

Emmanuel

Episcopal Church

4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome to Emmanuel. We invite you to join with us in worship. Please maintain prayerful silence in the Nave to prepare for worship.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath:

Lighter: I light these candles 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.**



Welcome

Cantata "This is Christmas" Mary McDonald

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.

The Holy Communion

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 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.

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 common cup, it is acceptable to receive the bread only or to intinct. 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 66

Come, thou long-expected Jesus

[Stuttgart]

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, 4, 5) *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 *"'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime"*

[Huron Carol]

Many thanks to our wonderful Emmanuel Choir for this special musical offering!
In particular, thank you to:

Soloist—*Sydney Roberts*

Our narrators—*Lavon Vickery and Scott Vickery*

Our sopranos—*Linda Bradley, Joni Foulks, Margaret Seitz, Juliette Wilcox*

Our altos—*Pat Dwyer, Janet Milton, Sydney Roberts*

Our tenor—*Gary Burgess, Rhonda Burrell-Garguilo*

Our basses—*Tim Bradley, Thomas Coker, Chris Garguilo*

Our music director—*Cathy Combs*

Your talents, dedication, and hard work have gifted the congregation with a beautiful worship experience.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church *Hampton, Virginia*

December 22, 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 Beth & John Pence to the glory of God and in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

10:00am C – Sabrina Miles, Kim DeCoster

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder - Emmanuel's sanctuary and chapel are open for prayer and reflection during office. This week's office hours are *Tuesday, 8:30a - 3p*. The office will be closed Wednesday – Friday for the Christmas break.

Cantata – Thank you to our music department for their hard work and willingness to share their talents with us in this special worship service. We appreciate your ministry among us!

Greening of the Church - We will be getting the sanctuary ready for Christmas on *TODAY 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.

Christmas Decorations – Last call for gifts made toward the purchase of decorations for the church, including greens, floral arrangements, and poinsettias. The suggested donation is \$30.00. Please make checks payable to Emmanuel Episcopal Church and annotate *Christmas Decorations* on the memo line.

Christmas Cookie Caper - Calling cookie lovers! Bring your favorite Christmas cookie to the parish hall Christmas Eve at 4:15p. We will enjoy the cookies (plus lemonade and water) as the pageant participants are getting ready for the candlelight service at 5p.

<p style="text-align:center"><u>CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SCHEDULE</u></p> <p style="text-align:center"><i>Tuesday, December 24</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">5:00 PM</p> <p style="text-align:center">Choral, Pageant, Candlelight</p> <p style="text-align:center"><i>Wednesday, December 25</i></p> <p style="text-align:center">10:00 AM</p> <p style="text-align:center">Spoken</p>
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WoW & Noon Healing Service are on vacation until January 8, 2025.

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

Vestry Nominations are now being taken. If you would like to nominate someone to serve on vestry or have been nominated, please complete the form on the foyer bulletin board. Please pray about this process and for these servant leaders.

January Newsletter will be mailed January 8. Please have articles and announcements to the office by *December 31*.

Blood Drive Update – Thank you for your support of the Red Cross blood drive on December 11. We surpassed our goal for the drive and collected 19 units which means up to 57 people potentially saved. I can't think of a better way to start the Christmas season!

Adopt-a-family/Angel Tree – Thank you to all who purchased, donated, wrapped, organized, and delivered gifts for our family this year. It made a difference. There will be pictures in the January newsletter

Vestry Highlights – Vestry met last Wednesday and the following are highlights from that meeting:

- Minutes presented and approved from November meeting
- Finance report – Cathy Bowers' bequest was received December 17 for operating fund as Cathy desired; Rector & salaries are in order; 2025 Annual Budget presented and approved unanimously
- Welcome Deacon Darlene Jackson

- Property - Welcome Sign needs to be turned; lights on stained glass windows; make ramp welcoming and accessible; assign an usher at ramp
- Memorial Policy & Procedure update approved
- Audit completed and submitted to the Diocese – Thank you Audit Team!
- Office computer in the process of being updated
- Security system upgrade – Federal grant request submitted
- Vestry nominations and bios due by December 31
- Angel Tree Ministry was well funded and managed again this year

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., La-Mar, 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, Mona, Garry, Marty, Pat, Robert, Jerry, Sandy*

Stewardship Moment

"Walk in Love" - "Sing great praises of the Lord, for he has done great things..." Canticle 9

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, December 22 - 10:00am: 11:30am: 1:00pm:	4 ADVENT Worship Greening of the Church Workers' lunch
Monday, December 23 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, December 24—4:15pm: 5:00pm:	Christmas Cookie Caper Worship
Wednesday, December 25 - 10:00am	Worship
Thursday, December 26 -	Office closed
Friday, December 27 -	Office closed
Saturday, December 28 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, December 29 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am:	CHRISTMAS 1 Worship Emmanuel Cafe

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