



Emmanuel Episcopal Church

Advent 1

December 1, 2024, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join with us in worship. Music is part of the later worship service.

Prelude "Veni, Veni (O Come, O Come Emmanuel)" arr. Chip Davis

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Lighter: I light this candle to remind us that we must prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child.

People: **Lord Jesus, the Son of God, our Father, born in a stable among the oxen and sheep because there was no room in the inn; come into our hearts and dwell in them forever. Help us to cast out all that is unworthy of Your Holy Presence. Grant that the peace and good of which the angels sang may shine forth in our lives. Amen.**

Processional Hymn 56 (v. 1-3) *O come, O come, Emmanuel* [Veni, veni, Emmanuel]

Liturgy of the Word

BCP 355

All standing, the Celebrant says

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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.*

Trisagion *The following is said at 8:00 a.m. & sung at 10:30 a.m.* **S-100 [Hurd]**

**Holy God,
Holy and mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy upon us.**

Collect of the Day

BCP 355

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your 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 living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading *(seated)*

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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25: 1-9 *(said at 8:00 a.m. & sung at 10:30 a.m.)*

BCP 614

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

Second Reading

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 .

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn 66 *Come, thou long-expected Jesus*

[Stuttgart]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Luke 21:25-36

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily

The Rev. Rhonda E. Wheeler

Nicene Creed (*stand*)

We believe in one God,
 the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth,
 of all that is, seen and unseen.
 We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People—(From the New Zealand Prayer Book)

Almighty God,
You have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore, in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

(Particular intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered)

God, enliven the Church for its mission

That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.

Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

(Intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered)

Creator of all, lead us and every person into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

(Intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered)

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of other

That all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and loves as he loves us.

We pray for those in need.

(Intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered)

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:
(Intercessions/thanksgivings may be offered)

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.
Into your hands, we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence:

Your love in our hearts,

Your truth in our minds,

Your strength in our wills;

Until, at the end of our journey,

We know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace,

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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

Peace *(all stand.)*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence *(in unison)*

“Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.” (Ephesians 5:2)

Offertory Anthem (Emmanuel Choir and Tim Bradley, bass clarinet) *“We Wait”* Ruth Elaine Schram

Offertory Prayer *(sung at 10:30am)*

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** (said at 8a; sung at 10:30) S-114 [Healy Willaim]

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.

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 72 *Hark! The glad sound!*

[Richmond]

Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude *"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"*

Henry Smith

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

December 1, 2024

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 rail, standing or kneeling, and holding out your hands to receive the bread (Body of Christ) and when the cup is offered to you, either drink from the common cup- first cup; or dip the bread in the wine yourself (intinction) - second cup. Communion in one-kind (bread) is a completely full & sufficient communion. If you would prefer to have Rev. Rhonda and a chalice come to you, please notify an usher.

Filming during the service - Recognizing that not all are able to re-gather, we will 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 Suzzane Jewett to the glory of God and in honor of Noelle's birthday.

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

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

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

10:30am R - Gary Burgess; C - Barb Fisher, Kim DeCoster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder - Emmanuel's sanctuary and chapel are open for prayer and reflection during office. This week's office hours are *Tuesday - Friday, 8:30a - 3p*.

Welcome - We are very excited to welcome the Rev. Darlene Jackson to Emmanuel to serve as our Deacon. This is Deacon Darlene's first Sunday with us. Please introduce yourselves to her.

First Sunday of the Month - Healing prayers will be offered on either end of the communion rail for those who would like them after communion. Additionally, the baptismal font will be out for those who wish to renew their baptismal vows.

Dominick the Donkey will be our special guest for Advent during Children's Chapel. He will join us each week to share his search for his purpose and calling in the Christmas story. All children are welcome to chapel during the 10:30a service.

Adopt-a-Family - Emmanuel has a big family this year; so lots of opportunities to share Christ's love. Our family has 10 members: a mom & dad and 8 children ages 2-17. Carol Bowers has angels available in the parish hall with the name, age, size, & wish for the family members. If you would like to help, please take an angel, write your name on the tracking list and bring the wrapped gift & angel back to the church by December 15. Thank you for your support!

EECinema is open this *Tuesday, December 3 at 12 noon* in the vestry room. The original "The Bishop's Wife" with Loretta Young, Cary Grant, and David Niven will be shown. As always, popcorn will be provided. Come join the fun!

Mission Team is meeting on *Tuesday, December 3 at 6p* for their Christmas pot-luck. All are welcome! It's a relaxed way to find out what this group does.

