

Emmanuel Episcopal Church

2 Advent

December 7, 2025, 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



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

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

Reader: God of creation, whose Son took on humanity without losing divinity: Help us never lose our awe and wonder at the ways in which you love us, that, as Christ came to live like us, we might live like Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit is worshipped and glorified.

People: **Amen.**

Reader: Let the same mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Processional Hymn 67 *Comfort, comfort ye my people* [Psalm 42]

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.

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading *(seated)* **Isaiah 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;

but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;

he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.

The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the
ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.

They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;

for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall
be glorious.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 72:1-7, 18-19 (said at 8:00 a.m. & sung at 10:30 a.m.)

BCP 685

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; *
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, *
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! *
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.
Amen. Amen.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name";

and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him";

and again Isaiah says,

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need: Patty, Boyd, Sally Sue, Bonnie, Carol Sue, Tal, Jazmin.

(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, especially Parker Smith, 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

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 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.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast.

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-146 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

Lathbury/Sherwin

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 76 (v. 1, 3, 5) *On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry* [Winchester New]

Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *"Oh Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"*

Kenneth W. Louis

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

December 7, 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 Margaret Sue Brown to the glory of God and in loving memory of her father, Ben Hamilton.

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 – Beth Pence; C – Barb Fisher, Margaret Parker

10:30am R – Rhonda Burrell Garguilo; C – Sabrina Miles, Chris Johnson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

First Sunday of the Month - Healing prayers will be offered at 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.

Parish Christmas Party – The parish Christmas party is *TODAY at 9a*. Drinks and main course will be provided. A special visitor may be on hand as well. All are welcome!

Musical Note – Today's offertory anthem at the later service is a small preview of next Sunday's Cantata by Mary McDonald.

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

We invite you to join us for our Advent Celebration series, which will be held on Wednesdays throughout the upcoming month. The evenings will feature traditional music, inspiring poetry, and captivating visual arts. Feel free to invite family and friends for a memorable time of fellowship and dinner. Please see the schedule of events below.

· Dec. 10 – “*Advent in Visual Arts*” at St. John's

· Dec. 17 – “*Advent in Music*” at St. Cyprian's

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.

Blood Drive – *Wednesday, December 10*, Emmanuel is hosting a blood drive for the Red Cross from 1p – 5p. Appointments can be made on the Red Cross website: RedCrossBlood.org.

Fitness Class meets each *Thursday* in the parish hall at *11:30a*; only exceptions are Christmas and New Year's Day.

Christmas Cantata – NEXT Sunday, the third Sunday of Advent, *December 14*, Emmanuel's music department is offering a Cantata as part of the *single worship* service that morning at *10a*. Holy Eucharist will be offered as the concluding part of the service.

Angel Tree Gifts – Please return your wrapped present, along with the angel tree tag, to church by next *Sunday, December 14*. Thank you for your generosity!

2026 Altar Flowers & Sanctuary Candle sign up lists are now posted on the bulletin board beside the parish office.

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*.

Greening of the Church – On 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!

Night's Welcome Thank You – Last Monday, Emmanuel served dinner and breakfast to the NW guests. The guests are always very thankful for our contributions. Thank you to our parishioners who made this ministry possible!

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

Stewardship Moment

"Tell out my soul" – "We Wait" – Last Sunday's Anthem

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EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, December 7 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am 12:00pm:	Advent 2 Worship Christmas Brunch DOK
Monday, December 8–7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, December 9—11:00am:	Prayer Shawl
Wednesday, December 10–8:00am: 11:00am: 12:00pm: 1:00pm: 3:30pm: 4:30pm: 5:30pm:	Romeos WoW Healing Service Blood Drive Finance Property Wednesday Evening Advent Program – St. John's
Thursday, December 11 –11:30am: 5:30pm:	Fitness Choir
Friday, December 12 -1:00pm:	Prayer Chain
Saturday, December 13 - 8:00am: 9:00am: 10:15am:	AA Altar Guild Eastern Star
Sunday, December 14 - 10:00am: 9:00am & 11:30am:	Advent 3 Worship Emmanuel Café