. Hymns are found in the blue Hymnal, the red & black Lift Every Voice and Sing hymnal (L), or the green Wonder, Love, & Praise hymnal (W).

If this is your first time visiting the Episcopal Church, simply relax and enjoy the service. Don't worry about doing things "right," for God has brought you here for a purpose and together, as the people of God, we can enjoy each other's company and the presence of God you bring into our midst.

All people are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church and you can do so by coming to the center of the rail and holding your hands to receive the bread (Body of Christ). Afterwards to receive the wine (Blood of Christ), please move to either the right or the left side. The right side is where you can drink from the common cup and the left side is where you can dip the bread in the wine yourself (intinction). Communion in one-kind (bread) is a completely full & sufficient communion. If you would prefer to have the clergy and a chalice come to you, please notify an usher.

Filming during the service - Recognizing that not all are able to be present in the sanctuary, we broadcast the later service.

Cell Phones - Please remember to mute or turn off your phone before the service starts.

Safety Protocols at Emmanuel - Mask wearing is appropriate anytime but not required. In close quarters, like the Vestry room and library, it may make sense to consider wearing masks depending on the participants. Hand sanitizer is available. In the event of an emergency, please stay calm, stay seated, and listen for instructions.

The sanctuary flowers are given this week by Karen & Keith Harrington to the glory of God and in loving memory of Susan King and in honor of Olivia Harrington.

The sanctuary candle is this week by Melissa & Vic Hellman to the glory of God and in honor of their grandson, Hudson Toombs.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Charlene Tate Nichols; C – Karl Duff, Vi Cooper

10:30am R – Jane Frazer; C – Sabrina Miles, Chris Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – The sanctuary and chapel are open for quiet prayer and reflection during office hours: This parish office is open Tuesday - Friday 8:30a – 3p.

Installation of Vestry - This morning we install our vestry, our lay leadership, who works in conjunction with the Rector for the orderly running of our parish. We thank those vestry members who are rotating off: *Kim DeCoster, Pat Dwyer, Sabrina Miles, and Charles Walker*, for their faithful ministry in this leadership position. We ask for your prayers for our new and continuing vestry members: *Tim Bradley, Chris Garguilo, Chuck Gwilt, Chris Johnson, Laura L. Manigault, Bill Miles, Margaret Parker, John Pence, Dean Seitz*.

Children's Communion Class – *This morning and next Sunday*, in the children's Sunday school classroom, we will begin to introduce children to “why we do what we do in church.” We'll teach about communion and answer questions they may have. The class is intended for children pre-school through 5th grade. Bring your children as we begin this journey!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – On *Tuesday, February 17 from 5:30p – 7p*, we will have a pancake supper. The theme of the night is the “70s,” wear a costume and come listen to the music while you eat. Cost is \$5/person or \$10/family, and you pay at the door. Please sign up on the sheet in the office foyer or the parish hall so we can prepare enough food.

Ash Wednesday is February 18. We will have three opportunities for you to begin Lent with the imposition of ashes: *7a* in the church parking lot for “Ashes to Go”; *12p & 7p* for communion service with the imposition of ashes.

Schedule Change – Morning Prayer, WoW, and Touchstones will NOT meet on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Challenge – St. John's Episcopal Church is challenging Hampton's Episcopal churches to collectively gather “4,000 cans in 40 days.” For Emmanuel, we'll just amp up our “can in the hand” effort. Each Tuesday, the churches will count their non-perishable food items, report it and post a picture. We're hoping a little friendly competition will help us “Give Up Hunger for Lent.” The challenge starts on *February 18*.

Bag Lunch Packing on *Saturday, February 21 at 10a*. If you would like to help make the lunches or if you can help with any of the supplies, please contact the parish office. Items needed include: 6 loaves of bread, 50 bags of chips, 50 tangerines, 50 small packets of cookies.

Racial Healing Workshop – Emmanuel is the host site for a Diocesan Racial Healing Workshop on *Saturday, February 28 starting at 8:30a*. This event is open to all parishioners and staff of Emmanuel, as well as to others in the Diocese. If you would like to register for this workshop, please use this link to register with the Diocese <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/events/landing/62229?>

March Newsletter Deadline – Please have articles and announcements to the office by *Friday, February 20*. Thank you.

