

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

3 Advent

December 14, 2025, 10:00 AM

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

Please maintain prayerful silence in the Nave to prepare for worship



Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *(As someone lights the first three candles, another prays:)*

Reader: God of Love, who lives as the mysterious relationship of the Trinity: Give us the grace to welcome all into a living relationship with the body of Christ, that the light of your Gospel of love may continue to shine bright on earth as it is in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Reader: Love will enlighten the nations.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Welcome

Cantata

“Hope Has Dawned, Noel”

Mary McDonald

When announced by the narrators, the congregation is invited to sing along:

Hark! The herald angels sing,
Glory to the newborn king!
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled.
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With angelic hosts proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels.
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore him, Christ the lord!

Peace *(all stand.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Offertory Prayer

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 C)

BCP 369

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.**

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Celebrant and People Sanctus S-114 [Healy Willan]

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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 sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.**

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
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, indicated by placing crossed hands over the chest. Please speak to the Rector if you would like to learn more about baptism.

Hymn L-149

In Remembrance of Me

Ragan Courtney/Burly Red; arr. Robert Douglas

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

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 56 (v. 1-3) *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*

[Veni, veni, Emmanuel]

Dismissal

BCP 366

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

Postlude

"Ding, Dong, Merrily on High"

[French Carol]

Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Hampton, Virginia

December 14, 2025

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 Carol Colonna to the glory of God and in loving memory of Evelyn Glass.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Mabel Khawaja to the glory of God and in loving memory of her brother, Christopher Deane.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

10:00am C – Chuck Gwilt, Kim DeCoster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thank you! Thank you! - Many thanks to our wonderful music department, under the talented direction of Cathy Combs, for the glorious Cantata this morning. Your talents, hard work and dedication are gifts to Emmanuel.

Sopranos:

Linda Bradley
Joni Foulks
Margaret Seitz
Juliette Wilcox
Rev. Rhonda Wheeler

Altos:

Pat Dwyer
Sydney Knapp
Janet Milton

Tenors:

Gary Burgess
Rhonda Burrell-Garguilo
Basses: Tim Bradley
Chris Garguilo
Laura L. Manigault

Soloist: Sydney Knapp (Mary)

Narrators: Lavon Vickery and Scott Vickery

Music Director: Cathy Combs

Emmanuel Cafe & Celebration - We invite everyone to join us for Emmanuel Cafe, following today's service, to honor and show our appreciation for the Music Department's ministry of the Christmas Cantata.

Vestry will be meeting this *Tuesday, December 16 at 6:30p.*

Wednesday WOW (Bible Study) and Holy Eucharist/Healing completed the Wednesday morning services on Dec 10. We will resume on Wednesday, January 7.

Touchstones will be meeting this *Wednesday, December 17 at 3p.*

Advent Wednesday Evening Lenten Series – *Celebration of Advent Through the Arts*

Our final night is at St. Cyprian's this Wednesday December 17. We will look at "*Advent in Music.*" The soup and salad dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the program commencing at 6 p.m. Each event will conclude with compline prayer at 7 p.m. We look forward to welcoming you to each gathering.

Angel Tree Gifts – Thank you to all who helped make Christmas more festive for our two adopted families! We appreciate your generosity.

Christmas Memorial Decorations - Gifts may be made toward the purchase of decorations for the church, including greens, floral arrangements, and poinsettias. People who wish to present names of loved ones and donations for the memorial decorations are asked to do so by *December 19th*. The suggested donation this year is \$30.00. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and annotate for *Christmas Decorations*.

Bag Lunch Packing - This *Saturday, December 20 at 10a* in parish hall. If you can assist, please contact the parish office.

Greening of the Church – *NEXT Sunday, December 21*, after the later service, we will be getting the sanctuary ready for Christmas. All are invited to help decorate. A light lunch for the workers will be served after the decorating. No need to sign-up, just show up!

Christmas Eve Service - *Wednesday, December 24 at 5p* - Candlelight, choral, kid-friendly

Christmas Day Service - *Thursday, December 25 at 10a* - Peaceful, spoken

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, Lori Ann*

Stewardship Moment

"Tell out my soul" – December's second Sunday loose offering will go to support HELP's "Night's Welcome" program. The program runs from November to March annually to house those without home in Hampton. On December 1, Emmanuel served dinner and breakfast to the Night's Welcome guests. They are always very appreciative of our contributions.

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, December 14 - 10:00am: 9:00am & 11:30am:	Advent 3 Worship Emmanuel Café
Monday, December 15—7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, December 16—10:00am: 11:00am: 6:30pm:	NBC Prayer Shawl Vestry
Wednesday, December 17—3:00pm: 5:30pm:	Touchstones Wednesday Evening Advent Program – St. Cyprian’s
Thursday, December 18 –11:30am: 5:30pm: 6:30pm:	Fitness Choir EASDSM
Friday, December 19 -1:00pm:	Prayer Chain
Saturday, December 20 - 8:00am: 9:00am: 10:00am:	AA Altar Guild Bag Lunches
Sunday, December 21 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am: 11:30am:	Advent 4 Worship Emmanuel Café YEAs Greening of the Church

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