Wednesday Studies & Worship Services - WoW (Women of the Word) and the noon healing service will resume this *Wednesday, December 4* at their regular times. The evening Bible study and healing service will remain on break until spring 2025.

Parish Christmas Brunch - December's monthly parish breakfast will be the Christmas Brunch next ***Sunday, December 8 at 9am***. Ham and drinks will be provided. You provide your favorite Christmas Brunch item to share. Please sign up on the sheet in the office foyer so we are sure to have enough ham. Also, please note this is the **2nd Sunday** of the month.

Night's Welcome - Emmanuel has signed up to provide a hot dinner on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from December - March as well as a bag breakfast the following morning. Our date for December is *December 10*.

Blood Drive at Emmanuel - The Red Cross is hosting a blood drive at Emmanuel on *Wednesday, December 11 from 1p - 5p*. You may schedule an appointment at the RedCrossBlood.org.

Cantata - As a special gift to Emmanuel, the Music Department will present Mary Mc Donald's latest cantata, "This is Christmas" on *December 22 at 10a*. Please note this is a combined service for Advent 4.

Greening of the Church - We will be getting the sanctuary ready for Christmas on *Sunday, December 22 after the combined 10a service*. You are invited to stay and help the altar guild with these decorations. A light lunch will be served after.

Inquirers Class - Today, the Adult Forum begins their exploration of the Episcopal faith. Those wishing to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church; or those wishing to reaffirm their faith are all invited to this time of instruction , discussion and reflection.

2025 Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle sign up lists are now posted on the bulleting board beside the parish office.

In Need of Prayer — *Alex, Bob, Cephise, Carol, Diane, Becky, Clara, Boyd, Patti, Beth, Earl, Claire, Tristan, Maria, Willie, Carole, Nancy, Karen T, Arline, Ron, Bonnie, Sandy H, Kim, EJ, Jerry, Malka, Faye, Mike, Betty, Tom, Sheila, Mary, Elizabeth, Doug, Geoff, , Barbara, Barbara & Harold, Jim & Susie, Richard, Ed, Helen, Gina & Tal, Bill, Rhonda T, Mary B, Carl, Pixie, Sharon & Denis, Fran, Velma, Bobby L, Rand family, Jan F., Brenda, , Judy, Laura, Lee Ann, Betty F., Sandy, Tim & Debra, Sally Sue, Donna B., Diane K, Aaron, Mary, Kathleen, Charlene, Rebecca, Beth M., LaMar, Kai, Dakota, Doris, Carol Sue, Hellman family, Gerry, Mary Jane, Betty Anne, Barbara, Gale, Richard, Jane, Diane W., Delores, Carla, Anna, Andrew, Michelle, Bria, Abby, Xaria, Jonel, Mary & Lee, Belinda, Brian, Robin, Dynes family, Shirley, Edith, Mikon, Michelle, Breonna, Morgan, John, Keith A., Bishop Curry, Parker, Jon, Karla, Gary & Sheila, Debra Sue, Alice, Sandy R., Jack, Kyle, Pat, Jackie & Calvin; Lisa & David, Pam, Teddie Jo, Iva, Autumn, Tage, Kent, Brigid & Rick, Diana, Carol Sue Bob B., Ben, Bill B., Nancy, Kellie, Preston, Marlo, Heather, Jimmy M., Bill W., Nolan, A.J., Carrie, Sandy P., Tina, Paul, Evelyn, Steven, Virginia, Helms family, Phillips family, Bill K, Shanda, Karen, Cathy S., Chisman family, Wendy, Judy, Brian, Gary& Chuck, Odile, Mona, Garry, Marty, Pat, Robert*

Stewardship Moment

"Walk in Love" - "We serve our King." Rev. Rhonda's sermon

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EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, December 1 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15pm::	1 ADVENT Worship Emmanuel Cafe YEAs & Inquirers' Class
Monday, December 2 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; December 3—12:00pm: 2:00pm: 6:00pm:	EECinema Prayer Chain Mission
Wednesday, December 4 - 11:00am: 12:00pm: 2:00pm: 6:30pm:	WoW Healing service ARC*C Compline
Thursday, December 5 - 12:00pm: 1:00pm: 3:00pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness Counters Garden Stewards Choir
Friday, December 6 -	
Saturday, December 7 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, December 8 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am: 11:30am: 5:30pm:	2 ADVENT Worship Christmas Brunch Emmanuel Café Connection Church