“Souper Bowl” & 2nd Sunday Outreach – Last Sunday, in addition to canned food items, we collected \$283.45 for our next Rise Against Hunger packing event. Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Offering envelopes are available to pick up at the narthex doors. If you would like a set of envelopes, please check with Karen.

2025 Giving Statements – The statements for 2025 are now ready to be picked up. We are thankful for your continued financial support of the ministries in and through Emmanuel.

In Need of Prayer — *Bob, Cephise, Margaret, Carol, Lisa, Diane, Jackie, Beth, Teddie Jo, Deacon Earl, Claire, Doris, Ron, Arline, Clara, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Carol Sue, Bonnie, Iva, Paul & Taffy, Sally Sue, Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Kai, Art, Don, Sandra, Tal, Gina, Sabrina, Angalee & David, Elaine, Joe, Jerry W., Velma, Karen T, Nancy K, Kim, Carole, EJ, Jerry, Nancy B, Mary, Elizabeth, John, Richard, Geoff, Helen, Virginia, William, Jan, Faye, Rebecca & Vincent, Mike, Betty, Tom & Sheila, Ramon, Barbara, Jim & Susie, Leigh, Bill, Carl, Pixie, Donnie, Bobby L, Dell, Peggy, Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Brenda, Betty F, Tim & Debra, Donna, Lamar, Pam, Nancy W., Gale, Richard H., Diane W., Delores, Anne, Andrew, Bria, Xaria, John, Karla, Robin, Barbara & Harold, Edith, Shirley, Robert D., Michelle, Althea, Kay, Keith A., Parker, Danny & Debra, Kyle, Gary & Sheila, Gerard, Kora, Pat, Mel, Tage, Kent, Elizabeth, Maureen, Karen, Benjamin & Marie, Ryan, Abby, Preston, Marlow, Jimmy, Brian, Floyd, Kelly, Tina, Anthony, Evelyn, Declan, Shandra, Ross, Frankie, Lili, Robert M., Joshua, Braydon, Tim, Val, Glenn, Bo, Constance, Gary, Cathy S., Liz, Ellie & Clyde, Latta, Dominic, Dumans, Kathie, Georgia, Edwin, John L., Lester, Vicky, James, Jazmin, Steve, Patrick, Erick, Jordan, Samantha, Chantelle, Meyers, Jeff, James P., Alexis, Tytiana, Scott, Chris, Kenneth, Heather, KJ, Haleigh, Brianna, Sophia, Helen, Larry T, Vi, Boyd, Patty, Marty, Mary, Barb, Michelle, Derek*

Stewardship Moment

“Tell out my soul” – “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5

Celebrating Us!

Dr. Gladys West was an American Mathematician who was born October 27, 1930 in Sutherland, Va and died January 17, 2026 in Fredericksburg, Va. Her work life helped to develop GPS(Global Positioning System). Dr. West attended Virginia State University, Virginia Tech, and the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. West worked at the Navy’s weapons facility in Dahlgren, Va. In 1956.a year after President Eisenhower issued an executive order banning racial discrimination in federal workplaces. She was one of four Black employees at the facility.

Dr. West said and I quote,” When you are one of the first to get an opportunity like I was given, you are a trailblazer for all who will follow you.” Her autobiography titled “It Began With a Dream,” states that, “You must prove that you not only could carry out your responsibilities satisfactorily but go beyond what is expected and perform at a high level.”

Dr. West finally received acknowledgment for her outstanding achievements in 2018 from the Air Forces’s Space and Missile Pioneers Award, three years later she was the first woman to receive the Prince Philip Medal by the Royal Academy of Engineering in London.

The passing of Dr. West was a loss to the world of Mathematicians and America.

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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 15 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am: 9:30am:	Last Epiphany Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs, Children's Communion Class Endowment
Monday, February 16 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Shrove Tuesday; February 17—11:00am: 4:30pm: 5:30pm:	Prayer Shawl Finance Dinner
Ash Wednesday, February 18—7:00am: 8:00am: 12:00pm: 7:00pm:	Ashes to Go ROMEOs Worship Worship
Thursday, February 19—11:30am: 1:00pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness NBC Choir
Friday, February 20 –	
Saturday, February 21 - 8:00am: 9:00am: 10:00am:	AA Altar Guild Lunch Packing
Sunday, February 22 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am:	1 Lent Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs, Children's Communion Class