

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

Processional Hymn 100 (v. 1, 2, 4) *Joy to the World* [Antioch]

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 a.m.)*

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.

Gloria (sung at 10:30a) **Hymn 96:** v. 1 & 3 *Angels we have heard on high* [Gloria]

Angels we have heard on high,

Singing sweetly through the night,

And the mountain in reply

Echoing their brave delight.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

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Come to Bethlehem and see

Him whose birth the angels sing:

Come adore on bended knee

Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Gloria in excelsis Deo.

BCP 355

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*)

Isaiah 61:10—62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;

for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,

he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,

so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,

until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;

and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

Psalm 147:13-21 *(spoken at both services)*

BCP 805

- 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.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, *
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts.
- 11 All kings shall bow down before him, *
and all the nations do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, *
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; *
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

Second Reading *(seated)*

Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

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

Gradual Hymn 89 (v. 1, 2, 4) *It came upon a midnight clear*

[Carol]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

John 1:1-18

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

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

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

Deacon Darlene A. Jackson

Nicene Creed (*standing*)

BCP 358

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 (Form VI)

BCP 392

Intercessor

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For those serving in the military and their families, at home and abroad, for this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, Susan our Bishop, Rhonda our rector, Darlene our Deacon and all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

We pray for Vi, Lori Ann, Patty, Boyd, Sally Sue, Bonnie, Carol Sue, Tal, Jazmin, Marty, Mary, Barb, Michelle, and others we name at this time;

Silence, the people may add their own petitions.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Hear us, Lord.

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord for all the blessings of this life.
Silence, the people may add their own petitions.

We will exalt you, O God our King;
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.**

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 the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Hymn 115 (Emmanuel Choir and Congregation) *What child is this* [Greensleeves]

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 A)** BCP 361

The people stand.

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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.

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

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 (*said at 8a; sung at 10:30a*)

S-130 (Schubert)

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 stand or kneel.

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 sins. 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.

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. **Alleluia.**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

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 81 *Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming*

[Es ist ein Ros]

Post-Communion Prayer

BCP 365

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God,

We thank you for feeding us with this spiritual food

Of the most precious Body and Blood

Of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

And for assuring us in these holy mysteries

That we are living members of the Body of your Son,

And heirs of your eternal kingdom.

And now, Father, send us out

to do the work you have given us to do,

To love and serve you

As faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

Be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Recessional Hymn 99 *Go tell it on the mountain* [Go Tell It on the Mountain, spiritual]

Dismissal

BCP 366

Celebrant

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

People

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

"Rise Up, Shepherd, and Follow"

[Spiritual]

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

December 28, 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 the Christmas decorations given by parishioners to the glory of God and in memory and honor of loved ones listed in the insert.

The sanctuary candle is given this week by Beth & John Pence to the glory of God and in honor their 35th wedding anniversary.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R – Charlene Tate Nichols; C – Barb Fisher, Margaret Seitz

10:30am R – Jane Frazer; C – Sabrina Miles, Carol Bowers

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder – The sanctuary and chapel are open for quiet prayer and reflection during office hours: This week and next the parish office will be open Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30a – 3p and closed Thursday & Friday.

THANK YOU! A word of thanks and appreciation for the many people who gave of their time and talents at the Christmas services: namely – Cathy Combs and the choir for the beautiful and inspiring music throughout Advent and Christmas, especially the Christmas Cantata; Linda Gwilt and the Altar Guild and their helpers for making the sanctuary festive; our Christmas drama participants; our ushers; and the parishioners who brought family and friends to the various services.

Parish Breakfast – *Next Sunday, January 4*, will be our parish breakfast at 9a in the parish hall. Bring an breakfast/brunch item to share. (It can be New Year's resolution friendly). All are invited!

De-Greening of the Church – *Next Sunday*, after the later service, we will be cleaning up the sanctuary and getting it ready for the Epiphany season. All help welcome! No need to sign-up, just show up!

January Newsletter Articles – The January 2026 newsletter will be distributed the first full week of January. If you have items or articles for the newsletter, please have them to the parish office by January 4. Thank you.

Christmas Memorial Decorations – Thank you to all who contributed toward the Christmas floral decorations. A listing of honorees is on the yellow insert.

New Bible Study is beginning on *January 7 at 2p*. The study will be using the book Prayer, Power, Petticoats: A Woman in Faith Study. If you might be interested, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in office foyer.

Fitness Class will NOT meet on New Year's Day but will return on *Thursday, January 8*.

Trivia Bowl – *Saturday, January 24 at 2p* (please note the time change), Emmanuel's mission team is hosting its annual trivia bowl. Start gathering up your team members. You may use a registration form from the office foyer bulletin board or call the parish office to register. It is \$50/team. Each team can have up to 6 members. Competition not your thing? Cheerleaders & spectators are welcome; just \$3/person. There will be chili with the fixins'; snacks, and drinks; plus door prizes!! We hope the earlier start time will allow more folks to participate. We'll be done well before sunset!!

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.

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

Stewardship Moment

"Tell out my soul" – "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord" –
Luke 2:11

EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, December 28 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am & 11:30am:	Christmas 1 Worship Emmanuel Café
Monday, December 29–7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday, December 30—11:00am:	Prayer Shawl
Wednesday, December 31–	
Thursday, January 1 –	Office closed
Friday, January 2 -	Office closed
Saturday, January 3 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, January 4 - 8:00am & 10:30: 9:00am: 11:30am: 11:30am:	Christmas 2 Worship Parish Breakfast Emmanuel Café De-Green Church

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