

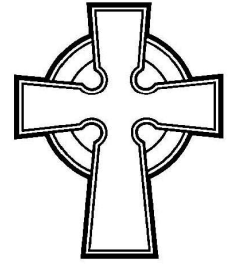
Emmanuel

Episcopal Church

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 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 "Take My Life and Let It Be" Francis Havergal; arr. by Greg Howlett

Processional Hymn 372 *Praise to the living God* [Leoni]

Liturgy of the Word BCP 355

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 (said at 8a, sung at 10:30a) S-280 Powell

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.

Collect of the Day BCP 355

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Together, let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading (*seated*) Song of Solomon 2:8-13

The voice of my beloved!
Look, he comes,
leaping upon the mountains,
bounding over the hills.
My beloved is like a gazelle
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands
 behind our wall,
 gazing in at the windows,
 looking through the lattice.
 My beloved speaks and says to me:
 "Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away;
 for now the winter is past,
 the rain is over and gone.
 The flowers appear on the earth;
 the time of singing has come,
 and the voice of the turtledove
 is heard in our land.
 The fig tree puts forth its figs,
 and the vines are in blossom;
 they give forth fragrance.
 Arise, my love, my fair one,
 and come away."

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

Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 *(said at 8:00 a.m. & sung at 10:30 a.m.)*

BCP 647

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
 let me recite what I have fashioned for the king; *
 my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of men; *
 grace flows from your lips,
 because God has blessed you for ever.
- 7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever, *
 a scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom;
 you love righteousness and hate iniquity.
- 8 Therefore God, your God, has anointed you *
 with the oil of gladness above your fellows.
- 9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia, *
 and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the court; *
 on your right hand is the queen,
 adorned with the gold of Ophir.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Gradual Hymn 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

[St. Denio]

Holy Gospel (*stand*)

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;
in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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—Form II

BCP 385

In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

Pray for the Church.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; for the well-being of all people, and for those serving in our military at home and abroad. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

Silence

I ask your prayers for *Beth, Bonnie, John, Tal, Carol Sue, Evelyn, Ramon, Barbara, Vic and Odile.*

Silence

I ask your thanksgiving for this congregation.

Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

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)*

“All that we are and all that we have comes from God. Let us offer our best to God in thanksgiving, remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Offertory Hymn L-184 *Blessed Assurance* Fanny Crosby/Phoebe Knapp

Doxology

Great Thanksgiving *(Eucharistic Prayer A)* BCP 361

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.**

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.

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

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

S-129 [Powell]

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.

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-106 *Take My Hand, Precious Lord* Thomas Dorsey; arr. Horace Boyer

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 436 (v. 1, 3, 5) *Lift up your heads, ye might gates* [Truro]

Dismissal

BCP 366

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

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

Postlude

"Nine to Five"

Dolly Parton

Emmanuel Episcopal Church Hampton, Virginia

September 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 this 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 her father, Gene Groshong.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers

8:00am R - Beth Pence; C - Margaret Parker, Margaret Seitz

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

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*.

Healing Prayers - On this first Sunday of the month, Emmanuel's Lay Eucharistic Visitors offer healing prayers at prayer stations by the communion rail. Please feel free to stop by a station for a healing prayer after you receive communion.

EECinema is open this *Tuesday, September 3 at noon* for a showing of the noir classic Laura starring Gene Tierney and Dana Andrews. Come join the fun!

Pool & Prayer - *Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1p*, you are invited to Arline Silverthorn's home (331 Woodside Dr) for light water exercise and prayers to conclude each session.

Mission Team will be meeting this *Tuesday, September 3 at 7p* in the vestry room. All are welcome to join us as we make plans for our next project!

Garden Stewards are meeting this *Thursday, September 5 at 3p* in the vestry room. Willing hands are always welcome!

Fitness Class - Please join us on *Thursdays at 12p Noon*. You will learn some "Simple Adjustments" to your daily activity that will aid your overall Health, Balance and Fall Prevention.

Jane Bryan School Supplies - We are collecting school supplies for Jane Bryan School - especially: hand sanitizer, kleenex, and hand wipes for the classrooms. If you have questions, please see Margaret Seitz. Donated items can be placed in the narthex or in the office foyer.

Welcome Back Sunday is September 8. We will have our monthly breakfast that morning at 9a in the parish hall. We will also be blessing backpacks and other work related items as we begin another program year! Children's Chapel also returns during the later service. What new ministry is God calling you to?

Midweek Studies & Healing Services - The Women of the Word (WoW) study resumes on Wednesday, *September 11 at 11a* in the vestry room. The evening Bible Study resumes on *September 18 at 5p* in the vestry room. The noon healing service restarts on the 11th and the evening service on the 18th at 6p. You do not need to attend one of the study groups to attend the healing services or vice versa.

"Love God, Love the World" - This call to action will be offered during our Adult Forum time starting on *September 15 at 9:15a* in the parish hall. The nine session will use film, readings, and discussions to help us deepen our understanding and commitment to creation care. Come join us for the journey!

Sacred Ground will continue the conversations and explorations around understanding racism and exclusion on *Tuesday, September 17 at 6p* in the vestry room.

Family Fun Day - *Friday, September 27 from 5:30p - 7:30p*. All ages are welcome to join us for fun, games, music, and a devotional story about God.

Adventurers are traveling to St. Luke's Historic Church and Museum in Smithfield on *Saturday, September 28*. We will meet at St. Luke's at 10a for a guided tour. The usual admission fee has been waived. The address is 14477 Benn's Church Rd; Smithfield, 23430. We will have lunch at the Smithfield Station (409 Church St., Smithfield 23430) after the tour. A sign up sheet is posted on the office foyer bulletin board so we get an accurate count for the tour and lunch. Hope you will join us!

Vestry Highlights from their August 28 meeting:

- Vic Hellman, Treasurer, reported our accounts, including Designated Funds, are reconciled through December 31, 2023.
- Special thanks to Cary Kelly, Karen Harrington, Judy Carey, and Vic for the dedicated and intensive work done to complete this review of our finances.
- Total income for the month July was \$24,965.64 and total expenses were \$25,168.55, year to date income is \$196,179 with expenses of \$182,793..
- Since our copier lease is expiring, Vestry decided to initiate a new contract with VA Business Systems for 63 months. Total monthly cost \$369.71, a savings of \$152/month.
- Fall programs were discussed. Details can be found in the September newsletter.
- Emmanuel's Butterfly Garden is becoming a certified Pollinator Garden by the Bee City Commission.

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., John S., 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, Vic, Odile

Stewardship Moment

Rooted in Abundance: "Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
Ephesians 6:10

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EVENTS THIS WEEK	
Sunday, September 1 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am & 11:30am: 9:15am:	15 PENTECOST Worship Emmanuel Cafe YEAs
Monday, September 2 - 7:00pm:	AA & Al-Anon
Tuesday; September 3—12:00pm: 1:00pm: 2:00pm: 7:00pm:	EECinema Pool & Prayer Prayer Chain Mission
Wednesday, September 4 -7:00pm:	Compline
Thursday, September 5 - 12:00pm: 1:00pm: 3:00pm: 5:30pm:	Fitness Pool & Prayer Garden Stewards Choir
Friday, September 6 -	
Saturday, September 7 - 8:00am: 9:00am:	AA Altar Guild
Sunday, September 8 - 8:00am & 10:30am: 9:00am: 11:30am::	16 PENTECOST Worship Breakfast Emmanuel Cafe